

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE GAZETTE



St. Athanasius Episcopal Church

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Father Richard Rohr wrote this prayer on Tuesday after Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of the murder of George Floyd.

God of Truth,
We thank you today
For the Justice of this moment and a
Judgment according to
Your will.
You have again
Inspired action that
Brought down the arrogant and
Called the powerful to account.

May this give all people hope for our
healing—together!
May you free us from our
Need for vengeance
And clear the field to be ready for new seed.

—Richard Rohr 4/20/21

Worship at St. A, Sundays, 11:00am

During the COVID-19 pandemic, worship had been virtual via Zoom until Holy Week and Easter services when hybrid services (in-person and via Facebook Live), were offered. Hybrid services continue via in-person, Facebook Live,

<https://www.facebook.com/saintainla>,
and Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/99338624186>

Social media platforms: Videos of sermons, services, and other news are posted on several social media sites. Only connect!

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Donate: www.saintala.org/donate

Coming Up at St. A

Food Bank, Fridays, 7am-9am

April 24, Saturday, 3:00pm
St. Athanasius Interfaith Book Study
If Beale Street Could Talk
<https://zoom.us/j/92651020641>

April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00am – Hybrid Eucharistic service
12:00pm Zoom Breakout Rooms

May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00am – Hybrid Eucharistic service
12:00pm Hybrid Sermon Roundtable

May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00am – Hybrid Eucharistic service
12:00pm Breakout Rooms

May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:00 am – Congregational Meeting
11:00am – Hybrid Eucharistic service
12:00pm Breakout Rooms



Meet Ann Kinney-Eittinger

A cradle Episcopalian, Ann grew up in the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior in Faribault, Minnesota. Built as a Cathedral, its Bishop founded Episcopal schools; Ann's mother taught art and her father taught English in one of them. When Ann was 17, the family moved to Detroit for a year, where Steve Ballmer was a classmate. Ann majored in German at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, hoping to teach English in Germany but instead took a job in graphic arts in North Carolina, where her family had moved, and became a black + white photographer.

In the mid-80s, Ann worked in the music and film industries, and met future husband Georg Eittinger who was in L.A. on a work visa for Hans Weisshaar (<http://hansweisshaar.com>), maker/restorer/dealer of violins, violas, and cellos. When Georg's visa expired, Ann followed him back to Munich.

During a stint in London, Ann worked for The Body Shop and employed her passion for ecology, once demonstrating in a rabbit costume to protest using animals for testing cosmetics. She is proud to have served as a trustee of The Body Shop Foundation whose founder Anita Roddick promoted the role of corporations in practicing social responsibility and was Ann's mentor.

Next came Dallas and the birth of fraternal twins, Georgie and Chris, soon to be high school graduates. Then back to Southern California because Georg was offered the opportunity to buy the Hans Weisshaar company. Ann works there parttime, while pursuing her climate change activism with shoe strikes and her art. She learned charcoal and paint portraiture through several Zoom classes at the Creative Arts Group during the 2020 pandemic lockdown. Her true passion is copper enameling. View her art online: ArtistsGuildofAllSaints.com.

Ann appreciates the intimacy of St. A., Father Frank, singing in St. A's virtual choir, and the stimulating breakout room discussions.

Prayers and Thanksgivings



Betts Hall & daughters on Betts' 95th birthday

We pray for all affected by COVID-19, and for all who have died of it: **We** pray for people who do not trust the vaccine that they may understand its necessity and get vaccinated. **We** continue to pray for a cessation of hatred toward people in the transgender community, those in the Asian-American community, and for our Black and Latinx sisters and brothers who are being killed. **We** give thanks for justice in the Chauvin trial. **We** pray for an end to police brutality and for true police reform. **We** pray for an end to gun violence and for passage of sane gun control laws. **We** pray for those afraid to go outside for fear of being attacked and/or killed. **We** continue to pray for the cessation of violence, war, and oppression in Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, Syria, China, and Ethiopia. **We** pray for strength and courage to sustain Annie as she continues chemotherapy. **We** pray for Carminnie's health. **We** give thanks for the birthdays of Gerry Puhara, Saul Renteria, and Lydia Lopez. **We** give thanks for our blue/green Earth and climate change action.

Honoring the Earth in the 13th Century

St. Bonaventure (1221–1274) taught that to work up to loving God, one should start with the easier lesson of loving the very humblest and simplest things, and then move up. "Let us place our first step in the ascent at the bottom, presenting to ourselves the whole material world as a mirror, through which we may pass over to God, the Supreme Craftsman," he wrote. And further, "The Creator's supreme power, wisdom and benevolence shine forth in created things."

Worshipping at St. Athanasius In Person

The Vestry decided that English and Spanish Sunday Eucharists will be offered both in person and online on Facebook and Zoom for the indefinite future. For those joining us in person, please follow the guidelines listed below.

Guidelines:

1. All participants must wear face coverings during the entire service.
2. Please maintain 6' of distance between people at all times.
3. The passing of the peace will consist of holding the hands together in front of the chest and bowing at 6' distance.
4. There is to be NO congregational singing. You may lip sync or say the words quietly, but please do not join Rachel in singing. We will enjoy her voice solo for a while longer.
5. Please take the bulletin home with you. Do not leave it for others to pick up.
6. During the offering, the offering plate will be located on a table in the midst of the congregation. Please drop your offering in the plate. We will not be passing the plate among congregants.
7. The restrooms in the church building are available. Please assure that only one person uses the restroom at a time.
8. We are not allowed to have a coffee hour for the time being. We look forward to the day when we can do that.

Congregational Meeting, May 16, 10:00am **Part 2 By Father Frank, falton@ladiocese.org**

In the past decade, as the available funds in Corp Sole began to decrease, St. Athanasius's leaders started to strategize for a future without those funds. Recently, a series of proposals and agreements have been made between St. Athanasius and the Diocese to assure the ongoing sustainability of St. A. Support from Corp Sole will be completely eliminated in 2022. A Social Enterprise project is being prepared to generate income for both St. Paul's Commons and St. A.

One part of St. A.'s plan to become sustainable is to become a mission congregation, because that offers the possibility that additional funding from the diocese can be made available to St. A. But St. A. will continue to function in essentially the same way it has been for the past 25 years.

There are several steps in the process of becoming a mission congregation:

1. Two-thirds of the Vestry, including the priest, must vote to become a mission congregation.
2. A majority (61) of the members of the congregation must vote to become a mission congregation in a duly called congregational meeting with at least 25 days notice.
3. The congregation will apply for the change in status to the Bishop and Standing Committee.
4. The Bishop and Standing Committee must approve the change in status.
5. The congregation must dissolve its status as a Corporation in the State of California.
6. As a mission congregation, St. A. may apply for mission funding for 2022.

Please plan to attend this important meeting about St. A's future on May 16. Attendance will be taken, and members can vote in person, by text or chat, but 61 members are required. There will be opportunities to ask questions then or email me beforehand.

