

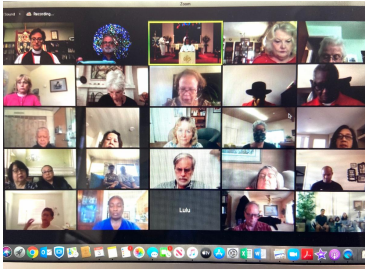


# DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of May 12, 2020

## Bishop Megan makes a visitation to Ascension, Vallejo



Members and friends of Ascension, Vallejo, gathered together with Bishop Megan to worship online.



Bishop Megan recognized the congregation for their commitment to making noon prayer a part of their lives



The Rev. Bayani Rico lead the congregation in worship at the Eucharist

The members and friends of Ascension, Vallejo welcomed Bishop Megan as she made her virtual visitation with them on May 3.

This service was an excellent example of hybrid online worship. The worship leaders were in the worship space, the preacher, Bishop Megan, was Zooming in, and parishioners were in their homes. There were multiple hosts in this Zoom meeting including Katie Everbeck, seminarian, who hosted from the worship space. Having multiple hosts in a Zoom meeting assures that someone is available to direct, someone can monitor the chat, and someone can help folks with technical difficulties; not to mention that it frees the worship leaders to focus on the task of leading the service.

Thank you Ascension for your example and your hospitality.

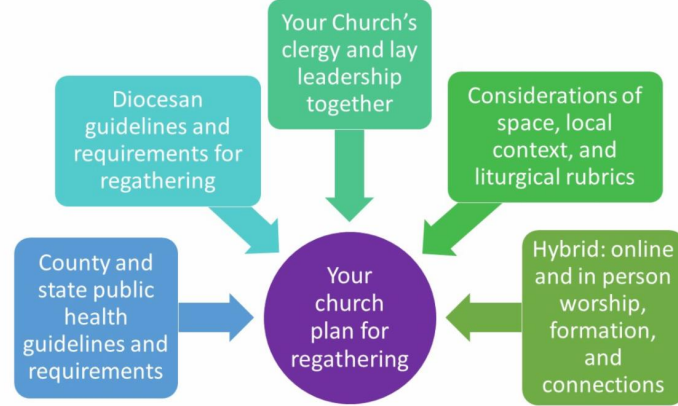
View the service [here](#).

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### [Diocesan guide for regathering](#)

- Priest in charge of congregations and their wardens are using this as a working guide to **create plans for regathering**

- During this planning phase, churches **remain in online worship** with existing restrictions in place
- [Click here](#) for the document
- [Click here](#) for a PowerPoint to use in presentation



## [The Good Book Club: The Gospel of Matthew | Easter 2020](#)



- También disponible en español: [goodbookclub.org/espanol/](http://goodbookclub.org/espanol/)

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



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



## [CARES Act legislation guidance and resources](#)



## RESOURCES AND LINKS

### [Resources for Online Worship](#)



## 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...](#)

## Mental health resources from Ministries of Health

During this challenging time of pandemic, mental health may be more significantly impacted. We hope these resources give you additional tools to add to the wonderful work in which you are currently engaged. [Click here for resources...](#)

Be well...

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## NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

### 2020 Clergy Conference details



Our conference this spring will be a simple gathering shaped to have focused and precise presentations from dynamic and engaging speakers.

Please join us to spend time with your Bishop in prayer, community and continuing to build personal connections. Our two speakers, The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek and Ms. Patricia (Pat) Lewis Finnell will be sharing tools and ideas to help us look to the future.

[Click here](#) for the schedule and more information.

### 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

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### This week's "Habits of Grace" video



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### Racial reconciliation and healing training

#### Commission for Intercultural Ministries



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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.

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### 2021 UTO Book of Prayers

Every three years, the United Thank Offering assembles a



small book of gratitude-related prayers, one of the most popular items we give out at each General Convention/Triennial. We get these prayers from everywhere throughout The Episcopal Church, and it's time to start working on prayers for the 2021 edition.

We are looking for original prayers in the following categories: Gratitude, Guidance, Healing, Love of God & Creation, Sorrow or Fear, Prayers for Morning, Prayers for Midday, Prayers for Night, and Other.

Interested? [Click here.](#)

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## 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](https://buzzsprout.com/1026769)

## POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

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### [Pathways 2020: Butte County](#)

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

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