

April 6, 2020

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Here we are in Holy Week. Nothing in our lives seems the same, and we are surrounded by anxiety and sadness. But we know that the promise of our Lord, the living hope, remains the same- his love for us is unchanging.

This is an invitation for us to walk together through the balance of this week. We will continue to use Facebook Live as our channel for togetherness in worship. Perhaps you can find a place in your home to create a holy space and hear the words of comfort and hope in our liturgy.

Wednesday, April 8	7:00 PM	Compline
Good Friday, April 10	12:00 noon	Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday, April 12	8:00 AM	Worship with Organ
	10:30AM	Worship with Praise Music

If you don't tune in to the live feed, you can watch at your convenience. Many thanks to John Brun and Will Mason for making our music possible. Also, it's not too late to sign up for our virtual prayer vigil. Go to the Calvary website (www.calvaryrichmond.org) and sign up for any hour between Maundy Thursday at 8:00 PM through Good Friday at noon. The link is in last Thursday's eblast, and the one that you will receive this Thursday. You can also listen to both Palm Sunday services and the fun video Betty Anne Taylor did on crafting your own palm cross.

Would we treasure being together in the beauty of our sanctuary? Of course! There have been many suggestions on creative ways to congregate. But because we love each other, we will guard our health and that of our family and friends by sheltering in place. Please continue to lift each other up in prayer as we travel this difficult path.

We share these recent words from Bishop Doyle: "Now is a time of innovation and creativity. Now is a time of deeply connecting with each other. Let us light such a flame that we see in homes and churches the brightness of Christ's light in this hour of a pandemic. Let us not shrink from seeing and lighting ablaze the new fire of Christ, that we may so burn with a heavenly desire for our reunion and ingathering. Let our work and the work of our people attain, in all our labor, towards the festival of everlasting life."

Easter Blessings!

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