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St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

PARISH IS NOW OPEN. The parish is now open for in-person worship. At its meeting on 21 March, the vestry voted, with the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to re-open the parish for worship. This is a permanent decision, unless the pandemic takes another dire turn. Social distancing will be required. Therefore, attendance at all services will be limited to 30 people. (Those who reside in the same household count as one person ... but we will nevertheless be prudent about the total number of people in the nave.) Masks must be worn, and the nave windows will be opened to increase air circulation. There will be no congregational singing or distribution of communion at this time.

If you wish to attend worship in-person, you *must* contact Irene Connors (860-592-0030 or collageconnors@gmail.com). Irene will be compiling a list for each service, to ensure we do not exceed our capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our services, as well, as there are many parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I pray you are having a blessed Holy Week and eagerly anticipating the unsurpassable joy of Easter.

I once heard—and don't know whether it's true—that Ben Franklin was the inventor of the *pro versus* con list: the way of making a decision or assessing a situation by listing all the positives and all the negatives and then seeing which predominates. As I've been turning over in my mind the prospects of

celebrating Easter this year, I've developed a short pro-con list of my own.

Pro: We are open for in-person worship once more

Con: We have limited capacity, to maintain social distancing

Con: There are members of our parish family who would not feel safe attending in-person at this time (which is perfectly valid ... but we still miss you!)

Pro: We have technology that allows people to participate in worship from home

Con: Worshiping over a wire, while good to have, just doesn't feel the same

Pro: We have individual cantors and pre-recorded choir anthems that let us 'sing' without singing

Con: We miss singing ourselves

Pro: Spiritual communion—seeing the blessed Bread and Wine and praying for communion with Christ—is a sacramental experience of Jesus equivalent to actually consuming the Bread and Wine

Con: It does not feel that way to many

This list could go on and on, but you get the gist: As we prepare to celebrate our second Easter-in-time-of-pandemic, we've all learned to adapt, accept and let go in ways that keep us safe and afford us at least a modicum of 'normal.' In *all* walks of our lives—church and otherwise—this has been a humbling, frustrating and sometimes aggravating experience, as we've compromised one dear aspect of our lives after another.

The Good News of Easter, however, is that there is NO compromise! The fact of Christ's rising from the tomb is incontrovertible and permanent. The Resurrection's securing for us the gift of eternal life, our dwelling forever in the presence of God in Three Persons, is irrevocable and absolute. And the joy of Easter ... the joy of our existence as People of the Resurrection ... is unlimited and unsurpassed. Christ's own perfect-ness means that nothing—not grief, not sickness, not heartbreak, not strife, not anxiety, not uncertainty, not war, not violence ... and certainly not a virus—will ever cause Him to compromise His exquisite love for us.

On Saturday night and again Sunday morning we will proclaim "He is risen," and He always shall be. We will once again sing "Alleluia"—the Lord be praised, and our praise will echo through the halls of Heaven. And we will know our passover ... the passover of Christ ... is complete, never to be undone. In these compromising and complicated times, I give God thanks for these absolutes of Easter. And I sincerely invite you to join us, whether in-person or online or in the silence of your hearts, in celebrating them again this weekend and over the next Great Fifty Days of Eastertide.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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P S. Katherine Almquist has written a heartfelt final reflection on a meditation from Russell Levenson's *A Path to Wholeness*. Be sure to check it out, below.

Weekly Calendar

Please note that Sunday Morning Prayer has been discontinued

Friday, 02 April	The Liturgy of Good Friday, with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	12:30 pm
Friday, 02 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:00 pm
Friday, 02 April	Rehearsal for Good Friday <i>(evening service)</i>	6:00 pm
Friday, 02 April	<i>Tenebrae</i> in Stations: A <i>Reflective Service</i> <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	7:00 pm
Saturday, 03 April	The Liturgy of Holy Saturday <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	11:00 am
Saturday, 03 April	Rehearsal for the Great Vigil	2:00 pm
Saturday, 03 April	The Great Vigil of Easter <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	7:00 pm
Saturday, 03 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day <i>(with hymns)</i> <i>(in person only)</i>	7:00 pm
Sunday, 04 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day <i>(with hymns and music)</i> <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 04 April	Holy Eucharist: Monday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Monday, 05 April	Holy Eucharist: Tuesday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	12:30 pm
Tuesday, 06 April	Holy Eucharist: Wednesday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 07 April	Bible Study <i>(via Zoom)</i>	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 07 April	Holy Eucharist: Wednesday of Easter Week <i>(in person)</i>	4:30 pm

Wednesday, 07 April	<i>and live-streamed)</i> Visioning Team meeting <i>(via Zoom)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 07 April	A.A. for Women <i>(Zoom meeting email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 07 April	A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 08 April	Holy Eucharist: Thursday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	7:30 am
Thursday, 08 April	Al-Anon <i>(Great Room)</i>	12:30 pm
Thursday, 08 April	Holy Eucharist: Friday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	7:00 pm
Friday, 09 April	A.A. meeting <i>(Great Room)</i>	12:30 pm
Friday, 09 April	Holy Eucharist: Saturday of Easter Week <i>(in person and live-streamed)</i>	8:00 pm
Saturday, 10 April		12:30 pm

OUR LENTEN PRACTICE: Weekly Reflection on *A Path to Wholeness*

Our parish's Lenten practice this year, for those who wish to participate, is reading the daily meditations in Fr Russell Levenson's wonderful new book, A Path to Wholeness: A Lenten Companion. This week, Katherine Almquist shares her reflections:

Reflections On Meditation 46, "The Way ... Out"

I was struck by the title of this Meditation. "The Way...Out." Nothing could be more appropriate for the past year we have endured. Everyone has been touched by it. A lyric by Josh Ritter comes to mind:

For it seems these are darker days than any other that we've seen
How we wished we weren't wide awake and this was all some kind of dream.

In the not so distant past (the quite recent past, actually) I lost a job I loved and had held for almost twenty years. The loss was unanticipated, brutal, and the devastation complete. I really did not see a way out of the darkness. I was numb. My husband was invaluable, and the help of a few friends (fewer than I had expected, truth be told) started my (slow) path from the darkness of the tomb I was in, back to the light. I started to have hope and returning to St Andrew's after an absence of a few years has also given me hope. And joy.

That, for me, is the most glorious thing about Easter: the triumph of hope.

There IS a way out. Not only to survive, but to flourish.

NEW YOUTH FORMATION OFFERING: Confirmation Class Is Beginning

We are excited to announce that we have started a **new youth Confirmation Class**. The class will meet, via Zoom, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. It is open to anyone age 13 – 18 who wishes to learn more about Christian faith and belief; the Church and its sacraments; and living life as a follower of Christ. The class is designed to prepare one for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but that is *not* a requirement. Participants are free to decide whether or not to seek confirmation at the end of the course.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fr Douglas.

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Laura know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

Kent Food Bank



Please help the parish continue our support of the Kent Food Bank

by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P.O. Box 262
Kent, CT 06757

*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director, Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:

Staples such as beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays from 9.00 to Noon
in the back of the Community House on Main Street.

Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave

Lections for this Week

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Year B

Acts 10:34-43;
Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
John 20:1-18



Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order
to view
past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays located
on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;

Healing Service at 8.30,

Third Sunday

In person

for 25 people with masks at

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.

(25 people with masks)

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.

(25 people with masks)

-Holy Days-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.

(25 people with masks)



12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.

*Zoom meeting
email us for info.*

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)

resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)

resumed

Fridays

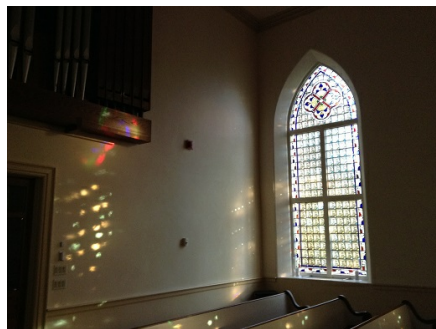
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

*temporarily until First Church opens
resumed*



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