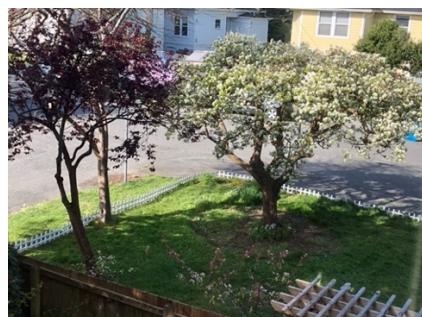


## Rector's Report (for vestry meeting on April 25, 2021)

- This month began with Holy Week services including Palm Sunday (142 views), Healing Holy Tuesday Compline (90 views on Facebook), Maundy Thursday (36 views), Good Friday (92 views), The Great Vigil (166 views), Easter Sunday (173 views). The Maundy Thursday service had to be removed and then re-uploaded due to technical difficulties. The original live video had 85 views. One priest in the diocese (the Rev. Susan Reeve of St. Brigid's in Rio Vista) said our Great Vigil service was the "Best. Vigil. Ever." A version of the Good Friday homily was published in [the Times-Standard](#) and a version of the Easter Vigil sermon was published on [Modern Metanoia blog](#). All of the Holy Week videos can be viewed on the [Holy Week 2021 Playlist](#) on the Christ Church Eureka YouTube channel.
- During Holy Week, we also offered two in-person gatherings: a Stations of the Cross service in the chapel on Good Friday and a [Holy Saturday Sacred Saunter](#) at Deacon Anne's home.
- On Easter Tuesday (April 6), I became part of the Humboldt COAD Launch Committee. The mission of the COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) is to develop and enhance partnerships within Humboldt County before and throughout all phases of a disaster. We are meeting on zoom once every two weeks or so. The new COAD coordinator is Alison Sterling Nichols (whose father happened to be an Episcopal priest: [the Rev. Tom Stoll](#)). The Launch Committee includes Laura Olson (Smullin Foundation), Anne Holcomb (Food for People), Ryan Derby (Sheriff's Office), Marty Coelho (CR), Gregg Foster, and representatives of Blue Lake Rancheria and St. Joseph Hospital.
- On Easter Thursday (April 8), I participated in an Executive Committee Meeting of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars. I have invited Dr. Stephen Lim, a Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Ming Hua Theological College of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (the Hong Kong Anglican Church) to be our special guest speaker at our "Teaching in Context" event on Saturday June 12 at 8 AM (PDT). You can learn more about it here: <https://aabs.org/upcoming-aabs-meetings/>
- On Easter Friday (April 9), Ashley and I received our first shot of the Moderna vaccine. We are scheduled to receive our second shot on Ashley's birthday May 7.
- Also on Easter Friday, I participated in a Requiem mass for Brother Thomas Schultz of the Order of the Holy Cross. He helped guide me through my ordination process and encouraged me in my doctoral program (see pic below).



- On Easter Saturday (April 10), we held a Sacred Saunter at Deacon Anne's home, celebrating [the feast of William Law](#). We have also held Sacred Saunters on April 17 ([Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha](#)) and April 24 (Feast of John Muir and Hudson Stuck) and plan to continue offering them throughout Eastertide, rain or shine.



- On Monday April 12, Ashley and I finally finished installing our small white picket fence for the front yard of the Transfiguration House (see pic on page 1). We plan to construct our second plant bed next week.
- On Thursday April 15, I participated in a Commission on Ministry meeting. At the meeting, we unanimously approved Katie Evenbeck for ordination. I have been serving as her liaison to the COM for the past couple years.
- On Saturday April 17, I participated in the diocesan Day of Discernment and served as the MC for a panel that included a priest (the Rev. Tom Gartin), a deacon (the Rev. Kate Sefton), a clergy spouse (Earl Cunningham), and an oblate of a religious community (our very own Stephanie Schultz). I will also be serving as the MC of the Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship Hope and Healing event tonight at 7 PM.
- On Tuesday April 20, I filed a Restraining Order against former parishioner Mike Morgan. I had received an email on April 14 from parishioner David Tschoepe who informed me that Mike had told him that as soon as churches re-open, he was going to "raise hell" at Christ Church. On another occasion, Mike told him that he was purchasing an assault rifle. On April 22, I learned that the Temporary Restraining Order had been granted, which means the police will be expected to confiscate his weapons. I have sent a copy of the Restraining Order to the Bishop's Office and will make another copy to keep in the church office.
- On Friday April 23, Bishop J. Jon Bruno died in his sleep of natural causes. He ordained me to the transitional diaconate in June 2013 and prayed for my father Bob, as they both suffered from acute myeloid leukemia. His last words to me were: "God bless you Dan be at peace." I'm a bit overwhelmed by this loss since he loomed so large in my early experiences of the Episcopal Church and my experience of postulancy, ordination, diaconate, and priesthood.

