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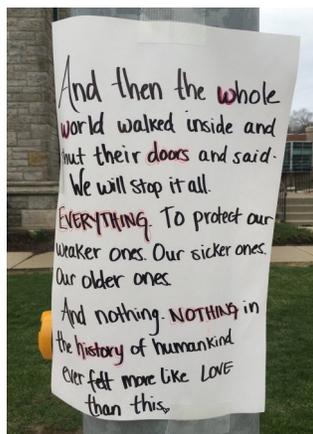
PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

(SUNDAY, APRIL 5-SUNDAY, APRIL 12)

Our physical space will be empty this Holy Week, apart from Nolan, Dennis, and Kathy, our maintenance leaders, who are faithfully attending to the building.

Many of us will experience a sense of loss and grief; we long to be together, to hear the Word, to share in the meal, to sing with the neighbor, to have our hearts healed. However, we know that love requires us to cease our comings and goings. For the sake of the whole community, we will stay home. This year, that's what love looks like in public.

Despite our distance, we will not be alone. Connected across time and space, we will worship as we do each year. All active members will receive a video link for each of the following services. If you are not an active member, but wish to join us, you can find us online:



(vimeo.com/user19826941)

or on our Facebook page (facebook.com/htlcmpls).

Glad to be journeying with you,
Ingrid Rasmussen, pastor

Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday

Online Worship with Holy Communion begins with shouts of Hosanna! As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression.

Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday

We begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us.

Friday, April 10—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. Immanuel Davis (flute) and Kathe Jarka (cello) (Pastor Ingrid's neighbors) will share their gifts of music.

PALM SUNDAY

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,
Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Saturday, April 11—Vigil of Easter

Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the church. For centuries Christians have come together in vigil in darkness as night falls. The liturgy is multifaceted, rich, and playful. The Vigil is full of readings from scripture. We hear the slow unfolding of God's gracious activity in the world and among us. Twelve readings are appointed, not all of which are read each year, but as a whole they lift up some of the greatest moments of the history of God's salvific work—creation, flood, testing of Abraham, deliverance at the Red Sea, the gift of wisdom, the valley of dry bones, Jonah's encounter with the big fish, the deliverance from the fiery furnace, and more. Many Holy Trinity households are leading the storytelling this year!

Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather online for a festival worship service of Holy Communion to celebrate this good news. We recently discovered recordings from our 2017 Easter worship service (thank you, Paul Rasmussen!); our video service will transport us to our favorite pew in the sanctuary. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent member, TOMORROW, March 31, is the last day for directing your 2019 Choice Dollars. These dollars would help this congregation (or a nonprofit of your choosing)! A step-by-step guide is attached to the email that came with your Community Church Newsletter. The guide was lovingly prepared by member Pam Blomgren. If you have questions, Pam is eager to answer them. She can be reached at (612) 721-2600.

DO YOU HAVE HOUSEPLANTS?

If so, we need your help! Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, and to enliven our online worship we are looking for households to send in a short clip (<5 seconds) of themselves shouting, "Hosanna in the Highest!" Bonus points for waving a branch or featuring your houseplants! Even a green scarf will do. Please email your clips to Pastor Ingrid (ingridrasmussen@htlcmpls.org) by Wednesday, April 1, at 5:00 p.m.

PARISH INFORMATION

PRAYER

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Pastor Ingrid will host a Zoom call each Tuesday from 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. Zoom allows participants to click a link and be connected by video, or to call in and participate by telephone. This conversation will allow participants to see and share with one another. The time will close with prayer. Use this address to join the Zoom Meeting: zoom.us/j/177693681 or call (312) 626-6799 and enter this meeting ID when prompted: 177 693 681.

Pastor Angela will hold "shelter-in-place office hours" each week on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Need to connect with a human voice? Having a tough day? Have a joke to share? Always wanted to ask a question about worship or about God? Give her a call for a one-on-one conversation at (612) 248-9121.

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PARISH EVENTS April 5-11, 2020

All events are canceled for this week.

MARCH 29 SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Physical distance does not mean disengagement. God has given us creative capacities for such a time as this. To view the worship service from March 29 (recorded, not live), type this link into your browser: vimeo.com/401548681.

ALL-MEMBER CONTACT

Last week, Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Angela, Ann Schrooten, and David Sims completed an every member household contact and were able to connect with many of you by phone or by email. If you did not receive a phone call or an email from one of them, please call the church office to update your information. Thank you for sharing the stories of your lives!

PASTORAL CARE

Please don't hesitate to contact us with pastoral care emergencies (Church Office: (612)729.8358; Pastor Ingrid: (612)875-6679; Pastor Angela: (612)248-9121) or if your household is suffering because of COVID-19 (e.g., health, food or housing insecurity, employment changes). We will do our best to care for you from a distance.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH AN ERRAND?

Let us know. A few members have volunteered to assist those in need. On your computer, go to forms.gle/X1m9Q8LM3Gdrb6Li8 and fill out the form, or call the church office (612-729-8358). Someone will contact you within 48 hours.

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Donations to the Coronavirus Assistance Fund and to the church's General Fund (for ongoing operating expenses) can be mailed to the church (2730 E. 31st St., Minneapolis, 55406) or given electronically through our website (htlcmpls.org). Thanks to all who have made special gifts!