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# Glorious Surprise

BY CHAPLAIN SUMARME

It's Monday of Holy Week, and spring is in the air. The beauty of cherry blossoms and the earthy scent of petrichor after rainfall are some of my favourite things about this season.

Lent has passed, and the church turns its gaze to Easter ... not a single day, but a season of fifty, unfolding over seven Sundays. This season offers time to explore the deep and wide-reaching impact of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, both for the church and the world it serves. It's a season to seek out signs of hope and new life, to name them and celebrate them together. As Christians walk this path together, we are strengthened to live more deeply in the way of Christ.

One detail in the Easter story that I keep coming back to is when Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" went to see the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid after the crucifixion (Matthew 28:1-10). These women had listened closely to Jesus' teachings. Even if they didn't fully understand them at the time, they remembered his words—that he "must go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly, be killed, and on the third day be raised." So, they went to the tomb, not just to mourn, but to see and to reflect. They went with eyes of faith, watching for signs of resurrection.

In short, the women arrived at the tomb, saw it open, encountered an angel, and then saw Jesus himself. Filled with awe and joy, they fell down in worship. Then Jesus sent them to tell the disciples what they had seen: that the unthinkable had become reality. The One, who was dead, is now alive. He has broken the power of sin and death.



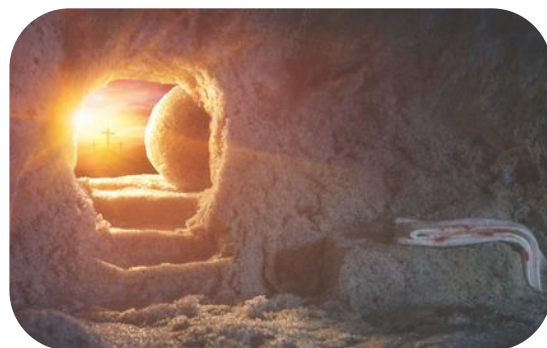
For some, Easter can be difficult to celebrate. In a world weighed down by collective stress, trauma, and global suffering, more visible than ever through social media, the joy of resurrection can feel distant, especially if you're facing a hard season yourself.

And yet, because God comes close to us in Jesus and remains with us through the Spirit, we can still celebrate the hope of new life, rising even in the midst of disappointment, grief, and lament. We live into the event of Christ's resurrection most fully when we, like the women at the tomb, dare to draw near and see what God is doing.

When we step into the places of pain and struggle, we're invited to look closely, to listen with compassion, and to recognize – in looking through the eyes of faith – the signs of resurrection breaking through. Because Christ is risen. Even now, witnessing resurrection may come only in glimpses **or in quiet ways ... signs of life showing up in hard places.**

We see it in doctors, nurses, and caregivers who serve the sick and vulnerable with determination. In grassroots organizers rallying for peace and justice. In neighbours who offer support, embrace differences, and stand in solidarity. In the courage of young activists fighting for a livable and sustainable planet. In communities rebuilding after disaster, choosing hope. In the perseverance of the overlooked or oppressed, who rise each day with love. In those struggling mentally and emotionally, yet sensing Divine strength in their healing. In all who turn toward God's mercy and away from death-dealing behaviours and attitudes.

These signs of resurrection speak. God is still at work, in solidarity with us, breathing life into what seemed lost, and giving us the deep, enduring hope that love is stronger than death. This is the mystery of our faith: Love and life conquered death. It's the glorious surprise!



## Resident Interview

Tomoko is a visiting professor in Asian Studies at UBC, and her family came from Seoul, South Korea.

- 1) **I enjoy...** staying in Vancouver.
- 2) **An important phrase to me is...** "Ichigo Ichie" in Japanese. It means "once-in-a-lifetime meeting."
- 3) **When I have free time, I like to...** go outside and take a walk.
- 4) **Living at St. Andrew's Hall has been...** an unforgettable experience.
- 5) **The most beautiful place I've been to so far is...** Emerald Lake in British Columbia.





# Spring Has Sprung

BY COMCO SILVA



It's hard to believe the 158 days of January are over, and we are now in April already. I hope you had a chance to see the stunning cherry blossoms on campus. A few weeks ago I went for a walk one sunny Saturday, and noticed a long line of people near the bookstore. Turns out they were queuing to take selfies by the pretty trees. Despite having lived in the area for many years, the sudden cherry blossoms always take me by surprise and bring immense joy to me. They are so beautiful and a sure sign that summer is indeed on its way.

What a great year we have had in the community! Annemeij's soup on Wednesdays, various study groups, knitting club and choir in the Centre on top of many other community events have really created a homey and comfortable community for us. Thank you for participating – your presence is valuable and I feel so grateful to have lived and learned alongside you this academic year.

Here are some resident and staff favourites from this year:

## Soup Nights

Getting a care package during exam season at just the right moment.

Our meals together, Wednesday's soup nights, and lunches after singing and learning at Tuesday's noon Chapel!

## Annemeij's chilli!

The fire alarm that made us have to be outside during the northern lights sighting!

## Amazing staff

The warm bowl of soup every Wednesday during the first semester. So bummed I had to miss out because I had a conflicting class during the second semester.

The snowfall in January that kept my apartment bright during the days it remained.

## My best friends

The Christmas Service with kids and young adult choir performing

## Bread from Doughgirls bakery

When the REAL Santa came to the SAH Chapel!

## Spring BBQ

## The International Potluck

Doing a directed studies research project all year and presenting at my first research conference.

My favourite experience at SAH this year has been our knitting club. It is so much fun and there is so much to enjoy at each meeting: learning to crochet, getting to know my neighbours, seeing completed projects, getting to know Mihye better (and seeing her amazing crocheting and knitting!), snacks, sitting around the fireplace... I look forward to every get together

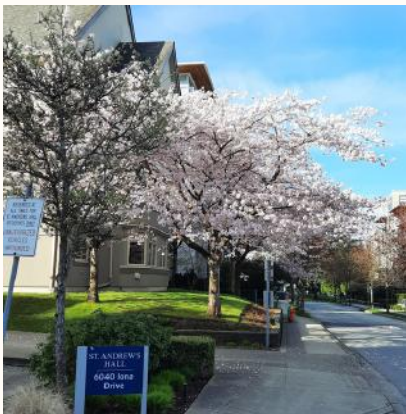
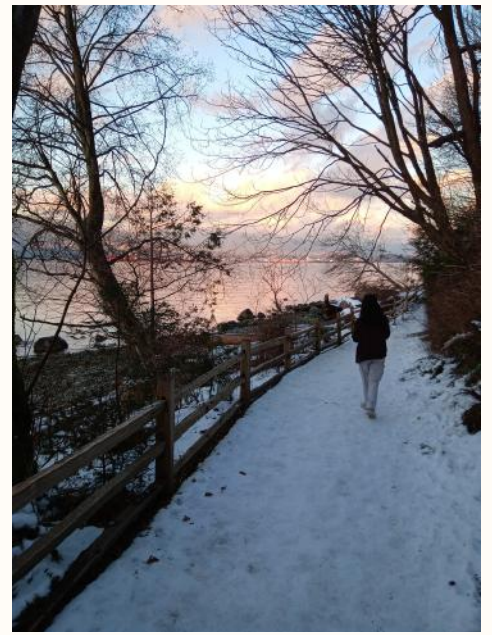
**Have a great summer, everyone!**



# YOUR PICTURES ON THE THEME OF



Something You Love



# OUR COMMUNITY IN PHOTOS

Spring BBQ



# Tabbouleh



Recipe from: <https://www.loveandlemons.com/tabbouleh/>

## INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground coriander
- Pinch cinnamon
- 3 cups finely chopped curly parsley, about 2 bunches
- 1 cup diced English cucumber
- 1 cup cored and diced tomato
- ⅔ cup cooked bulgur wheat\*
- ⅓ cup finely chopped fresh mint
- 2 scallions, chopped

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt, coriander, and cinnamon. Add the parsley, cucumber, tomato, bulgur, mint, and scallions and toss to combine.
2. Season to taste and chill until ready to serve

## Notes

\* To cook coarse bulgur, bring 2 cups of water to a boil in a medium pot. Stir in 1 cup dry coarse bulgur, cover, and remove from the heat. Let sit for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the bulgur is tender. Drain any excess water, then fluff with a fork. Measure 2/3 cup cooked bulgur for the salad, and save the rest for another use. Allow the bulgur to cool to room temperature before adding to the salad.

\* To prepare fine bulgur, place it in a bowl and cover with 1/2 inch of water. Soak for 20 minutes, or until tender. Drain.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS!

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Monday, April 21 @ 9:30 AM**  
Meet outside the Chapel



~ Weekly Events ~

**Soup Nights**  
*Resuming in September!*

**Christian Worship**  
*Resuming in September!*



## WRAPPING UP ANOTHER YEAR!

*A message from your editor*

Thank you all for your presence and involvement in our SAH community! I wish you each a beautiful summer and all the best on your continuing journeys - whether at UBC or beyond!

If you think of anything you would like to include in the next newsletter (in September), feel free to email me (claire.tyler.lin@gmail.com) or our Chaplain Sumarme (chaplains@standrews.edu).

Remember that we also have a SAH Buy Nothing group on facebook for residents to gift and receive items. You can join via this link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1B5xRemh29/?mibextid=wwXlfr> (contact me for any issues!).

Cheers,  
Claire

