



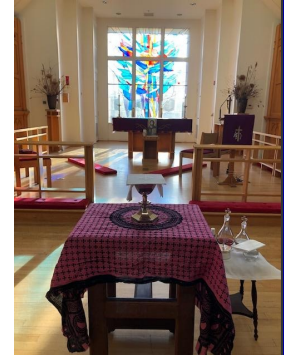
THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

This Week at Redeemer

Dear Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington,

I give thanks to God for each of you and for your courage and creativity as we all adjust to the constraints required of us. Your entire diocesan staff is praying for you, that you may feel Christ's abiding presence as you tend to your loved ones and all within your sphere of pastoral concern. We are here to support you in any way we can.



In keeping with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent recommendation to cancel or postpone all gatherings of 50 or more people for the next 8 weeks and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, I am instructing all public services and other church gatherings be suspended until May 16th.

Rest assured that if these recommendations are lifted--and we all pray that this crisis passes sooner--I will re-open our churches gladly. For now, I want us all to have sufficient clarity to prepare for what lies ahead, most notably, Holy Week and Easter Sunday without physically gathering in church.

The spiritual, pastoral and financial implications of this pandemic are beyond what any of us can fully grasp or predict. But you belong to a diocesan community and we are in this together.

The storm we are in will one day pass and getting through it is our primary task. How we pray now, how we lead now, how we support one another and our people now, how we serve our community in Christ's name now will inform our future ministries far longer than the storm itself.

Remember that Jesus is in the boat with us.

Faithfully,

+Bishop Mariann

From the Rector:

Dear Friends at Redeemer,

What a strange set of times we seem to be living. We will not be able to gather for worship until mid-May at best. The groups that meet here will not be able to meet. Our grief is real.

We cannot be overcome by this grief, however. Instead, let's turn outward and discover anew what church REALLY is - the love between you and me and God. Even though our Sundays together are postponed, we continue to have each other! I hope you have been in

touch with your prayer team partners. I'm calling folks everyday to check in, beginning with our older members. Geoffrey and I are working hard to bring our Sunday afternoon service to you. And, I commend to you the National Cathedral service in the mornings at 11:15am.

Thank you for joining us online thus far. Times and websites for the week's online services are posted above. It is hard work to put these together and we are grateful to have your participation. When we are able to come back together, it will be glorious!

On the more mundane side of church life, I remind you to please send your pledges in by check or online. Our expenses haven't stopped, especially as we continue cleaning the church in order to stave off any microbes that may be lurking. Our income from offering plates and from our ministry partner fees has disappeared. We need your help to even out this curve too.

Take care of yourselves. You are all in my prayers. I love you. Wash your hands.

Blessings,

Cricket+

Collect for Sunday:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings for Sunday:

- **1 Samuel 16:1-13**
- **Ephesians 5:8-14**
- **John 9:1-41**
- **Psalm 23**

Serving on Sunday

Worship Assistants

The March 22 services are cancelled, except that you can view *TheFIVE* on YouTube. See the link for Sunday's service at www.redeemberbethesda.org.

Services are live streamed from the Washington National Cathedral on Sunday at 11:15am. Go to www.cathedral.org



■PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Frank Anderson, Kim Barrett, Mary Helen Carlson, Chrissy de Fontenay, Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Pat Foster, Kiki Garo, Natalie S. Graham, Tom & Margaret Greene, Judy James, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Kelsie Kimberlin, Gary Lorenz, Clarice Leslie, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Nicholas Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Tom Smith, Anne Southard, Tom Smith, Patricia

Snowden, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Jimmy Tinto, Lois Vuolo, David, Jerry

Please let us know if you wish to remain on the list, or wish for us to keep the name of a loved one on the list. Thank you.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Anna Roberts, Toyin Rose, Bob Yates

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; Brenda, Tilla, & Kailah McAntony; and Noelle Voeltz and family

For the repose of the soul of Eileen, friend of Brooke Anthony

Altar Flowers: Not needed until May.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday, March 18

Noonday Prayers Online, Noon

meet.google.com/rga-qvbu-uaa

Complete sign-in information is available on the Redeemer website calendar of events. To log-in, go to the website. You will probably need to request permission to join. I'll admit you to the site. If you only want to come in by phone, that's okay. The phone numbers are on the calendar page of the website.

Thursday, March 19

Collar & Coffee Office Hours at Sangamore, 10:00am

Evening Prayer Online, 5:00pm

meet.google.com/rip-dxxx-yor

Friday, March 20

Compline Online, 9:00pm

meet.google.com/jrt-aeqx-ekm

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

Holy Eucharist, 11:15 am

National Cathedral Livestream

www.cathedral.org

Preacher: Bishop Mariann Budde

TheFIVE online, 5:00pm

This will be streamed on YouTube. We hope to have the buffering situation taken care of this week. Thank you for bearing with us.

Monday, March 23, Office closed

Compline Online, 9:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/354326472>

Tuesday, March 24

Morning Prayer 9:30am

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/429165276>

Wednesday, March 25

Noonday Prayers, Noon

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/465818002>

**Repent and Repair-not happening as planned-but happening!
As long as groups are less than 10 people and you practice hand
sanitizing you can still...**

Sanctuary:

Re-caulk indoor staircase leading to sanctuary

Use nail set in sanctuary to ensure nails are not a safety issue

Add kneelers to chairs other than the last row of chairs in the front of the sanctuary (need to keep this area clear for easy exit). Wipe kneelers clean

Flower room floor needs to be scrubbed

Sacristy floor needs to be scrubbed

Wipe down kneelers in pews

Parish Hall:

Sort documents (coordinate with Susan Fitzgerald)

Sort children's toys/books/school supplies (coordinate with Ayesha Court or Karen Stewart)

Sort kitchen (coordinate with Patricia Snowden)

Clean refrigerator

Clean stove

Reorganize kitchen pantry and label what goes where

Sort basement storage

Ensure that the windows in all classrooms open easily

Wash black marks off walls

Wash windows in parish hall and classrooms (pick a single window, a room of windows, or the entire parish hall)

Get rid of paint cans in the closet near the labyrinth, transfer building materials from that closet to the shed and scrub that closet floor

Take down light covers and wash - remove the bugs

To be added if we purchase the supplies:

Re-paint one classroom

Install weatherproof numbers on all doors inside and outside

Install locks in classroom doors

Replace stained ceiling tiles

If you need a quiet time in the space, please feel free to come and pull weeds!

Questions to Jo Barclay-Beard jobbeard@yahoo.com 301-789-4493

P.R.A.Y. Provides Bethesda Cares Dinner in March

The Bethesda Cares Dinner this Sunday, March 22, sign-up has been sent to all parents. Please sign up for a side dish or dessert or snack. The main dish will be provided. Contact Yaa Addison (PRAY@redeemerbethesda.org) if you have questions.

Food for the Needy!

We have placed some tubs on the bench on the porch by the Labyrinth, and if you

place some non-perishable food items there we will take it to the Food Bank!

MEN'S RETREAT 2020

I am disappointed to announce that, after the Bishop's guidance, and in consultation with David and Cricket, we are postponing the men's retreat. We hope to be able to do it later in the year, possibly this summer or fall. Thanks. Jefferson.

Questions: Jefferson7019@aol.com

Bethesda Cares

Requests toiletry items, especially disposable razors, and thermos-type containers. Please drop these items off at Bethesda Cares in downtown Bethesda.

Redeemer Book Group

The next book the group will be reading is "A Meal in Winter" by Hubert Mingarelli.

Mingarelli's timeless novel, translated from the French, begins one morning in the dead of winter during World War II. Three German soldiers are heading into the frozen Polish countryside tracking a Jew, in order to bring him back to their camp for execution. This is a short novel impossible to put down, a masterpiece of empathy and horror. The book will be discussed at three o'clock on April 26 at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. For information, contact Huda at hqkraske@aol.com

MUSIC AT REDEEMER 2019-2020

Go to www.MusicAtRedeemer.org for more information and tickets.

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