



March 29, 2020

My Dear Friends,

I wish to write you again today to communicate some developments, and to provide some further information to our wider Parish Family. As per the Bishop's latest Pastoral Letter #4, available on both our website and Facebook page, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration of the Holy Communion and Holy Eucharist have been suspended indefinitely, until reinstated by the Bishop.

This includes any further pre-recorded liturgies from our Church. That said, we will continue to pre-record our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday liturgies and beyond (as long as we are legally permitted to do so), but all will be without the celebration of Holy Communion/Eucharist.

Although this is disappointing, yet fully understandable, please rest assured that we all remain in communion as the body of Christ throughout these challenging times. A time will indeed come when COVID-19 shall pass, and we will joyfully gather together as a worshipping family, celebrating in the sacred mysteries of the body and blood of Christ again through the Holy Communion/Holy Eucharist. Until that time, let us thank God for the privilege of technology to bring our Parish family together through our continued pre-recorded liturgies.

That said, I am very aware that some people do not have internet access, or are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology. That is why this week it is my goal to have a paper liturgy completed to send out. This bi-weekly endeavour will allow your Church to reach out and connect with you as well. It is hoped, just as the pre-recording of services, these paper liturgies will bring some level of comfort to you, and be reassured that we are with you through this together.

I want to assure our Parish family as well that proactive and regular communication between the Clergy, Parish Wardens and Vestry have been, and will continue to be a priority. As Rector, I communicate daily with Rev Sam, and the wardens and I are in constant communication. Likewise, I have sent Vestry several updates, and we are now having "virtual" meetings on a weekly basis. All of this as we endeavor together, by God's grace, to get through this, and indeed by God's grace we will.

I also wish to thank those who have been dropping their envelopes in the secure drop-slot (to the left of our main door), or who have now signed up for eGivings, or those who are regular eGivers - Thank You.

In closing, I wish to commend all our Parish staff for their unwavering commitment in these unprecedented times. Remember my friends, we are here for you, and you are and will always be our number one priority. Until we talk again, God Bless and stay safe!

With my love and every blessing,

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