



**Asc Saints'  
Memorial Church**  
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

*April 22, 2021 Parish messenger*

Come and worship  
Rejoice in fellowship  
Love and serve the Lord!

*Small Steps*

In Eucharistic Prayer C there are a few lines that I always want to linger on a bit: “God of all power...At your command all things came to be”. The prayer includes “this fragile earth, our island home” among those things that came to be.

Yes, this earth is fragile. As a globe, we are increasingly coming to understand this fragility. I don't need to enumerate the many crises we face right now in the United States and globally. We have work to do. But how?

I am a big believer in baby steps. We can't solve big problems like climate change or gun violence by ourselves. But even the smallest of actions can be a catalyst for sustained change.

I offer two examples. The first is a small organization in Providence called One Gun Gone. This non-profit came to our attention when we were cleaning out cabinets in the sacristy. We have many candle stubs that have been filling up those cabinets for some time. Gloria Perry called New Urban Arts to see if their young artists might be able to repurpose the candles. (Thank you, Gloria!) New Urban Arts connected her to Scott Lapham, founder of One Gun Gone.

The One Gun Gone website states, "We at One Gun Gone know that we need to start somewhere. We are starting here. We work to create a space where we can say we don't like gun violence in our communities, instead of just living with it." To this end, "One Gun Gone takes one gun off the street, makes art from that gun and sells that art to buy more guns off the street."

The non-profit took a mold from a handgun and made four different types of sculpture that speak to gun violence in the community. For example, the Cast Glass Gun Sculpture, so easily shattered, reminds of the fragility

of life. Lapham said, "A real gun often makes one feel invincible but its power is often an illusion that we hope is illustrated here."



One Gun Gone collaborates with schools, colleges, and non-profits to create artwork expressing students experiences and feelings about gun violence. Students learn how to cast sculptures in glass, wax, and crayons and market the art to raise funds for the larger mission of the organization. Our candle stubs will be integrated into the student art projects.

A second example of how small steps can move us to accomplish a larger goal comes from Earth Day.org. Today is Earth Day 2021. The site offers large and small ways each of us can participate in meaningful action on climate change. I share one small recommendation.

We all know that plastic damages the environment. Here is one initiative to reduce plastic use: “Carry a spare set of flatware that you can bring with you in your day-to-day life. Stash one at your desk or office and keep a set in your backpack or purse.” An action as easy as carrying a fork or spoon in your car can eliminate use of plastic utensils for food and beverages on the go. There are more, of course!

Yes, our earth is fragile. Today, let us take one tiny step forward in caring for God’s creation.

*Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.*

*Lord, in your mercy*

*Hear our prayer.*

—From *Prayers of the People*, Form IV, BCP

All are welcome to join our Sunday Service.

**Service of Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

*Sunday 9:30 a.m. Service*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUTo9>**

*Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164*

*Passcode: 674674*

Here is the program link:

**[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_easter\\_4\\_april\\_25\\_2021.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_easter_4_april_25_2021.pdf)**

Easter Peace,

Julie

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*Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study*

We welcome new participants. This week we will be discussing Hebrews, Chapters 1 & 2. Our discussion is from 12:15—1:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

**Here is the link for Noonday Prayer and Bible Study:**

Wednesday Noonday Prayer (12 p.m.) and Bible Study (12:15 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting:

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>**

Meeting ID: 854 5559 3827

Passcode: 674674

Here is the link to the service program: **scroll down on**  
**[allsaintsmemorial.org](http://allsaintsmemorial.org)**.

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*Instructions for Attending Church Services  
in the Building—Developed by the Vestry*

- Please enter through the side entrance next to St. Elizabeth's at 9:20.

- Please sanitize your hands as you enter the church. Hand sanitizer is available for your use as you enter/exit the building, and in the reserved pews.
- Please sit in a pew with the white, reserved sign.
- No singing during service.
- Masks and social distancing are required.
- For the Eucharist: please sanitize your hands before coming to the altar for Holy Communion.
- Once you receive the Eucharist, please consume the Eucharist once you have returned to your pew.
- Rest rooms are open (one stall in each).
- Please do not go into the Office or Rose Hall.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Thank you!

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## *Upcoming Events*

- **Apr 28:** Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Bible Study
- **May 2:** Youth Sunday

- **May 12:** Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom



## *Food Collection*

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food.

- April: canned fruit
- May: cold cereal
- June: rice

Thank you for your generosity!

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## PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, and Rose. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Joan, Maribeth Sneddon, Margaret Barney, Carolyn, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Teresa Clinton, Janice, Keith Malloy, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., and Patty Dunning.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Janelle Evans.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

***April 25, 2021***

*Fourth Sunday in Easter*

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12, Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 23, Barbara Badio

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24, Ed Boyer

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Prayers of the People: Bob Wells

***May 2, 2021***

*Fifth Sunday in Easter*

*Youth Sunday*

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Response: Psalm 22:24-30

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Prayers of the People

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*Publishing information:*

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, Apr 29. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, Apr 27. Please submit any articles or info you may have to ReeRee at **asmcri@verizon.net**.



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