

Tuesday 3/31 Word and Updates



A word from Rev Jenni

Dear Friends:

Things are quiet here at Casa de Toddler. Tomorrow is April 1st, and by popular vote (I voted) we will only be fools for Christ (1 Cor 4:10).

Let's think for a minute about what it means to be a fool for Christ in these days. When things would get dicey at Grace Mission, I would turn to my colleagues and say, "It's just Wednesday." For me it is a reminder that this is just one day and the sun is going to rise tomorrow. The chapter in 1 Corinthians is a long exhortation from Paul about leadership and the assumption of authority. There had been some kind of argument about who had the authority to speak for God. Paul reminds the congregation that God gives the words and there isn't room for comparisons or competition when we are doing the work of the Gospel. And then he gets to this line, "We are fools for Christ." He is telling us that in leadership we have to let go of our own egos and let God do the leading, through prayer and study, through relationship and community. In *The Message*, Paul puts it this way, "We're the Messiah's misfits. You might be sure of yourselves, but we live in the midst of frailties and uncertainties." We are the misfits that God calls to tell the world about salvation and forgiveness. I know I am a sinner who has been redeemed and in these times of anxiety and uncertainty, I too, need to lean in to my redemption.

So, tomorrow, my foolishness for Christ will look like this: walk with integrity, walk with kindness for myself and those around me, walk knowing it is just one day at a time at this point. Most importantly, walk with God in each step. It's only Wednesday (and it really is just Wednesday).

Thanks for reading my wanderings today.



Updates

- · Links to Worship services via Zoom can be found on the Annunciation website, click the Worship Information button.
- Morning Prayer is at 9:00 am, Evening Prayer is at 5:00 pm, and Compline is at 7:30 pm. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a leader and reader.
- I talked a couple of weeks ago about creating a sacred space in your homes, a place of prayer. Here are some links for creating these spaces for yourselves: Making a home altar, Setting up a prayer table, Holy Week in a box.
- Barbara Crowe is offering a meditation for the community on Saturday afternoon. Please follow the link below.
- Finally, this Sunday is Palm Sunday! Worship will be at 10:00am. Details about worship for Palm Sunday and Holy Week will be sent out on Thursday.



Links for Zoom worship

Worship links for Zoom 4/1-4/5

Morning Prayer Apr 1, 2020 09:00 AM https://zoom.us/j/286411973 Meeting ID: 286 411 973 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Evening Prayer Apr 1, 2020 05:00 PM https://zoom.us/j/435203266 Meeting ID: 435 203 266 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Morning Prayer Apr 2, 2020 09:00 AM https://zoom.us/j/674262248 Meeting ID: 674 262 248 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Compline Apr 2, 2020 07:30 PM https://zoom.us/j/898473504

Meeting ID: 898 473 504
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Morning Prayer Apr 3, 2020 09:00 AM

https://zoom.us/j/619909761 Meeting ID: 619 909 761 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Evening Prayer Apr 3, 2020 05:00 PM

https://zoom.us/j/813385100

Meeting ID: 813 385 100

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Saturday meditation Apr 4, 2020 03:30 PM

https://zoom.us/j/139212209
Meeting ID: 139 212 209
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Palm Sunday Worship Apr 5, 2020 10:00 AM

https://zoom.us/j/226134801 Meeting ID: 226 134 801 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)