## THE MESSENGER

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## **DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

For all the latest parish updates, and links to home worship aids, prayers, and health resources go to:

www.cckqp.net

Worship this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am livestreamed from Christ Church in Chaptico!

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music 6:30 p.m.—The Way of the Cross (Livestreamed)

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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Bishop of Washington

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# Bishop Mariann extends suspension of public worship until May 16



March 16, 2020

The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved . . .Psalm 46:1-2

Dear Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington,

I give thanks to God for each of you and for your courage and creativity as we all adjust to the constraints required of us. Your entire diocesan staff is praying for you, that you may feel Christ's abiding presence as you tend to your loved ones and all within your sphere of pastoral concern. We are here to support you in any way we can.

I write with further guidance regarding worship service suspension and to advise you of regional clergy telephone gatherings that we are scheduling for tomorrow and Wednesday, March 17 and 18.

In keeping with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent recommendation to cancel or postpone all gatherings of 50 or people for the next 8 weeks and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, I am instructing all public services and other church gatherings be suspended until May 16th.

Rest assured that if these recommendations are lifted--and we all pray that this crisis passes sooner--I will re-open our churches gladly. For now, I want us all to have sufficient clarity to prepare for what lies ahead, most notably, Holy Week and Easter Sunday without physically gathering in church.

The spiritual, pastoral and financial implications of this pandemic are beyond what any of us can fully grasp or predict. But you belong to a diocesan community and we are in this together.

As I write, Canon Andrew Walter and your regional deans are working to schedule clergy video/ telephone gatherings for tomorrow and Wednesday. Please watch for a notice from your dean and make your call a priority. I will be present for all of them, along with members of the senior diocesan staff. We want to hear your concerns, share your good suggestions and resources, and make plans together for the coming weeks. The diocesan staff are working to address financial hardships, coordinate resources, and ensure needed care, doing all we can to ease the load for you and your people.

The storm we are in will one day pass and getting through it is our primary task. How we pray now, how we lead now, how we support one another and our people now, how we serve our community in Christ's name now will inform our future ministries far longer than the storm itself.

Remember that Jesus is in the boat with us.

Faithfully,

+ Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde

# Rescheduled Events

(Subject to Change)



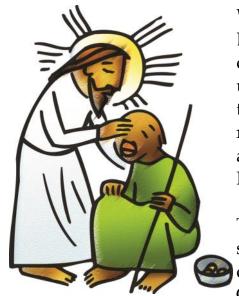
St. Patrick's Dinner
New Date
Saturday, June 20, 2020

Strawberry Pestival
New Date
Sunday, June 21, 2020



### **REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### (MARCH 22, 2020) —FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Welcome to Christ Church on the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. This gospel reading has been used since early days of the church to help those preparing for baptism understand the process of enlightenment they are going through. In this story, the blind man progresses from the restoration of his physical sight to a deeper enlightenment about God until he is able to recognize Jesus as his Redeemer.

The first reading takes us to the point in the history of salvation when David is chosen by God as king. As is so often the case with the outstanding heroes of the faith, God's choice is not apparent to those who evaluate by

human standards. David's anointing is an image of our own baptism in which God chose us and set us apart not for our own merits but because God loves us.

The second reading describes how those who have been baptized and now live in the light will carry on their lives. The final verse may be an ancient Christian baptismal hymn.

We, like the man born blind, are now awake and filled with the Light from Light through our baptism. As we continue in our Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter, enlightened by God's Word and nourished by the sacraments, we find ourselves in the company of a great family of believers. Let us continue to pray for those preparing to be enlightened and anointed in baptism by the Holy Spirit at Easter.



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#### CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

<u>Pray for Parish Members</u>: Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Martin Hailey, Mike Moore, Ben Pecson, Dorothy Pecson, Virginia Raley, Joan Schuhart, Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Shelby Oppermann, and Robbie Loker.

Also pray for: Lily Smith - Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler - Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling, Diane Byram - Cooper; Marvin Jones, - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs - Eaton; Frances Clemenos – Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anne Powell – Fitch; Irma Graves, Brenda Bel-<u>lere</u> - Franklin; **Debbie and William** Windsor - Friess; **Joe** Fuller - Fuqua; **Linda** Dickerson, **Donna** Frattini - Hailey; Scott Peabody - Heflin; Gretchen Jubinski - Jubinski; Kay DesMarais - Kauffman; Betty Mintz-Monshower; Jan Barnes, John Felicitas, Karen Russell, Shannon Tierney-Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs - M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis - T. Oliver; Maura Sullivan - Penk; Fauna Sullivan – Raley; Jennifer Peacock – Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Taylor Nee, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Larry Costello, Shane Roberts, Johnny Schuhart, Carol Campbell - Schuhart; Barbara Carlton - Shupe; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme - Simmons, Carli Trost, **Donna Mae** Duggin, **Eddie** Becker, **Jackie** Sirk Lacey--Sirk; **Mary Ellen** Foster, **Jackkie** Dickey -Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle - Tierney; Joann McGilloway - Tyner; Bruce Tobiasson, Ed Poplin - Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher-Wright.

#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—4 LENT

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

- Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House
- The Annunciation (March 25)





# The Way of Love in Lent 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Feb 26	27	28	29	Mar I
Reflections from "Living the Way of Love" by Mary Bea Sullivan (Church Publishing, 2019). Used with permission.		Bless What challenges are you facing today? Job 11:18	Worship How do you want to prepare people to remember you? 2 Cor. I:3-4	Pray Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention. Isa. 2:3a	Learn How is the Jesus who walked this earth beckoning you to meet him? Mark 10:46-52	1st Sunday of Lent
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Turn How might you share what brings you great joy with others? Rom. 12:6-8	Rest How do your creative outlets impact on taking rest? Gen. 1:1-2:4	Turn How did you turn back towards God's love when you made a big mistake? Luke 15:18	Rest What can you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest and joy? Lev. 23:3	Go Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness? Matt. 5:4	Bless Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings. Gen. 2:7	2nd Sunday of Lent
9	10	II	12	13	14	15
Worship How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ! John 1:12-13	Pray Take 20 minutes in contemplative prayer today. Matt. 4:18-22	Rule of Life How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God? John 7:38	Learn Practice lectio divina with this scripture. Luke 15:17-24	Turn What relationships do you need to mend? Isa. 55:8-9	Rest How do you incorporate rest in your life! Jer. 6:16	3rd Sunday of Lent
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Go Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world? Isa. 48: 6b	Bless Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life! Who have you taught! 2 Cor. 4:16	Worship What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ? Ps. 51:10	Rule of Life How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit? John 15:5	Pray What are you thankful for? I Chron. 29:15	Learn Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God? Ps. 119:105	A COUNTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PA
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Turn Where do you find joy and passion? Luke 24:32	Rest How can you incorporate rest from technology today? Matt. 11:28	Go Create a prayer representing how you seek to serve God and follow Jesus. Matt. 5:15	Bless When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open? Matt. 12:43-44	Rule of Life How do others experience the love of Christ through you? Gal. 5:22-23	Worship What is most meaningful to you in worship? BCP prayer, p. 281	5th Sunday of Lent
30	31	April I	2	3	4	5
Pray Listen to the daily office today at missionstclaire.com Ps. 55:17	Learn What passage of scripture is important to you Why? Isa. 40:8	Turn Today,	Rest How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal?  1 Kings 19:11-12	Go Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you? Jer. 30:22, 31:4-5	Rule of Life Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life? 2 Cor. 3:6	Palm Sunday
6	7	8	9	10	II	12
Go Where are you being encouraged to "show up"? Matt 25:44-45	Bless Intentionally smile at least ten times today. Phil. 4:4	Worship In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you? Phil. 4:6	<b>Pray</b> Try praying with Anglican prayer beads. Luke 18:1	<b>Learn</b> Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today? Matt 4:18-22	Way of Love Where do	



March 22, 2020 – Lent 4 (A) Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Bless

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent. Learn more at episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed.

#### READ Ezekiel 36:24-28

In the passage from Ezekiel, we see that God *blesses* the Israelites through the act of sprinkling them with clean water. This reading reminds us that we, too, are blessed by God through the waters of baptism. Some congregations practice asperging (the sprinkling of holy water on the people) in the Easter Vigil after the renewal of baptismal promises.

As noted, a major element in the ancient rite was turning from sin and renouncing the things that draw us from the love of God. We are called to renounce the idols we worship in place of God. Now, from our modern viewpoint, we might not think we worship idols; however, idols are not simply images of other gods. Rather, an idol is anything to which we assign ultimate value in our lives – those things we spend our time, talent, and treasure serving other than God. Our job, power, money, reputation, certain relationships, or anything that pulls on our heart more than God – these are idols.



While idols seem momentarily satisfying, they eventually harm our relationship with God and limit our capacity or willingness to live for others. Often, we cling to idols out of an attitude of scarcity; we desire what we think we do not have. When our hearts are focused on an idol, they are bound up and clenched shut like a heart of stone. Only when we turn to God will our hearts be opened so that we can, in turn, open our hearts in blessing to others. When we realize that there is enough of God's love for us, we no longer cling to the idols of old that can never give us that sense of abundance. Once we are secure in that abundance, we will leap to bless others with our stories, our money, our time, and our hearts.

**REFLECT:** Blessing is necessarily relational, an affirmation of our belovedness as fellow children of God. Take a few minutes to consider what you have spent the most time, money, or worry on in the last week. What amount of attention or time do they take relative to resources spent in direct relationship with God? Did these things keep you from blessing others? Or are they a blessing?

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- 3 Alyssa Bolton
- 5 Brad Reeves, Jr.
- 9 Carol Jubinski
- 9 Linda Deatrick
- 11 Bill Bennett
- 11 Jason Dean
- 11 Virginia Raley
- 13 John Deatrick
- 15 Caroline Baldwin
- 19 Dawn Tierney
- 20 James Westerfield

#### **March Anniversaries**

25 Suzanne & Marvin Smith 30 Coletta & Tom Oliver



On the Lighter Side...



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