

Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
Better Together 2021: A Faith Formation Mini-Conference
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Holy Week at Home: Ideas for Online Faith Formation
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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Seattle, has been working toward the full recovery and implementation of the Catechumenate for spiritual seekers who desire a closer relationship with Christ and the Church. These revolve around the "Passover of Our Lord" that is celebrated every Sunday but, especially, during the liturgies of Holy Week.

We have used "Becoming the Story We Tell," a free program from the Anglican Church of Canada to help our parish delve more deeply into the lectionary readings from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost. "Becoming the Story We Tell" is a process for entering into the deep drama of the gospel, and restoring the connection between our baptism and the story of Christ's Passion and Resurrection. In this process, the weekly lectionary readings, the liturgies of Lent and Easter season, Holy Baptism, and Holy Eucharist are opened to reveal their richness and deep meaning. You can access the hundreds of pages of material for this program here [Becoming the Story we Tell 2021.pdf \(rackcdn.com\)](https://www.rackcdn.com/files/2021/03/Becoming-the-Story-we-Tell-2021.pdf).

We developed some "mystagogical" reflection questions that appear at the end of our bulletin in Lent and Easter to invite the congregation to enter into the mysteries they have just celebrated liturgically. Mystagogy is a process of leading into the mystery. Or, perhaps a better way to say that is that mystagogy is initiation into that which is not yet fully revealed. Here is an example:

MYSTAGOGY

Exploring the implications of the liturgy

Following the service, we invite you to take the opportunity to reflect together on what it means to be a people shaped by liturgy. Reflect on what we did.

What did you see that you had not seen before?

What affected you most deeply?

What do these things say about us as a company of Jesus' disciples?

What do these things say about the new world that God is bringing into being?

What will it mean to live the way we pray?