



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of May 5, 2020

A pastoral message from Bishop Megan



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May 1, 2020



We are planning for the return to our buildings and in person gatherings:

- **Timeline** for your planning purposes, please plan to worship on-line through at least May 31, 2020.
- **Plan for a phased return** to our buildings, and in person gatherings.
- **The phased guidelines** will follow the [CDC](#) and [public health guidelines from the state of California](#) and will include input from the regional deans, the leaders of our governing bodies, and the presiding bishop's office.
- **A return to our buildings** will likely include wearing masks and maintaining physical distance between individuals.
- **Planning for the future**, you may start thinking through the implications of these kinds of restrictions, and what this may mean for your ushers, musicians, cleaning crews, and other leaders.
- **Details on the phases**, along with specific worship and gathering guidelines, will be issued in the upcoming weeks.

A sermon for the Fourth Sunday of Easter from Bishop Megan



Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020
The Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquair
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Healdsburg, CA



You can watch more sermons here: norcalepiscopal.org/bishop-megans-sermons

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Good Book Club: The Gospel of Matthew | Easter 2020



Are you reading the Gospel of Matthew together with a group or on your own? Here are some resources that may help your reading and study.

- [Click here](#) to read Matthew 101, a two page introduction to Matthew's Gospel
- [Click here](#) to listen to the Good Book Podcast, someone will read, discuss and pray around the passage of the day.
- También disponible en español: goodbookclub.org/espanol/

[Stewardship in the time of COVID-19](#)



Stewardship
and Online
Giving

[Health and Safety: COVID-19](#)

Planning: Be prepared to provide masks for all worshippers

- Provide a proper face covering for all people who come to worship when we return to our buildings
- Enlist your altar guild or crafting group to make a basketful of masks
- Click [here](#) and [here](#) for possible patterns



Health and
Safety:
COVID-19

RESOURCES AND LINKS

Recording and links from the conversation about live-streaming

The resources from the "Conversation About Online Worship" with Sarah Stonesifer Boylan are still available:

- Sarah's resources can be found here: bit.ly/NorCalOnline or on our [website](#)
- The recording can be found here: youtu.be/SuOJeh1OlzQ or on our [website](#)
- Sarah has office hours twice a week to answer questions about digital ministry.
 - Tuesdays, 4-5pm ET (1-2 pm PT)
 - Fridays, 12-1 pm ET (9-10 am PT)
 - You can sign up at this link: bit.ly/digitalministrymeeting

Sharing our resources for online worship

In this time of great change, one of the things we have learned is to share our resources. Here are two examples of churches sharing resources for worship:

- A church that is having success with Zoom to Facebook Live cross-streaming **shared their knowledge** with other churches who expressed a desire to learn
- In the Sierra deanery, two churches are **cooperating by sharing** musical offerings from one church to another



What are you doing that you could share? What help do you need in your online worship? Reach out to each other and share your resources. We are stronger together.

Look for tips on how to stream your worship [here](#). If you have more tips to share, email them to communications@norcalepiscopal.org and we will put them on our resource page.

Online resources for people in recovery



Isolation is perilous for people in recovery. We learn that our sobriety depends upon keeping connected to sober people, being accountable to others, being of service to others. [Read more from Rev. Anne...](#)

A word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



Presiding Bishop Curry shares, "In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, we are now at another one of those threshold moments, when important and significant decisions must be made on all levels of our global community, for the good and the well-being of the entire human family. In this moment, I would ask you to allow me to share with you a Word to the Church: What Would Love Do?"

- [Click here](#) for companion resources
- [Click here](#) for a transcript of this message

This week's "Habits of Grace" video



Racial reconciliation and healing training

Commission for Intercultural Ministries



Episcopal Church
Becoming Beloved Community

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries invites you to join a Zoom-based Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle beginning on May 21, 2020.

Sacred Ground is a 10-session, film-based dialogue series on Race and Faith offered through the Episcopal Church as part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative.

It is built around powerful documentary films and readings which will serve as the jumping-off point for dialogue. [Click here](#) to read more and register.

ERD features volunteers from Northern California

Episcopal Relief and Development released a piece that highlights volunteering as ministry. Featured in the article are:

- a photo of part our **Camp Fire leadership team** with volunteers at Magalia Community Church near Paradise, CA.
- a photo of a team visiting the Hurricane Harvey relief work in Houston that included the **Rev. Jane Snibbe**. [Read more...](#)



The Center for Bible Study podcast

The Center for Bible Study is offering free online podcasts to help people grow in their study and understanding of the Bible. The podcast can be found [here](#). All participants need is a Bible (NRSV, NIV, CEB), a notebook, and a desire to dig deeper into scripture.



The course is free, but donations of thanks for this course may be sent to:
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
7850 Watt Ave,
Antelope, CA 95843

Podcast link: buzzsprout.com/1026769

POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

[College for Congregational Development \(CCD\)](#)

[Clergy Conference 2020](#)

- Please continue to **save the dates** - May 19-21, 2020
- Not to worry, **we will not Zoom all day!**
- There will be time for **worship, small group interaction, engagement, presentations, and rest.**
- We will have more **information and a schedule** soon, [here](#).

[Fresh Start, Spring 2020](#)

[Pathways 2020: Butte County](#)

To submit news/events, please email communications@norcalepiscopal.org. The submission deadline is the Wednesday before the Tuesday publication.

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