

St. John's Journal

April 2020



Worship Schedule

For now, gatherings are suspended as our nation and world deal with the coronavirus.

If you have internet access by cell phone or computer, please join with Fr. Doug in Sunday Morning prayer on YouTube.

April Birthdays

4: Donna Flammang

12: Lara Mickle

27: Russell Harrison

28: Sally Glunt

30: Roy Arnoldt

The Priest's Notes

We live in interesting times. I know, that is not an original statement.

What is true is that we live in a time where we need to function with some flexibility and creativity, as well as caution. We are all facing in our personal lives choices about how we will deal with the threat of the coronavirus. We are having to figure out how to protect ourselves. But more importantly, we are faced with an opportunity to consider how to protect and care for other people.

Some of us gathered for the Online Coffee Hour Sunday morning. It was a great opportunity to connect with each other, to laugh together and to share how we are reaching out to help others. There were stories of caring for loved ones, reaching out to neighbors and making masks for those working in the medical field. We will be sending out an email to everyone we have an email address for with the information about this coming Sunday's Coffee Hour.

Our leaders are taking steps to call us to limit our movements and keep our distance from each other in order to slow and reduce the spread of the virus. But such steps are not always what we want to hear. In consultation with government leaders and other church leaders, Bishop Hanley has given a pastoral directive that all in person corporate worship is cancelled through April 14. He encourages us to accept this as an opportunity "to practice a Lenten fast of public worship." The hard part is that we will be apart during Holy Week. How can we follow Jesus to the cross and celebrate his resurrection?

I am developing some ideas of how we can mark Palm Sunday through Easter. At this time, I don't have any great ideas for Maundy Thursday, but I will be offering The Way of the Cross online on Friday and a portion of the Great Vigil for Saturday evening. I don't yet have specific plans for Easter morning, but I am working on that. This is a time for creativity.

I suspect that the Bishop will extend this cancellation of in person corporate worship beyond April 14 given that he has also cancelled all Diocesan events through all of April and into May. This includes the cancellation of our Celebration of New Ministry that had been scheduled for April 29th.

This is also a time that is pushing us into new opportunities. I would encourage those who access these videos to share them with people they know who might appreciate them. We will be extending the reach of St. John to people who may not have been touched by our congregation in the past. In this time of "social distancing," it is an opportunity to reach out to those who are not closely tied to St. John. Our life together with God can extend its reach to those who are distant.

Another opportunity is for us to extend the foundation of our worship life into our homes. If you have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer at home, you have a resource for your own prayer life and scripture reading. If you do not have one, consider ordering one delivered to your home. I recommend the "Chancel" version of the 1982 BCP because it is a more readable size. It is available through Amazon. Or you can download a pdf version of the BCP from

episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

Here are my suggestions of parts of the BCP that you might find most helpful.

BIBLE READING

The Daily Lectionary (a two-year cycle)	p.934
Sunday Lectionary (a three-year cycle that could be read in preparation for Sunday morning or if one has to miss worship that week)	p.888
The Psalms (marked so that they can be read in a 30-day cycle, morning and evening)	p.585

WORSHIP

The Daily Office can be used as a whole or as little as one of the offices as a daily devotional practice, which can include one of the lectionary cycles.

A simpler form is the Devotions for Individuals and Families p.137

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“Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another.”

The Priest's Notes (continued from preceding page)

PRAYERS

Prayers and Thanksgivings provides sample prayers that can guide our prayer p.810
life under a variety of circumstances and needs.

STUDY

Outline of the Faith p.845
Historical Documents p.864

The other thing that I want to make certain that is clear is that while I am not physically available to you as much as we would like, I am only a phone call, a text or an email away. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, any concerns or you have suggestions about how I might best support you and the rest of the congregation during this challenging time. Contact me if you have concerns about anyone in our congregation. Contact me if you are troubled and need support. I have already had a few conversations and am ready to talk when you need to.

May God bless us in these difficult times.

The Peace of Christ be with you,

Fr. Doug

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Revised Common Lectionary**April****April 5: Palm Sunday:**

*Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14-2:68.*

April 12: Easter Day

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18.

April 19: 2nd Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-23; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

April 26: 3rd Sunday after Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

Good Neighbors Contributions

Myra Lawson reported that for March, St. John contributed 18 pounds of non-perishables to Bandon's food pantry, Good Neighbors. Because Cranberry Sweets contributes their seasonal overproduction through us, our weight is low this month. Please remember our hungry neighbors when we resume gathering together.

Our Prayer List**Please keep the following in your prayers and thoughts:**

Myra & Jim; Juanita; Susan Foreman; James; Sue Warren; Bea Bone; Kelly; Michelle; Mike Lane; Daniel Undell; Kathy; Mike Fitzgerald; Melissa Lawson; Brady, Lori & Jay; Sandy Bourne; Kimberly Small-Jonas; Zoe Bloom; Donna & Kevin Bloom; Marilyn Pratt; Bill, Matthew, & Steven the Gaffney family; Deanna; Sheri; Debbie; in our Southwest Convocation: St. James, Coquille; St. Andrew, Florence; St. Mary, Gardiner/Reedsport; St. Matthew, Gold Beach; St. Christopher, Port Orford; in Bandon's BMA cycle of congregations: Unity; Bandon Christian Fellowship' Faith Baptist, First Baptist; in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Andrew, Cottage Grove; St. Thomas, Dallas; St. David, Drain; St. Mark, Medford; St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukie; St. Hilda, Monmouth; Trinity Cathedral, Portland'; Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, Portland; Good Samaritan Foundation; Holy Spirit, Sutherlin; St. James, Tigard.

Attend Church Even While We Cannot Gather!

Fr. Doug is presenting a beautiful service of Morning Prayer on YouTube each Sunday. Even if you do not have a computer but have internet connection, use your Smart Phones to log on. He is also having Coffee Hour on Sundays, also available through your Smart Phones. Expect something lovely and reverent for Palm Sunday, too.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6	7 6:30 ACOA 8:00 AA	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Easter Day</i> He is risen!	13	14 8:00 AA	15	16	17	18
19 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	20	21 8:00 AA	22	23	24	25
26 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	27	28 8:00 AA	29	30		

Greetings to my St. John family;

I hope you are keeping safe and sane while limiting your physical interaction with people. I'm fortunate to have a couple of family in my household to alleviate loneliness while at the same time making it more complicated to limit potential exposure to the virus. I was disappointed when I learned we won't be worshipping together at church the remainder of Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and possibly beyond. I felt sad and a little anxious. Last Sunday it was very comforting to join in the Morning Prayer service provided by Father Doug on YouTube. Hearing the homily written just for us in this time and place provided the guidance and encouragement I needed. The topping on the cake was taking part in the first coffee house on Zoom. It was fun to see the faces of those folks who were online and to try speaking one at a time!

Tomorrow I will go to the church office to review the bills and deposits before they are entered in the computer by our bookkeeper. Later I sign and mail the checks. Most of the church's bills will remain the same during the time we are not attending worship in person. I pray that it will not be long before we will be together again. In the meantime, please mail your contributions and pledge payments to St. John Church, PO Box 246, Bandon OR 97411. Keeping current on our income and bills will mean we are ready to carry out whatever God gives us to do next.

Thank you,
Kay Marino

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows unto the Most High. Psalm 50:1-4

BAC

Senior Warden Denise Skillman
Junior Warden Tom Glunt
Clerk: Sally Glunt
Treasurer Kay Marino

Members at Large: Laurea Arnoldt, Mary Garrett, Judy Jackson, Caroline McKemy, Lani Reynolds.

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W H O W E A R E

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.