

THE e-RUBRIC

From the Rector: He is Risen!

The truth of the empty tomb changed the world.

We often talk about events in the world as pebbles in a pond. When something out of the ordinary or something unexpected happens, the event creates a disturbance and it ripples from its epicenter having impact on the environment nearby. We've all done it at one point or another.



We've tossed a pebble into a body of still water and we watched as the stone creates a splash, followed by rings of tiny waves that emanate to the edges of the pond. We watch as leaves, insects, pollen, on the surface of the

water oscillate up and down as the ripples pass by. Eventually, the amplitude of the ripples diminish and before long, the pond has returned to its placid, steady state.

This same phenomenon is observed time and time again in our world. Systems respond to sudden, unexpected events in measurable and observable ways. Whether mechanical systems (imagine hitting a flag pole with hammer and watching and hearing the vibrations), economic systems (recall how a hiccup in refineries effects the cost of gas), or in electrical systems (radar systems depend upon impulse response to detect and track objects). In all of these cases, the impulse introduced to the system creates a response, and, over time, the external forces of the system (e.g. , gravity, chemical bonds, supply and demand) mitigate the effect of the impulse and a new steady state is achieved as the impact of the event wanes.

That morning, so long ago, when those women made their way in the early morning to the tomb of their teacher, their friend, their rabbi, they discovered the truth of the resurrection. And that truth was an event that made significant impact on the social and religious landscape. The empty tomb, like the incarnation, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, was an event imposed on our reality from an outside source, and, like the examples given above, had an immediate and observable effect on the world.



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However, there is a difference: unlike the examples given above, the changes in the environment caused by the reality of Jesus' resurrection did not simply ripple away, the world has never since returned to the way the world was before that event took place.

The resurrection has had lasting and growing impact on the world. This is especially evident as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles and discover how the truth of the empty tomb was a source of enormous growth in those following Jesus Christ. The impact of the resurrection spread throughout the world and the church grew as the power of God's love over the powers of this world was declared, shared, and demonstrated.

Yet, it feels as though perhaps the forces of the world are beginning to win out against the joy of the resurrection. Perhaps the world is beginning to return to a steady state, a place where the love of God no longer has the power to have an impact on our world.

This is where we come in. Each one of us, in our own way, has been changed by the power of the resurrection. And, each one of us has the power to share that truth in the world to create, continue, and grow the impact of Christ's love in our created order. The response to the resurrection we feel inside must be shared so that others may come to be changed by that truth.

The powers of this world have no sway over the truth of the resurrection. He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

What Are We Reading Next?

For our March gathering of our book club, Nan Hardison led us in a conversation about *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We had a very engaging conversation about what these two spiritual leaders can teach us about a pursuit of joy even in the unsettling circumstances of this world.

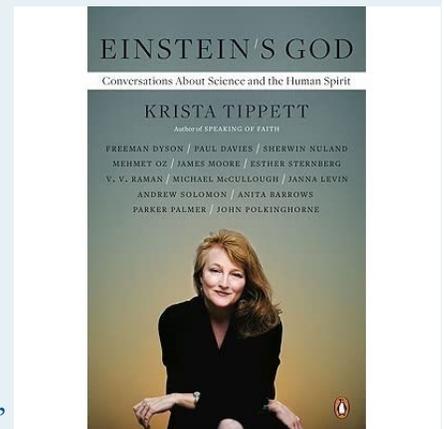
This month we'll gather on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. ([via zoom](#)) to discuss *Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit*, by Krista Tippett.

A *New York Times* bestseller

"An exhilarating exploration of the meaning of it all." --Robert Wright, author of *The Evolution of God*

Drawn from Krista Tippett's Peabody Award-winning public radio program, the conversations in this profoundly illuminating book reach for a place too rarely explored in our ongoing exchange of ideas--the nexus of science and spirituality. In fascinating interviews with such luminaries as Freeman Dyson, Janna Levin, Parker Palmer, and John Polkinghorne, Krista Tippett draws out the connections between the two realms, showing how even those most wedded to hard truths find spiritual enlightenment in the life of experiment and, in turn, raise questions that are richly, theologically evocative.

Whether she is speaking with celebrated surgeon and author Sherwin Nuland about the biology of the human spirit or questioning Darwin biographer James Moore about his subject's religious beliefs, Tippett offers a rare look at the way our best minds grapple with the questions for which we all seek answers.



A Beautiful Holy Week

Thank you so much to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations so beautiful, moving, and stunning. There were so many people working behind the scenes to make these offerings possible, including: Lay Readers, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Choir, Staff, Clergy, and numerous other volunteers!

If you missed any of the services, they are all available online on our webpage and facebook page. Please feel free to go back, anytime, and revisit these liturgies.



Vestry Reading: *Friedman's Fables* by John Brown

At a recent meeting of the Vestry, it was suggested by Father Joe that we read Friedman's *Fables* by Rabbi Edwin H. Friedman, and begin each meeting with a discussion about the various Fables. These fables are in the tradition of Aesop but focus on busting myths that we all hold regarding communication and personal dynamics. Spoiler alert! If you plan on reading the book, this article does disclose some facts about the first three fables, but I don't think it will make them any less enjoyable.

The first section that we are discussing is entitled syntax and the three stories have clear messages about the strength of emotion in communication, the need to recognize limitations when helping others and that we can't always change others by trying harder. The stories are designed to encourage discussion and thought. Here are my take aways from the Syntax fables.

"The Bridge, tells of a young man who is on his way to his future and is side tracked by a person who asks him to hold on to a rope while he dangles from a bridge. After suggesting ways that the person can rescue himself from the situation and explaining that he is unable to hold the rope endlessly, the young man is left with the decision to stay or let go.

This story really focuses on the need for us to understand our limitations in helping someone who does not want to help themselves. At one point our help becomes enabling of someone else's bad behavior. By holding on to the rope, the young man was enabling this person to dangle. At some point we need to accept someone else's resistance to help.

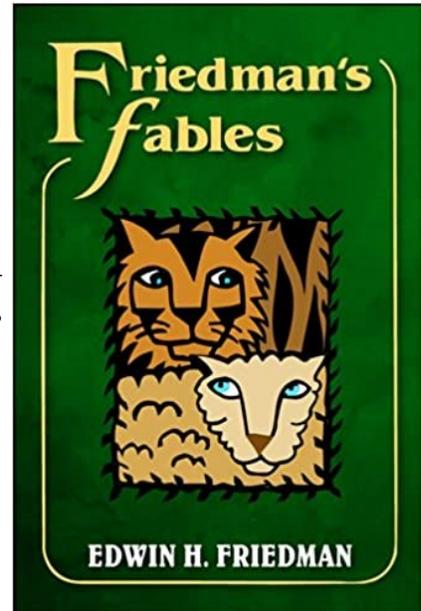
The fable "A Nervous Condition", tells of a young boy who was born with his nerve endings on the outside of his back and trailing along the ground when he walked. His family and everyone around him including eventually his wife had to be extra careful not to hurt his nerve endings and cause him pain. As you might guess at some point his wife had enough of this and stomped on them. At which point the stress she felt disappeared and his nerve endings retreated back into his body where they belonged.

For me this is about recognizing that sometimes when we are trying to protect someone, we are really hurting ourselves as well as the one we are trying to protect.

"The Friendly Forest", tells of a forest where everyone was welcome and no one harmed one another. Into this forest comes a tiger. The other animals ask the tiger to promise not to harm any other animal, and the tiger agrees. There is a lamb who is very nervous about the tiger and sure enough the tiger starts to stalk the lamb. The lamb goes to the group and they say the lamb is not giving the tiger a chance. Eventually the tiger becomes more aggressive and finally one of the animals speaks up and says, "If you want a lamb and a tiger to live together you need to cage the tiger".

For me the obvious lesson here is that sometimes you have to choose between keeping everyone happy and doing what's right. It may seem that the enlightened thing to do is give the tiger equal rights but at what point to you realize it's a tiger and for safety reasons needs to be in a cage?

I am looking forward to the other facets of this book and the rest of the fables. I am trying not to get ahead of the Vestry on our reading. I do find the fables clever and thought provoking.



Peninsula Shepherd Center News

Hello Friends of the Peninsula Shepherd Center!

Welcome to Spring! Times flies by as we keep busy with all of the activities going on at PSC and planning for re-opening later on this year by resuming the Out and About Senior Transportation Program, Excursions, re-starting computer classes and, of course Piz-za and Bingo, and activities in our new Senior Lounge. We are coordinating with All Souls' Church to put Health and Safety procedures in place for the safety of our members, guests, and staff.

- We are planning to begin transportation services to take our members for their COVID vaccinations. Special thanks to the **Hervey Family Foundation** for their generous grant to help fund this important program. We will provide details as soon as possible, so watch for information on our **website www.sdpsc.org**.
- We continue in April with our popular PSC Chat presentations! This month we take a fun look back at the **Early Days of Ocean Beach and the Trolley presented by the Ocean Beach Historical Society** on April 15th at 11:00! Then on April 29th at 11:00 David McColl will present a fascinating program on the **Mars Rover**. ***These are not to be missed and open to all!*** If you would like to attend, please send me your email and I will add you to the invitation. My email address is lisa@sdpsc.org. Spread the Word!
- PSC Connections Through Technology Program continues to thrive. We were honored to be featured in the **San Diego Senior Community Foundation's** March Newsletter highlighting the program and it's success! If you have not yet looked into this amazing program, please contact Larysa at the office (619)223-1640 or Lisa (619)990-9758 for more information. SDCSF article

Until we can all be together in person again, we love our connection with you through our online games and chats, presentations and getting caught up on our monthly Porch Visits!

Be Well – we MISS YOU!

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An Update on In-Person Worship

Thank you for your patience in our return to in-person worship and for your commitment to the health and safety of our parishioners. We celebrated Easter Sunday with beautiful services of Holy Eucharist at 9:00 and 11:00 am on our patio in front of the church. Overall we had over 160 people in attendance as we gave thanks and praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and savior. Everyone in attendance followed the rules to maintain a safe and healthy environment. We were outside, family units were separated by five feet or greater, and everyone in attendance wore their masks..



Our in-person worship task force will meet again this week and submit recommendations to the vestry regarding modifications to our in-person worship time and location. Currently, in-person worship will occur at noon on Sundays. We will continue to meet outside (weather permitting) and require distancing and masking (see below). We hope you will be able to join us for worship.



1. Reservations are required. Reservation can be made through the All Souls' web page and online store. It may look like you need to pay but rest assured, salvation is freely given! Reservations will require your name and contact information as well as a commitment to inform the church if, after the service, you test positive for COVID so we inform others of possible exposure.
2. Space will be limited and reservations will be honored on a first-come/first-served basis.
3. Each family unit will be required to stay within a 5' x 5' clearly marked square. The squares are spaced out on the patio to provide 6' or more between family units.
4. Shade is limited. If you require shade, we encourage hats or umbrellas.
5. Face masks are required. We encourage double masking as studies have shown that wearing two masks provides nearly the same protection as an N95 surgical mask.
6. While being vaccinated is not a requirement to attend these services, allow us to take this opportunity to encourage your participation in the vaccination effort.
7. The service will include music offered by our musicians and members of the choir. The congregation is encouraged to refrain from singing.
8. Holy Communion will be offered with distribution of the bread (wafer) only.
9. Childcare will not be available.

Online services will continue as usual. As always, these plans are subject to change. As they do, we will communicate as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Youth and Family Updates by Mother Terry

Youth Group Update

For our March meeting, our youth gathered on Zoom for a “bake along” of All Souls’ communion bread recipe. Krista Spore, one of our bread bakers, led a tutorial for our adult leaders and our young people. Together we learned a bit about baking and a bit about the significance of bread in our faith tradition.

Several of our youth also participated in a Zoom recording of the Passion narrative for Palm Sunday. Special thanks to Colette Arrasmith, Aidan Livingstone, and Helen Walter for their leadership!

Children’s Ministry Update

During the season of Lent, our children learned about the five covenants God made with God’s people in the Bible. Through a series of “doodle lessons” we explored one covenant each week, and had lots of fun in the process! If you’d like to check out our “Doodly” videos, you can find them on our [Youtube channel](#).



Parents’ Ministry

Our Parents’ Study Group concluded its focus on the book *What is the Bible* by Rob Bell, with a guest presentation by Michael Lodahl. Michael is Professor of Theology and World Religions at Point Loma Nazarene University, and a frequent speaker at our Sunday forums. He joined us to explore the topic “Did Jesus have to die?” Together, we unpacked some theories of atonement, or ways Christians have tried to explain how Jesus’ death saved us. We only had time for two of them, but fortunately Michael has agreed to join us again for our next meeting to continue the conversation. We look forward to sharing the video of these presentations with you when we’re done!

All Souls’ is active on all sorts of social media. **Each of the images below will link you to appropriate social media page! Just click and go!**

We post regularly to Facebook (both as All Souls’ Point Loma and Music at All Souls’ Church).



We are on Instagram at AllSoulsPointLoma.



You can follow us on Twitter @AllSoulsptLoma.



And if you’re on NextDoor, you can see posts we make about worship and community events.



Be sure to share our web address with your friends and neighbors, too. We have a lot of good information posted including an up-to-date calendar, community events, service opportunities, and information about church and staff. You can also sign up for our weekly e-blast on the website.

This Month's Gracious Rohr By Lorraine Padden

A Gracious Rohr – offered by Lorraine Padden for the All Souls' e-Rubric – April, 2021

In considering what I might offer during this season of auspicious renewal, Father Richard Rohr's close reflection on Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem "The Hill we Climb" seemed the perfect meditation to consider. Both are included below. May we allow the expression of Gorman's prophetic imagination to guide our meaningful engagement with scripture in the worlds we inhabit and strive to create. "The Hill we Climb" was released in book form on March 31st. ~LP

Prophets as Poets

One of the great scholars of the Jewish scriptures was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907–1972). In his in-depth study of the Hebrew prophets, he included this description of the prophets which is really rather surprising. We often think of prophets as scolds, rather judgmental and cranky, but Heschel reminds us of their essential gifts of creativity and imagination:

The prophet is a poet. His experience is one known to the poets. What the poets know as poetic inspiration, the prophets call divine revelation. . . . The inspiration of the artist is what is meant by "the hand of the Lord which rests upon the prophet."

What makes the difference between the prophet and the ordinary person is the possession of a heightened and unified awareness of certain aspects of life. Like a poet, he is endowed with sensibility, enthusiasm, and tenderness, and above all, with a way of thinking imaginatively. Prophecy is the product of poetic imagination. *Prophecy is poetry*, and in poetry everything is possible, [such as] for the trees to celebrate a birthday, and for God to speak to [humans]. The statement "God's word came to me" was employed by the prophet as a figure of speech, as a poetic image. [1]

One of the most recent encounters I've had with "poetic prophecy" occurred when Amanda Gorman, a young Catholic woman and United States Youth Poet Laureate, wrote and performed a poem for the recent Presidential Inauguration. It seems to me that many of her words connect deeply with words from the Hebrew prophets.

She begins her poem "The Hill We Climb" by asking in the style of the psalms of lamentation, "When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade?" She then references the sign of the reluctant prophet Jonah: "We've braved the belly of the beast; we've learned that quiet isn't always peace."

She transforms the seemingly unjust decree of Exodus 34:7 that God will "visit the iniquities of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation," no longer holding God responsible for intergenerational trauma. Like the prophets of old, she holds us accountable for our actions: "we know *our* inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. . . . *Our* blunders become their burdens" (emphasis mine).



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Gracious Rohr, cont.

Like the prophet Micah, Gorman reminds us of God's desire for mercy (see 6:8): "But one thing is certain. If we merge mercy with might, and might with right, then love becomes our legacy, and change our children's birthright." With the prophet Zechariah, she envisions a time of peace and plenty when "everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid" (3:10). I encourage you to read and ponder the whole text of her poem. [2]

I know not everyone appreciates or even understands poetry. I will admit it needs to be wrestled with sometimes, but I hope poetry can help us learn to appreciate the creative envisioning the prophets undertake through their relationship with God.

[1] Abraham J. Heschel, *The Prophets* (Harper & Row: 1962), 367–368.

[2] Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country* (Viking Books: 2021)

Outreach Updates and Opportunities

VMFC

The Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation (VMFC) Core Team held its first meeting in February and is excited to show our support to the military community. We thank all military personnel for their service, and on March 29th, which is Vietnam War Commemoration Day, we pay special honor to those who served during that conflict.



If you are a current or former military member, are related to one, or want to help our VMFC efforts, let us know! Call Jennifer at the front office, or email: vmfc@allsoulspointloma.org.

Loaves and Fishes



The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Ocean Beach is growing and responding to the greater need. Patrick Swaner is the new coordinator of the pantry and All Souls' parishioner Leigh Fenley serves on the board. The pantry is currently looking for volunteers to help with distribution on Monday mornings. Contact Leigh if you have any questions.

Showers of Blessing

Some of the San Diego shower ministries have continued to operate through the pandemic and others are beginning to retool and re-start. The Showers of Blessing ministry at the ECC is beginning to consider re-opening and serving the homeless men, women, and children in the OB area. Maria Pina, who has been running this ministry for a long time, is stepping down as coordinator and we're looking for someone with a heart for outreach and organization skills to step into that role. If that's you, please let Fr. Joe know!



Music at All Souls'

Thank you to all who made Virtual Holy Week 2.0 possible!

A heartfelt thanks to all those who made Virtual Holy Week 2.0 possible. Even now, it's hard to imagine that we've experienced two, TWO Holy Weeks on our computer screens. Who could have ever imagined this? Yet, despite the inherent challenges, we were able to provide a rich and blessed Holy Week thanks to our clergy, our vestry, our administrative team, our section leaders and assistant organist, our choristers, our sexton, and so on! THANK YOU.

From my edge of the kingdom, I'd like to offer a special thanks to the committed musicians who worked tirelessly to record and edit all of the musical ingredients required of Holy Week. That was quite an array of Psalms, anthems, motets, service music of all sorts, etc...all recorded in a most bizarre time warp.

As we begin to see a hopeful future around the corner (fingers crossed optimistically), it's my hope that we'll begin to see opportunities for the full musical family to gather, as we've not been complete since March of 2020.

Again this Holy Week, the full breadth of Music at All Souls' was sorely missing and I look forward to their glorious return in due time.

Ruben Valenzuela



March/April Teaching Sessions on Zoom continued

During the month of March and early April our ongoing pandemic reality continued with teaching sessions on Zoom. Although we are ALL zoomed out, personally, I have embraced a silver lining in the opportunity, perhaps even luxury, to talk about music, getting under its 'skin'. Typically, Thursdays are prioritized as rehearsal time where we barely have enough time to prepare music for upcoming services. With that off the table, we've had the grand opportunity to look closely and with detail on music...the what, when, how, and why. Once we're back in the rehearsal room, I believe that all of this time together discussing music will not have been in vain, but will enrich the understanding of what we do.

This last month and a half we continued our Bach zoom sessions with a focus on two works dealing with the theme and cost of discipleship, and how Bach's hermeneutical prowess helps to shed a light on these themes. We looked closely at the following:

Cantata: *Komm, du süße Todesstunde* BWV 161

Johannes Passion (St John Passion) BWV 245

Thank you to all those who attended. Be on the lookout for a few more sessions in the upcoming weeks.

Music at All Souls', Cont.

News from Ensemble-in-Residence Bach Collegium San Diego

Actus Tragicus

Cantata: Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit BWV 106 • J.S. Bach

Motet: Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin • Balthasar Resinarius

The latest BCSD virtual concert was released on **April 14**: *Actus Tragicus* featuring J.S. Bach's Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit BWV 106. The concert is viewable via BCSD's FaceBook page.



BCSD Commissions World Premiere of the Complete Handel's 'Messiah' in Spanish

EI MESÍAS: MESSIAH FOR A NEW WORLD



Slated for Spring 2022

Binational, Cross-Border, Bilingual Project with a Performance in Mexico

BCSD has commissioned a Spanish libretto of Handel's 'Messiah' with the purpose of performing it in one of the vernacular languages of our immediate community, both in the United States and Mexico.

Ruben Valenzuela, our Artistic Director, tells us that: "Messiah is not commonly performed in Spanish, and that's a real gap in its long and evolving history. Our goal is to offer a complete and dynamic Spanish Mes-

siah that will speak to our immediate community, the Spanish speaking world at large, and make a significant contribution to the oratorio's long performance history."

Valenzuela adds: "This is the right place and time to do it, and BCSD is the ensemble to carry this project forth. Our artists are excited and ready to expand the reach of this great work, and to explore how our communities access them."

The Spanish translation of Messiah is in the hands of experienced Tijuana librettist Mario Montenegro Garcia.

Mark Your Calendar

Pentecost is Coming!

Pentecost is May 23, 2021. Mark your calendar and join us for worship as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the "birthday of the Church."

Formation Update

Our Lenten series on healing was well attended and included presentations by a variety of people from the community and beyond, from scholars to medical professionals to individuals with experiences of healing in their own lives. Thank you to everyone who joined us for these presentations and for your willingness to share your own thoughts and questions.

In Easter season, as we celebrate our belief that in death, this life is “changed, not ended”, we’ll take a look at the practical matters of transitioning from this life to the next. In our forums, guest speakers will share with us about when and how we might make changes in our living arrangements; legal matters like estate planning and advance directives; funeral arrangements; and planning for the liturgy of the burial rite. We hope you’ll join us for these important conversations. If you missed them, they are available on the All Souls’ Website!



Sunday, April 11

We were joined by Ms. Mary Johnson of St., Paul’s Senior services as she helped us understand our options as we age, ranging from in-home care to managed care in memory care centers. This forum is available online on our Facebook page.

Sunday, April 18

Matt Band of Hughes & Pizzuto discussed the preparation of wills and trusts, health directives, and powers of attorney. .

We’ll continue this series through May 1 with conversations around practical aspects of funeral preparation and planning the liturgies which will celebrate the truth of the resurrection.



www.allsoulspointloma.org/forums

[ZOOM INTO THE FORUM](#)

An Update on our Finances

Our finance committee met earlier this month to take a look at our January numbers and look forward to the year ahead. Numbers are not reported this month as we had some difficulty accessing information on some of our savings and investments accounts. Rest assured, we continue on in our operations as normal and are looking forward to a 2021 with fewer surprises than 2020. We'll see.



INCOME & TRANSFERS	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Q1 Total
Income Budget	\$ 117,805	\$ 35,108	\$ 63,874	\$ 216,787
Income Actual	\$ 93,204	\$ 46,593	\$ 95,043	\$ 234,840
Difference	(\$ 24,601)	\$ 11,485	\$ 31,169	\$ 18,053

EXPENSE	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Q1 Total
Expense Budget	\$ 53,017	\$ 49,276	\$ 51,426	\$ 153,719
Expense Actual	\$ 52,721	\$ 44,952	\$ 47,637	\$ 145,310
Difference	(\$ 296)	(\$ 4,324)	(\$ 3,789)	(\$ 8,409)

PPP Round 2

We recently submitted an additional application for a PPP loan in accordance with the most recent round of coronavirus financial assistance and are pleased to announce that our application was accepted. These financial programs are intended to help businesses (including non-profits) maintain current staffing levels even with unforeseen variation in income and expense. We are grateful for these loans and are diligent in our requests for forgiveness. If you have any questions about this process, please let Fr. Joe know.

All Souls' Legacy Circle

Did you know that All Souls' has a planned giving program? The All Souls' Legacy Circle invites you to make a lasting gift to the future of All Souls' by remembering your parish in your will or trust. You can designate your gift for the All Souls' endowment. The endowment is managed by the All Souls' Endowment Committee which oversees all investments and distributions in accordance with Episcopal Church Foundation guidelines. A healthy endowment will assure a financially healthy parish for years to come.

The Hill we Climb

Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending
shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade.
We've braved the belly of the beast,
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,
and the norms and notions
of what just is
isn't always just-ice.
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it.
Somehow we do it.
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken,
but simply unfinished.
We the successors of a country and a time
where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single
mother
can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one.
And yes we are far from polished.
Far from pristine.
But that doesn't mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect.
We are striving to forge a union with purpose,
to compose a country committed to all cultures,
colors, characters and
conditions of man.
And so we lift our gazes not to what stands be-
tween us,
but what stands before us.
We close the divide because we know, to put our
future first,
we must first put our differences aside.
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another.
We seek harm to none and harmony for all.
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true,
that even as we grieved, we grew,
that even as we hurt, we hoped,
that even as we tired, we tried,
that we'll forever be tied together, victorious.



Not because we will never again know defeat,
but because we will never again sow division.
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig
tree
and no one shall make them afraid.
If we're to live up to our own time,
then victory won't lie in the blade.
But in all the bridges we've made,
that is the promise to glade,
the hill we climb.
If only we dare.
It's because being American is more than a pride
we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it.
We've seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it.
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying de-
mocracy.
And this effort very nearly succeeded.
But while democracy can be periodically delayed,
it can never be permanently defeated.
In this truth,
in this faith we trust.
For while we have our eyes on the future,
history has its eyes on us.

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This is the era of just redemption
we feared at its inception.
We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter.
To offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
So while once we asked,
how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert,
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was,
but move to what shall be.
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,
fierce and free.
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation,
because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation.
Our blunders become their burdens.
But one thing is certain,
If we merge mercy with might,

and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy,
and change our children's birthright.
So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with.
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous
one.
We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west.
We will rise from the windswept northeast,
where our forefathers first realized revolution.
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the
midwestern states.
We will rise from the sunbaked south.
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover.
And every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful.
When day comes we step out of the shade,
afire and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.

“FOR THERE IS ALWAYS LIGHT,
IF ONLY WE’RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SEE IT,
IF ONLY WE’RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO BE IT.”



Facebook Live and Zoom Calendar

Worship, Prayer, Conversation: Here are the ways you can connect with your All Souls' family and friends:

Daily Morning Prayer, 8:00 a.m.—Visit www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Thursday, Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 816-9552-4008

Saturday, Centering Prayer, 4:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 876-5494-9984

Saturday, Prayers for Spiritual Communion, 5:00 p.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 898-0219-8912

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Live Stream—Visit www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Sunday Morning Forum, 9:00 a.m.—[Join by Zoom](#): ID 865 1582 8854

Sunday 9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online Livestream—www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Sunday 10:15 a.m. Live Stream—Visit www.facebook.com/allsoulspointloma

Transformation Academy

Rev. Canon Dr. Dawn Davis, Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and Director of Leadership for Ministry Programs at Huron University College, part of the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont., gave an outstanding keynote presentation and workshop at the April 15th Transformation Academy: “Formed for Relationship: Discipleship in the Episcopal Church.” There were also two breakout sessions. For the first session, Dr. Davis led us in a spiritual prayer practice and the second breakout session was led by EDSD Youth Missioner, Charlette Preslar: Beyond “Youth Group: How to Create Connection Whether You Are Just Starting Out or Looking to Grow.” Links to those items are provided below and are available for viewing anytime.



Workshop Session 1 was led by Dawn Davis, Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and Director of Leadership for Ministry Programs at Huron University College: "Praying in Public -- a Spiritual Prayer Practice."



Workshop Session 2 was led by EDSD Youth Missioner, Charlette Preslar: Beyond "Youth Group: How to Create Connection Whether You Are Just Starting Out or Looking to Grow."

A Statement of Commitment

As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to

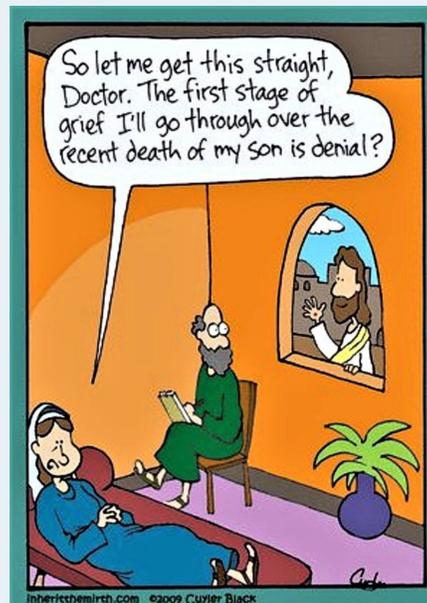
“strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational singing.

“WE ARE THE **Episcopal** BRANCH OF THE **Jesus Movement**”

learn more: forwardmovement.org

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

On the Lighter Side





ALL SOULS'
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All Souls' Episcopal Church

All Souls' is a vibrant Episcopal congregation in the heart of Point Loma. All ages are welcome; infants and children enliven our worship. To learn more about membership, please contact the church office or visit us online.

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Spencer Velky, Gouraud Asst. Organist
Jennifer Smith, Parish Admin Asst.
Jeff Dames, Sexton

Weekend Services

Saturday: Worship via Zoom
5 p.m.—Liturgy of the Word with
prayers for Spiritual Communion

Sunday: Livestreamed
8:00 a.m.—Sunday Morning Worship
9:15 a.m.—Small Souls Online
10:15 a.m.—Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday: In-Person
Noon—Holy Eucharist on the Patio

Weekday Worship

Thursday 9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer
via zoom