

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

The church office will be closed Monday, April 5 - 9. You may contact the church office at 733-7202 or churchoffice@christandgrace.org to leave a message. There will be no eNews on Wednesday, April 7. Join us for Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 11 at 10 am or live streamed.

EASTER EUCHARIST AT CHRIST AND GRACE SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 9 AM

Reservations are Required or join us via live-stream

There are still seats available. Email the church office at churchoffice@christandgrace.org to reserve.

Bring flowers for the flowering of the cross

Easter Treat Bags for Children and Pansies for Families

Masks required and we are all using the entrance from the rear parking lot by the kitchen.

SINGING IN CHURCH? NOT YET!

We are so excited to return to our worship space, however it is not yet safe for the congregation to sing inside. Please enjoy the music with your ears, and let your hearts rejoice!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT CHRIST AND GRACE

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, April 1 at 7 pm

You may attend in person or join us via live-stream

Good Friday Service, April 2 at 12 pm noon

You may attend in person or join us via live-stream

Virtual Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd

Be sure to look for a glimpse of Christ and Grace in this Diocesan Stations of the Cross. Like the Christmas video, it will feature different parishes from across our diverse diocese. The video will be available on the diocesan YouTube channel by 8 a.m. on Good Friday, April 2.

Easter Day, April 4 at 9 am

You may attend in person with reservations, or join us via live-stream

Communion available after church in the parking lot from 10:00-11:00 am

THE GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

The Good Friday Offering was first gathered in 1922 as an intentional response by The Episcopal Church to the devastations of World War I, the Spanish flu pandemic, and political and social unrest affecting Armenian Christians and others in the Middle East. Today we are still all too aware of the effects of a pandemic, violence and unrest in our world. This offering assists churches, schools, and medical programs sponsored by our Anglican sisters and brothers in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, reminding them that The Episcopal Church stands with them in Jesus' Name. Gifts may be made online by clicking on this link: <https://episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering> or by mail to the address: DFMS-The Protestant Episcopal Church, US, P.O. Box 958983, St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

Please make checks payable to:

The Domestic Foreign and Missionary Society with Good Friday Offering in the memo line.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

This year the cross will be outside near the back entrance so that there is more space to safely add our flowers as we arrive. Bring whatever you might have blooming in your yard.

Then, before the Gospel reading, we will bring the cross into the nave. At the end of the service we will carry the cross back outside and you are invited to get a closer look or take pictures, remembering to keep a safe distance from one another.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To paraphrase an old saying, "March showers have not brought April flowers". We've been doing well with flower signups, but the month of April is wide open. We need your help to beautify our altar! We have dates open from April through September just waiting for you to honor a loved one. To schedule your dedication, contact Lee at 243-3302 or at shakubuku42@gmail.com with your dedications, or if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support for beautifying our altar, even in these difficult times. The cost is \$55, payable to Christ and Grace.

PRAYER LIST

We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for Dale Bateman, Daniel, Katie, and Thomas Clark, John Haman, Sharon Plymire, Tasha Rempfer, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson, Mary Villeponteaux and Elaine Yeatts.

PALM SUNDAY THANKS

Thank you to those who participated in a beautiful reading of the Passion Narrative (Bee Betts, Jim Hunter, Kemper Brinkley, Gene Ross, Martha Burton, Sean Little, Matthew Little, Nancy Holden, Samantha Ellis). Music from Laraine Smith and Bill Owen enriched our worship experience. Special thanks to our amazing AV wizards, Lee Adams and Bill Miller along with a crucial assist from Sean Little. We are so blessed that gifts were shared to create a holy liturgy which brought us into God's presence.

INSTRUCTIONS ON NOT GIVING UP

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More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees that really gets to me. When all the shock of white and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath, the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin growing over whatever winter did to us, a return to the strange idea of continuous living despite the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then, I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.

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