

St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, 11th Bishop of Utah
 The Rev. Michael Carney, Vicar



Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Alleluia Once Again

Stories never get old—just ask a kid. They’re always ready for you to read it (or tell it) one more time. It seems like the same is true for

Holy Week, the days leading up to Easter. Remembering what Jesus did for us is precious.

A high point for me was our celebration of Palm Sunday, when we jumped from the jubilation of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to his suffering on the Cross. We’ve all know troubles in our lives, but we were humbled by following in his footsteps. No wonder the disciples were terrified. Forrest Cuch gave a wonderful sermon about the darkness and trauma in our world, insisting that we need Jesus now more than ever.

Every Holy Week service brings new drama: after hearing the story of the Last Supper many of us washed each other’s feet. When words weren’t enough, Jesus did that to remind his disciples that he came to serve, not to be served. On Good Friday

Leo Tapoof said an eloquent prayer in Ute and beat the altar drum for all the years in Jesus’ short life.



Forrest and I traveled to Park City that evening for a program at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and a workshop the next morning. Our friends there were touched by his talk about the urgency of resisting the darkness in our world. Honest conversation about Ute History and the complicity of white settlers strengthened the bonds that connect us.

And then, finally, it was Easter morning. Gray and drizzly this year, but the Alleluias were just as sweet. Leo started the service with traditional prayers, the young people

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An Urgent Time for Jesus

It occurs to me that the Native American people are still suffering trauma. Following many years of bloody violence, loss of lands, displacement and colonization, they continue to struggle. How can we expect native families to act normal? They too, were brutally punished, humbled and continue to be discriminated against to this day.



It also occurs to me that almost all of us are traumatized to some extent and sometimes we are not even aware of it, as with veterans and the homeless. In

many ways, our country is exhibiting traumatized behavior. Thus, our traumatized conditions require us to call upon Jesus once again in all earnest in order to bring relief and restore our democracy, and to save our country and the earth from tragic and disastrous destruction.

Why have we not called on God in earnest before this time? Because we have put our faith in man. Our comfort and prosperity have made it so we do not need God in our lives. While our morality slowly declines as our worship of money accelerates, we discover ourselves helpless and alone. All the while, we have lost our connection to God and Earth. We have failed to see that our Lord God has not forgotten us, and his love and mercy awaits in spite of our arrogance and stupidity.

Excerpt from a Sermon by Forrest Cuch

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made wonderful pictures, and after Communion we joined together for a Feast. The kids didn't mind hunting for Easter Eggs indoors, and the elders enjoyed looking at a new collection of photos sent by the son of Fr. Joseph Hogben (the "Buckaroo Priest"), who served here around 1950.

Forrest emphasized that spiritual renewal is our only hope of countering the evil and darkness in our world. The vicious attacks on churches in Sri Lanka that day reminded us how true this is. And that we must join together and pool our resources if we want to see the promise of the Resurrection: "New Heavens and a New Earth." Alleluia!

Michael



Ute Language Program

SueAnn Cottonuts has always had a passion for sharing her beloved Ute language with young people, and attending two traditional language conferences this spring sharpened her sense of urgency. We are deeply grateful to Episcopal Bishop Scott Hayashi and the Diocese of Utah for providing funding for SueAnn and others to provide instruction for children in our area. Watch for announcements of the program schedule—it should be great fun for everyone!



Arts-Kids in Randlett

Many thanks to Becca Gardner, SueAnn Cottonuts and Melanie Cesspooch for reaching out to hold a series of Arts-Kids programs at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Randlett. Almost twenty kids attended and everyone had a wonderful time!



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Inspiration seems effortless when it's happening and hopeless when it's not. We can try our hardest to see things in a new way without any luck, until suddenly everything shifts. The key is what rests in the middle of that word: Spirit. We never know when it's going to burst into our lives.

Inspiration can come at the most unlikely times like in the midst of a two-day church business meeting. Despite rules of order and legal references and the challenges of electronic voting, the Spirit burst into the annual gathering of Utah Episcopalians, surprising and delighting all of us.



Bishop Hayashi focused on faith, the foundation all we are and all we do as a church. He was passionate about our need to grow in faith, and his enthusiasm was contagious. Spending an hour in the Cathedral Chapel talking with Madeleine Martinez, Forrest Cuch and Lena Duncan was certainly inspiring. Each of us had so much to contribute from the journeys of our lives.

For Bishop Hayashi, one critical expression of faith is doing more to care for the Earth. He invited us to join him in taking a Creation Care pledge, and

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teenager Preston Palmer was even more persuasive. He challenged each of us to find a way to take action to preserve the legacy of his generation and all future ones.

Salt Lake television personality Craig Wirth is our Communication Director, and along with Halee Oliver he produced three inspiring videos for our meeting. One documented a trip he and the Bishop took to Jerusalem to visit longtime colleague The Rev. Mary June Nestler. Another brought us inside Flourish Bakery, a place where people who've been in prison can find new beginnings in their lives and learn new skills.

Our favorite was a wonderful video about the two Episcopal churches on the Ute Reservation. After describing our long



history here it focused on the Palm Sunday service at St. Elizabeth's. Forrest Cuch's inspiring sermon emphasized how urgently we need to turn to God in response to all the darkness in the world around us. Bishop Hayashi made it clear how important our Native churches are to his own spiritual grounding and invited others to join him in deepening those relationships.

In a wonderful way that brought the process of inspiration full circle. Learning and growing together and inspiring one another seem like sure signs of a healthy church. When we focus on our faith and let the Spirit guide us into action, good things are sure to happen. I left that meeting filled with gratitude and hopeful for the future. Thanks be to God!

Michael

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Ginny Chimburas (7) Caley Poowegup (11)
Isabell Wolsey (18) Kathleen Chegup (20)
Lilah Shavanaux (21) Lelilah (Ossie) Duncan (22)
Anniversary of Melvin and Nancy Redcap (26)
Adam Twiss (26)
Anniversary of Angela and Dale Shavanaux (27)



St. Elizabeth's Mission Statement

Noochu (the people) of St. Elizabeth's welcome you to worship, share hospitality and grow in God's love to better serve the church and community.



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