



## St. Andrew's Tidings

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by Death, and upon those in the tomb-bestowing life!” (From the Orthodox Easter Liturgy)

One of my favorite authors, Alice Walker, had the main character in *The Color Purple*-actually speaking for Walker-say: I believe God is everything...Everything that is or ever was or ever will be. And when you can feel that, and be happy to feel that, you've found It...My first step from the old white man was the trees. Then air. Then birds. Then people. But one day when I was sitting quiet and feeling like a motherless child, which I was, it come to me: that feeling of being part of everything, not separate at all. I knew that if I cut a tree, my arm would bleed. And I laughed and I cried and I run all round the house. I knew just what it was. In fact, when it happen, you can't miss it.

My precious brothers and sisters, today IT has happened. Jesus has risen—for us—the Tree has been cut, he laid on it, and he bled for us. When we dig deep down into the soul we discover the plan of salvation. God chose to walk with us in the person of Jesus. The way of the cross makes us faith walkers, and not sight seers. We walk by faith, and not by sight. We embark on this journey because we believe that when the Word was made flesh, God became incarnate in all the experiences of our lives—good and bad. And it is from these experiences that our ministries arise. It is the presence—the real presence-of compassionate companions we meet along the way whose sharing of self and stories gives us insight into our souls. I am so very grateful for the way you reach out to me and share your stories, and invite me to share my stories. Thank you for being compassionate companions- helping me to have insight into my soul. For, as Mechthild of Magdeburg has said so long ago, ...Love penetrates the senses and storms the soul with all its power. When love grows in the soul, then, it rises up with great longing to God and flowingly expands to receive the miracle that breaks in upon it. Love melts through the soul and into the senses. And so the body too gains its part and conforms in all ways to love.

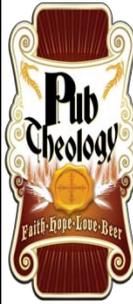
My friends, today LOVE in its greatest sense has happened to us all. Blessed Easter!

## *The Passion Narrative on Palm Sunday*

If you were not in church on Palm Sunday, you missed a marvelous experience. Palm branches were blessed in the Memorial Garden and the congregation followed the procession and choir into the church, stepping on palm branches emulating the procession into Jerusalem. The Gospel Narrative from Luke was presented in drama form, expertly directed by Sue Webb. It was a very moving experience as the photos below convey.



*Pub Theology  
Tomorrow  
Night 6 p.m.  
"The Place"  
on Harrison*



*Bring a  
Bible-no  
experience  
necessary!*

## *Bishop Duncan To Visit!*

The Right Rev. Philip Duncan will make his annual visit to St. Andrew's on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, at the 10 a.m. service. He will confirm and receive, preach and celebrate the Eucharist. Following the service there will be a reception in the new gathering space and in Byrne Hall honoring Bishop Duncan and his wife, Kathy, as well as those confirmed and received. Please, let's have a full church.

## *Our New Gathering Space*

In order to begin making room for our church renovation, and to get a feel for how it might be, some of the pews have been removed to create a gathering space at the rear of the Nave. This gives us a chance to meet and greet those who leave quickly through the Narthex. Often we do not get a chance to greet those visitors. Beginning the Third Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of the Bishop's visit, we will begin a series of displaying art work from some of our parishioners. The first art show will be paintings of Vincent Pisani. You are invited to get your coffee and refreshments and view Vincent's paintings while visiting and welcoming visitors, and welcoming Bishop Duncan and Kathy.

*Please keep the following in your prayers; Lee, June, Brenda, Scott, Billie Kay, Savanna, Terry, Connie, Jonathan, Lisa, Tina, Jessica, Lora, Peter, Heather, Dee, Jewel, Sarah, Wendy, Keith, Hannah, Jazlea, Ann, Bruce, Judy, Amanda, Danal, Edward, Jarad, Kay, Joe, Jessica, Payton, Mia, Middy, MacKenzie, Emma, Irene, Maureen, Joey, Annette, Jay, Doris, Gail, Mary, Barbara, Travis, David, Dee, Bobbie, Cheryl, Alan, Pat, Maggie, Joan, Chris, Mike, Debbie, Hilary, Ava, Nan, Charlie, Fax, Toni, Jane, Elaine, Bobbi, Bobbie, Janet, David, JD, Rita. Lee Ann, Jean, Ruth Ann, Sandra, Nancy, Ann, Janet, Mike, Judy*

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Mike, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett*