

March 19, 2020

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

In a recent communication from Bishop Doyle, he said : “Worship and prayer is for mutual support and mission. It is to glorify God and remind us of our common love for God and one another. It is about God’s desire for our communal human flourishing. It is something that happens everywhere and always. It is something that breaks out of our constraints at moments like this and reveals the truth of Jesus’ teaching. “

In that spirit, we look at the ways that Calvary can flourish communally in sharing our time together differently. We are together, separately.

### **Worship Services and Programs**

For the next few Sundays, Rev. Lecia will lead us through the Service of Morning Prayer. You may go to Calvary FaceBook Live to view the service as it happens at 10:30AM, or you may go to it anytime that’s convenient for you. Each Sunday service, as well as the recent Choral Evensong, are there for viewing. You can link to Calvary FaceBook directly, or through our website or the weekly eblasts.

Rev. Lecia is also examining what other resources we can share online as we walk this virtual path together. Presiding Bishop Curry will give an address each Monday through May on “Habits of Grace.” We will let you know other good sources from which to draw comfort. Perhaps you have seen or listened to something that spoke to you. Share it with us all!

The Lenten programs are not continuing, and all internal and external groups who meet at the church have been notified that the building is closed. Calvary Episcopal Prep faculty are preparing their lesson plans for online learning.

### **Church Hours**

We have shortened church hours, with a skeleton staff. The office is open Monday-Wednesday, from 9AM -noon. We will retrieve messages regularly, and all staff are available by email. Staff contact info is on the website.

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### **Church Pledges**

The work of the church continues. Please be mindful of maintaining your pledge. You may mail a check to the church, or give online through the Calvary website. Find the “Giving/ Donate” tab. If you have not created an “account” with a password as a member, you may elect to donate as a “guest”. It will ask for your name. Your privacy is protected.

## **God is Among Us**

While we are encouraged to not gather in groups of more than 10, if you are in a Shepherd Group, or Foyer Group, or just want to be with a small group of church friends to visit or pray, use your discretion for what makes a safe environment. Speak with one another on the phone. Let us encourage one another in the spirit of love, which we share when we are physically together.

Concluding with words from Bishop Doyle: "I am praying for you. I am asking you to lead and to become the mission church you already are. I am asking you to figure this out and do your best. I am asking you to have faith that Jesus' words aren't just words – they are a call to mission."

Blessings to all of us.

Rev. Lecia Brannon

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