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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

One Service at 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Mariann will be visiting us this Sunday. Also, the eight members of the Covenant Class will be Confirmed and our newly elected Parish Officers and Members of the Vestry will be Commissioned.



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SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

> **THURSDAYS** 6:30 p.m.—(TBA)

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## **A PASTORAL NOTE FROM FR. CHRIS**

Dear Parish Family,

I am writing to you today concerning the requirement to sign a Regathering Covenant in order to attend in-person worship services. Before you tune me out, please continue reading to the end.

While most parishioners have complied with this requirement (although some grudgingly), I must acknowledge that this has become a hurtful and divisive issue for some and it has kept those who do not agree with this requirement away from worship and our faith community as a whole.

The purpose of the Regathering Covenant is intended to be a public acknowledgement (awareness) and promise to follow safe regathering practices such as social distancing and wearing masks, etc. The second reason for the covenant follows along the same lines. Awareness of (and consequently adhering to) best practices will potentially better protect us from the liability of someone getting sick while attending in-person worship services. The hard truth is that our insurance does not protect us from a potential law suit if someone were to become ill from COVID-19 after attending a parish sponsored event. A law suit would be devastating to us. Nothing sinister is intended by the Regathering Covenant, but this hopefully will raise greater awareness of the need to be careful, and therefore protect us all on many different levels.

So where do we go from here? Following the example of Jesus, my intention is always to find the most pastoral way to respond situations, especially when they are causing hurt and sadness to a part of our parish family. Our Episcopal tag line is, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You." Not just folks who agree with those in charge, not just those with the loudest voices, but **ALL ARE WELCOME** at the table of the Lord.

I had a very thoughtful conversation with Bishop Mariann today. While Christ Church has been reportedly the only parish to resist the covenant to the degree it has, Bishop Mariann is very sensitive to the concerns that some of our members have regarding the signing of a covenant. A compromise has been reached and signatures will no longer be mandatory for attendance at worship services. Instead, by your presence at a service, you consent to the spirit of what the Regathering Covenant intends – you will adhere to best practices and will take all necessary precautions while at church as we continue to live in this time of COVID-19. In the spirit of this compromise, I have been given permission to revise the covenant to honor your conscience and your freedom to sign or not.

As I close, our time in the wilderness of COVID-19 has puts a strain on us and our sense of what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus in live in community with each other. It doesn't please Jesus simply because we are right. It pleases him when we are just, faithful, compassionate, and kind. Sometimes this requires flexibility and compromise in order to achieve this. While the Regathering Covenant has not totally gone away, I hope that this compromise is enough for all to feel welcome being back at church again and for us to put this divisive issue behind us and move forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to chat more about this.

Your faithful partner on the journey,

Chris+

# REVISED COVENANT FOR REGATHERING IN WORSHIP

# By my presence at Christ Episcopal Church in Chaptico, Maryland, I consent to the following:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Washington for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will strive to:

## Love my neighbor as myself

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part.
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non- symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant;

## Respect the dignity of every human being

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from others in the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others, even as restrictions are reduced.

## Seek and serve Christ in all people

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.

# Caster Flowers Memorials & Thanksgivings

Flowers and greens for the Easter vigil and Sunday services at Christ Church are made possible by your generous donations in Memory of or in Thanksgiving of a loved one.

The amount is purely voluntary, but the suggested contribution is \$35. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Donations need to be in hand by <u>Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup></u> so that the names of your loved ones may be published in the bulletins for the Easter services.

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#### CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

<u>Pray for Parish Members</u>: Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Mike Moore, Ben & Dorothy Pecson, Joan Schuhart, Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Cindy Donaldson, Betty Fuqua, Marilynn Butterfield, Georgia Hurry, Kathy Healy, and Helen Wright.

Also pray for: Lily Smith – Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler – Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling - Cooper; Marvin Jones - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy-Eaton; Frances Clemenos - Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto- Fitch; Krystal, Annabelle and Chase - Frawley; Debbie and William Windsor - Friess; Joe Fuller - Fuqua; Jessie Tysinger -Graves; Paul Marlo, Eric & Donna Frattini- Hailey; Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba, Lewie Jenkins, Helene Harhai-Harhai; Scott Peabody - Heflin; Lynn Boan - Jayroe; The Rev. Beverly Weatherly-Jubinski; Kay DesMarais – Kauffman; Jan Barnes, John Felicitas, John Cook, Karen Russell, Shannon Tierney – Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Chris Gass – Molish; Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker – Monshower; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis - T. Oliver; Dan Norris, Greg Rumpf, Erik Anderson, Anneliese Augustine-Penk; Lucy Cardwell and Rob Harding – Reeves; Jennifer Peacock – Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Shane Roberts, Johnny Schuhart, Johnny Keenan - Schuhart; Barbara Carlton-Shupe; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme, Margie Cheseldine – Simmons, Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker-Sirk; Mary Ellen Foster, Jackkie Dickey, Bob Russell, John Walker-Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle – Tierney; Candi Kocevar - Topolski; Robert Wesley - Wesley; Nicci DeVous, Kolby Inman - Tyner; Father Paul Brisbane - Wesley; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin, Johnny - Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Margaret Donahue-Wright.

#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—PALM SUNDAY

#### Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:

- Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4)
- Calvary Church, DC
- Church of the Atonement, DC



John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### <u>APRIL 14, 2019–THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION–PALM SUNDAY</u>

9:00 a.m.-Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

### MARCH 31, 2021-WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7:00 p.m.-Tenebrae (A service of darkness and light.)

#### APRIL 1, 2020-MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.–Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 8:00 p.m.–Night Watch Vigil until Good Friday Service

#### APRIL 2, 2021-GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m.—The Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament 7:00 p.m.—The Way of the Cross

#### APRIL 3, 2021-HOLY SATURDAY

6:00 p.m.-The Great Vigil of Easter and Holy Baptism

#### APRIL 4, 2021-THE DAY OF RESURRECTION-EASTER SUNDAY

Please RSVP at <u>www.cckqp.net</u> 8:00 a.m.–Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.–Holy Eucharist

# REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (MARCH 21, 2021) —PALM SUNDAY



Welcome to Christ Church. Today's liturgy is in two parts. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. After we hear Mark's account of that event, we give thanks over the branches which we carry. A procession then moves into the church building with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!"

The Old Testament reading is the poem of Isaiah describing the suffering of God's faithful servant. Originally referring to the suffering of Israel, which the prophet sees as bearing redemptive meaning for all people, this passage was understood by the first Christians to have been fully realized in Jesus' passion and death.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn announcing that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in power and divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about our redemption. During this week we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of Baptism, and rediscover the meaning of our sharing in Eucharist.

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# **Prayer Resources for Individual Devotion**

Resources for Prayer by the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

<u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>: This is a complete online version of the Book of Common Prayer.

<u>Neighborhood Prayer Walk</u>: Individuals are invited to take prayer walks in their neighborhood. This is a time of intentional prayer for our neighbors. This resource invites people to visit, stop, and pray for those places and people who we encounter on a regular basis. Jesus is in your neighborhood so join him.

A Morning at the Office podcast: An Episcopal Morning Prayer Podcast

<u>D365</u>: The online d365, with its format of Pause, Listen, Think, Pray, Go, provides daily scripture readings, reflection, and prayer for young people (although adults will find it inspiring as well). Users can subscribe through email or download the app. The format is succinct and engaging, start-to-finish requiring approximately five minutes.

<u>Pray As You Go</u>: An online portal (or app) to pray the scriptures. Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. It's aim is to help you to become more aware of God's presence in your life, listen to and reflect on God's word, and grow in your relationship with God.

<u>Daily Prayer</u>: This site offers the daily selections from Forward Day by Day, a liturgical calendar, and more resources to strengthen your faith and heart.

<u>Episcopal Church Prayer Wall</u>: Pray with us. Pray along with our community... or submit your own.

<u>Prayer at the Sound of Bells</u>, translated from prayers from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany, invites people to light a candle and pray for our current reality, for those most impacted by it, and for those ensuring our care, safety, and wellbeing. Churches could invite parishioners to pray this prayer at the same time on a designated day of the week.

<u>A Pandemic Prayer Litany for Policy Officers and First Responders</u> helps people of faith support with prayer those first responders who serve in our cities and towns to keep us safe. Consider praying this prayer each day, alone or with others in your household.



#### March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday (B) The Sunday of the Passion

"Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life."

Today is the first day of Holy Week and the last Sunday in Lent, known as Palm Sunday or the Sunday of the Passion. The day begins by marking Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Many churches participate in the Liturgy of the Palms, first offered in The Episcopal Church in the 1960 *Book of Offices*. In this liturgy, the celebrant blesses palms or other branches, and, following a reading from the Gospels, leads the congregation in procession into their church—often singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" or "Ride Onl Ride On In Majesty!"

This liturgy evokes the early observances of Palm Sunday. According to Armentrout and Slocum's An *Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* (Church Publishing, 2000), by the year 381, the faithful would process from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem, waving palm or olive branches. As they processed, they sang songs from Scripture – including the exultant antiphon of Psalm 118 sung at Christ's entrance into the city: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

When the Palm Sunday service includes the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Palms is followed by the salutation and the collect of the day. Afterward, the tone of the service shifts noticeably. In contrast to the earlier song of joy, Psalm 31, appointed for today, cries, "For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life." The Gospel reading is likewise sorrowful, recalling the events of Jesus' Passion (that is, the events and suffering before and during his death). Still, we are reminded throughout the difficult days ahead that this is *not* the end of the story.



Despite the Savior's death on the cross, he promises to rise again. The Man of Sorrows remains the one at whose name, "every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [and] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

#### Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 219).

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# **RITES OF PASSAGE**

Please forward Birthday and Anniversary information to Fr. Chris at <u>frchris@cckqp.net</u>

#### April Birthdays

1 Dwight Williams 2 Lisa Bolton 4 Dorothy Pecson 5 John MacBryde 6 Barbara Lacey 9 Donna McDonald 9 Kyle Dean 12 Ebie Cooper 13 Michael Oliver 15 Sue Blackwell 17 Arleen Oliver 20 Betsy Franklin 20 Tom Oliver 22 Susan McQuilkin 24 Herbie Redmond

#### March Anniversaries

30 Coletta & Tom Oliver <u>April Anniversaries</u> 4 Helen & Monty Wright 7 Debbie & John Dorsey 8 Cindy & Bob Donaldson 14 Donna & Eddie McDonald 24 Dorothy & Ben Pecson

#### Op the Lighter Side...



A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?"

One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"

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