



Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.
—*Matthew 21:9*

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Conference Call

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WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!

WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.

WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.

DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).

ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU") , PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.

YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

PRIEST: The Rev. Allen Wakabayashi

DEACON: The Rev. Ted Foley

LECTORS: Jeff Genthe, Matthew Genthe

INTERCESSOR: Cathy O'Neill

VOICES OF THE PASSION:

NARRATOR: Jeff Genthe

JUDAS, PILATE, CENTURION: Tom Chant

DISCIPLE, HIGH PRIEST, CROWD: Dale Chant

JESUS, CROWD: Steve Gwin

PETER, JEREMIAH: Ted Foley

WITNESS, CROWD, BYSTANDER: Petrina Pyatt

SERVANT GIRL, CROWD, PILATE'S WIFE: Joanne Gwin

The Sunday of the Passion: **PALM SUNDAY**

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The following anthem is said, the people standing

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Priest Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

Here the Deacon reads the following

Matthew 21:1-11

Deacon A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Priest then says the following blessing

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Priest It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. 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; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People *Amen.*

Priest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People *Hosanna in the highest.*

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Priest Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

HYMN 154, vs. 1,3,4

All Glory, Laud, and Honor to Thee

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s Name comest, the King and Blessed One.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Priest Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

The following is said by all.

THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING

Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The following is said by all

PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for the following readings

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM

Psalms 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Phillipi.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Please remain seated.

The Deacon announces the Gospel with the following.

Deacon

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The usual response is omitted.

Then the Passion is read, the congregation reading the parts indicated.

At the end of the Passion, the usual responses are omitted.

Please remain seated.

Narrator

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests.

Judas

What will you give me if I betray him to you?

Narrator

They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. — On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus.

Disciple

Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover

Jesus

Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, “the Teacher says, my time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”

Narrator

So the disciples did as Jesus directed them and prepared the Passover meal. — When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve, (while eating)

Jesus

Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator They became greatly distressed and began to ask him

Disciple Surely not I, Lord?

Jesus The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one to not have been born.

Judas Surely not I, Rabbi?

Jesus You have said so.

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it and gave it to his disciples.

Jesus Take, eat; this is my body.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them.

Jesus Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you in my Father's kingdom.

Narrator When they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus You will all become deserters of me this night; for it is written "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Peter Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Jesus Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Peter Even though I must die with you, I will never deny you.

Narrator Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane.

Jesus Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

Jesus I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here and stay awake with me.

Narrator Going a little further, he threw himself on the ground and prayed.

Jesus My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping.

Jesus So, could you not stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator He went away for the second time.

Jesus My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them he went and prayed for a third time. Then he came back to the disciples.

Jesus Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of the sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign.

Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus.

Judas Greetings, Rabbi! (and kissed him)

Jesus Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator Then they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Jesus Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you not think I can appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would scripture be fulfilled, which say that it must happen in this way? (Turning to the crowd) Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and elders had gathered. Peter followed at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards to see how this would end. The chief priest and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward.

Witness This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

High Priest Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator Jesus was silent.

High Priest I put you under oath before the living God; tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

High Priest He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy? What is your verdict?

Crowd Kill him.

Narrator They spat at him and slapped him in the face.

Witness (Jeering) Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator Meanwhile Peter was sitting in the courtyard. A servant girl saw him.

Servant Girl You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Peter I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant girl saw him.

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Peter (swearing) I do not know the man.

Narrator After a little while a bystander came up.

Bystander Certainly you are one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Peter (swearing profusely) I do not know the man.

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed and Peter remembered.

Jesus Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.

Narrator He went out and wiped bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

Judas I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

High Priest What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple he went and hanged himself.

High Priest (taking the pieces of silver) It is not lawful to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.

Narrator After conferring together, they used it to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Thus was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on a man's head, according to Israelite tradition, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.

Narrator Jesus stood before the governor, Pilate.

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus You say so.

Narrator The chief priests and the elders accused him, but he did not answer.

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator But he gave him no answer, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had an notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him word.

Pilate's Wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Crowd Barabbas

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowd Crucify him!

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and wash his hands before the crowd.

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood, this is your doing.

High Priest Let his blood be on us and your children.

Narrator Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him.

Crowd Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. — They led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene, named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. When they came to a place called Golgatha (which means place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it he would not drink it. When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots. They sat down and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

Bystander You, who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! — If you are the son of the God, come down from that cross!

Narrator The chief priest, scribes and elders also mocked him.

High Priest He saved others, he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and he will believe! He trusts in God; let God deliver him, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son'.

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. About three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice.

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator Which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Some of the bystanders heard it.

Bystander This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator One of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

Bystander Let us wait and see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator Then Jesus cried with a loud voice and breathed his last. — At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn into from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those with him, were who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified.

Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provide for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. — When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. — The next day, that is after the day of Preparation, the chief priest and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate.

High Priest Sir we remember what that imposter said while he was still alive, ‘after three days I will rise again’. Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘he has been raised from the dead’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Pilate You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator They went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Allen Wakabayashi

HYMN 158, VS. 1,2,4,5

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.
For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon calls the people to prayer, saying

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially our bishops Michael and Chip; our priests Allen and Petrina; our deacons Ted, Jose and Lew; for all those considering a vocation to ordained ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President and Phil our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Rejoicing for the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings we now name.....and for all our blessings. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those who are ill and suffering, for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus, especially those we now name.....; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list, especially Maura, Erin, Darrell, Diane, James, and for those we name at this time..... and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Evy Heid, Patricia, Russell, and for those we now name beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People *Amen.*

Please listen to the following prayer

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap
our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
to our neighbors. Amen.

by Cameron Bellm, a Seattle mom of two young boys. She calls herself "a great lover of Ignatian spirituality, Catholic social teaching, and strong black coffee."

The following is said by all

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, Save us from the time of trial'since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

The following is said by all

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The Deacon then says

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The people bow and the Priest says the following prayer

Priest Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.

HYMN 435, VS. 1,2,4

At The Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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PARISH NEWS

WELCOME FR. ALLEN WAKABAYASHI! We thank you for being with us for today's Service. "Fr. Allen serves as the Chaplain for the Episcopal Church at Princeton. Fr. Allen is married to his wife (also a priest in the Diocese), Mtr. Diane Mumma-Wakabayashi. Fr. Allen is in his 2nd year serving as the Episcopal Chaplain at Princeton. Prior to that, he had served for many years as a Campus Minister and a local church pastor outside of the Episcopal Church context. He was born and raised in Chicago."

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES WHILE AT HOME

There will be daily LIVE Services available. Look for this Email and Information posted on Church website COMING SOON!

JOIN US FOR "SERVICE" FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME!

During this time of "public service suspension" your Clergy and Staff are providing multiple times a week live and recorded services via phone and email.

The current weekly schedule of live services via phone are:

Sundays, 9:45am — Wednesdays, 10:00am — Fridays, 7:00am

We plan to have each service recorded and then provided to you via email as well as posted on our website www.christchurchtomsriver.org.

To listen to the live service please:

Dial: 712-770-5505

Enter Access Code: 189853#

If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL: If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible. Or 2) Email NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org and she will reply as soon as possible. We are also receiving our USPS mail.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing "ok" amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

REST IN PEACE: Evy Heid, April 3, 2020

CORONAVIRUS DISCRETIONARY FUND: While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May God bless us all. We will get through this together. **
Thank you to all that have given to this fund. As of April 2nd, there is a balance of \$6,730.50.

The **FOOD PANTRY** is now only OPEN on Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm. Currently **MOST IN NEED OF: Rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned carrots, tomatoes, stew, chili, sugar, 'vegetarian' vegetable soups, low sodium soups, dry beans.**

If you feel comfortable dropping off non-perishable food donations, our volunteers are happy to receive on Tuesdays between 9:30 & 11:30am. If this time frame does not work for your schedule please contact Claire clairekoerner1503@gmail.com or call/text (732) 600-5709. If not comfortable or not able to do any shopping but still want to help, gift cards to Shop Rite and Stop & Shop as well as monetary donation with "food pantry" in memo of your check is also greatly appreciated. Please mail to Christ Church, 415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753. Any Questions, contact Claire! Thank you for your continued support!

THE EASTER GIVING TREE: Even though physically taking a tag off the giving tree is not possible at this time, please consider picking up a Gift Card as you are able and only if you are at a store getting your necessities. The Christ Church Food Pantry is still open its regular hours to assist those who are in desperate need of food. Since the Christ Church Food Pantry relies heavily on food donations from our parish and due to the current pandemic, gift cards will be helpful more than ever now to be able to help families in need in both our parish and community. Gift Cards in any increment to the following stores are appreciated: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Wawa, QuickCheck. You may mail to Christ Church, 415 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753...or hold on to them until you return to Church. Thank you for all your continued support!

WEEKLY FINANCES: During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending March 27, we received \$5,823.34 in pledges and loose offerings. Thank you for your continued giving during this time.

CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19: Our pews will be empty for the next several weeks, that also means our collection plate is empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our weekly worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check to the office (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in church, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

BECKER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP: ATTN: High School Seniors and College Students! Completed applications must be submitted by May 7. Need the application? Reply to this email and we will email it to you. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica DeRiggi at jessderiggi@gmail.com or 732-330-9092.

THE ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE scheduled for May 14 & 15 has been **CANCELLED**. We will hope for better and healthier circumstances in September for a Fall Sale.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD WE KNOW ABOUT IT? Do the people who care about you know to notify the church right away in case of your hospitalization, or an accident, or an extended illness, etc.? Please give them the church's contact information with clear instructions to contact us right away. We hope to be praying for you during any incidents rather than after the fact. Thank you!!

BIRTHDAY CLUB: We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it's our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **Total contributions for the month of March are \$146 (2 birthdays)!**

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