ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28, 2021

We will gather in the foyer with our palms before we process into the sanctuary. Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book in the pew.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN - All Glory, Laud and Honor

Choirs and Congregation

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Introduction

(Choirs)

Open the doors;

Open them wide;

That the King may now enter.

This King now comes to save us.

Who is the King?

He's the Lord, strong and mighty.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Refrain:

(Choirs and Congregation)

All glory, laud and honor,

To Thee, Redeemer, King,

To Whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

Stanza 1

(Choirs and Congregation)

Thou art the King of Israel,

Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's Name comest,

The King and Blessed One.

Repeat Refrain

(Choirs and Congregation)

Stanza 2

(Choirs and Congregation)

The people of the Hebrews

With palms before Thee went;

Our prayer and praise and anthems

Before Thee we present.

Stanza 3

(Choirs)

To Thee, before Thy passion,

They sang their hymns of praise;

to Thee, now high exalted,

Our melody we raise.

Repeat Refrain

(Choirs and Congregation)

Stanza 4

(Choirs and Congregation)

Thou didst accept their praises;

Accept the prayers we bring.

Who in all good delightest,

Thou good and gracious King.

Repeat Refrain

(Choirs and Congregation)

(Choirs) Hosanna!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GREETING

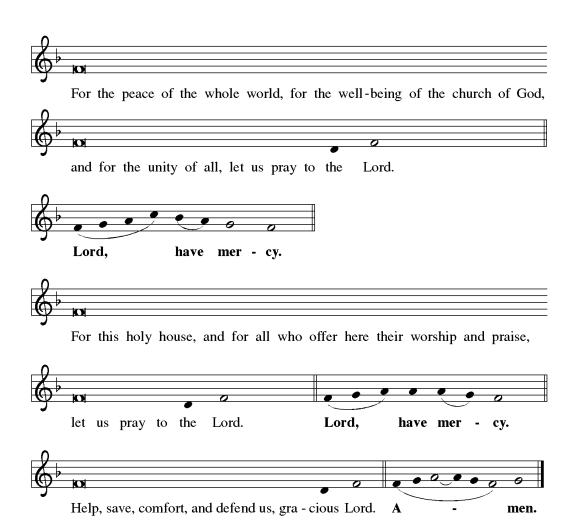
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
- C And also with you.

KYRIE



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING - Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

response: Thanks be to God

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31:9-16

Congregation sings Refrain, Cantor sings verses

response: Thanks be to God



Refrain

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;

I am as useless as a | broken pot. *Refrain*

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord. I have said, "You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love." *Refrain*

SECOND READING - Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

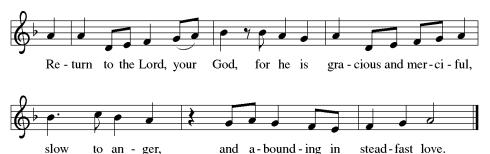
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION DURING LENT



GOSPEL READING - Mark 11:1-11

Gospel Annunciation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "¹They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 'They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 'Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 'Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Gospel conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change (*especially*), grant relief from natural disasters (*especially*), and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer (*especially*) Barbara, Jan, Johanna, Tony, JoAnn, Leon, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Debbie, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob, Ellie, Tracey, Fran, Gus, James and Cassandra, Sue, Barbara, Mark and others we may name aloud or quietly; grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PEACE

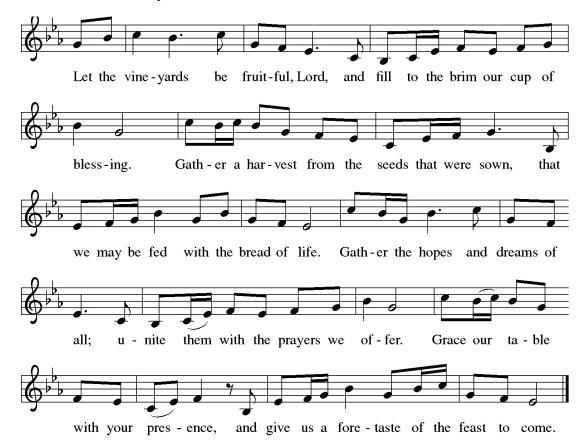
- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory - Prelude in E Major from the Well Tempered Clavier Book I by J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

 Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

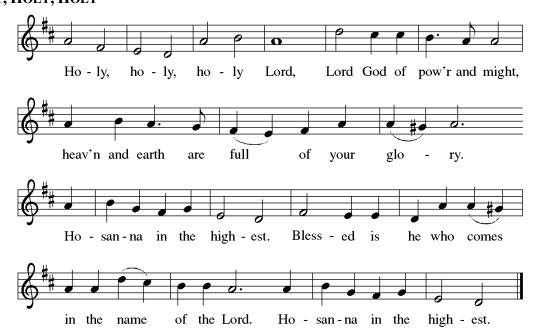
PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

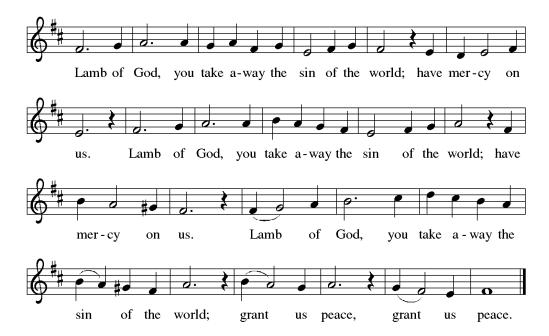
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. *The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN - Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

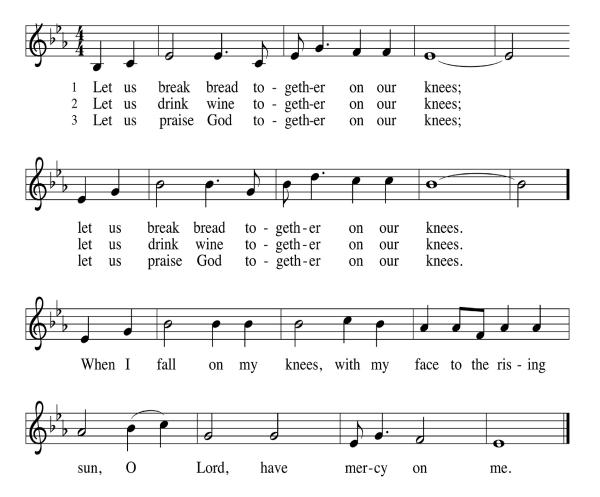
POSTLUDE – Intro and Passacaglia from Sonata No. 8 by Josef Rheinberger

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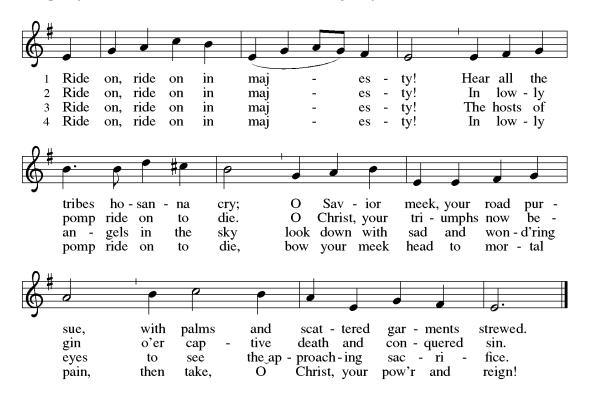
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Prayer List Changes – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time** - email staff, or call the office.

Prayer of the Church (Friends): Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Tony and Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Cary Grant (friend of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Lydia Taylor (cousin of Bee Ellertson), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Brady Laubert (grandson of Pam and Steve Taylor), Staci Dominick (daughter-in-law of Ted and Diana Dominick), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), David Deardorff (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Michelle Meadors, Gad Kainer, Peggy Stevens (by John and Linda Foreman), Nancy Randle (niece of Ann and Larry Grovenstein), Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Marjorie Bower (daughter of Doug and Fran Whitfield), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Rufous Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Rev. Kyle Randle (nephew of Ann and Larry Grovenstein), Cathy White, (niece of Ann and Larry Grovenstein), Jimmy Holshouser (brother of Gus Holshouser), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Steve, Erin, JD, Emmett and Rowan Simmons (Preschool Family), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Marge Taylor (mother of Steve Taylor), Don Weaver (cousin of Marlene Coulter), Jim Allen (family member of Ted and Diana Dominick), Sara (sister of Marlene Coulter), Farmer family (cousins of Marlene Coulter), Eileen Kunca (Friend of the Dominicks)

"Light a Candle" -- Candles are lit for prayer intentions. To "light a candle for someone" indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer. The candle screen and votive candles are in the Narthex of the church, along with wood tapers to light them with. You are welcome to come, light a candle, and pray. If you come after hours or when no staff is in the building, please put out the candle before you leave. Staff will check during the daytimes when they are there to make sure all are put out.

Worship Opportunities

The COVID-19 Task Force met and determined after looking at square footage and percentages of occupancy, that we can socially distance 44 people in the sanctuary and 50 people in Trinity Hall for worship. There will be no singing and masks are required as well as social distancing. Hand sanitizing dispensers are available. Holy Communion will be served during this service as well as drive through in the parking lot from approximately 11:15 am until 12:00 noon on Sundays.

In-Person Worship:

We will be open on Sunday morning at 10:00 am to worship in person using the ELW Setting Four. This service will also be Zoomed live. Zoom information:

Topic: Sunday Morning Worship

Time: at 9:30 am - worship begins at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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Beginning with Palm Sunday, March 28, we will live stream by Zoom and record the live stream service. Because we can have people in the sanctuary and Trinity Hall, we have decided to eliminate the Wednesday recording of weekly worship. We will begin using setting 4 (the same setting we have been using for recorded worship) and will hold one service at 10 am on Sundays. This service will be live streamed on Zoom. In addition, we will record this service for later viewing and plan to send you the link as soon as it has been uploaded to our Vimeo site.

During Holy Week we will be offering a combination of live, recorded and Zoomed worship:

Maundy Thursday will be a live and Zoomed service at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday will be a Vimeo recorded worship of Stations of the Cross and the sanctuary will be open for meditation.

The Easter Vigil will be a live and zoomed service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday will be a live service at 10 am, Zoomed, and recorded for viewing on Vimeo by Sunday afternoon. The service will contain recorded portions of live music with our voice and handbell choirs participating. Easter bags for children will be distributed at worship and during the 11:15 am - 12:00 noon drive-through Holy Communion time.

Pastor Scott

"Holy Folders" will meet on Tuesday, March 30 at 11:00 am to prepare the April Cross Connections for the post office. We will be social distanced and wearing masks.

Pour a cup of tea or coffee and join the Pastor and Vicar for Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11. We are looking forward to seeing you, chatting, and catching up. Coffee Hour will not take place on Monday, April 5, but will return on April 12. Here is the info:

Topic: Coffee Hour with the Pastor and Vicar, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRlgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09

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Zoom Bible Study – the Study of Amos.

We will take a break from Bible study and not have class on April 1 nor on April 8. Bible study will resume on April 15.

Topic: Bible Study - the study of Amos - Time: 10:30 am on Thursdays. Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/946532621?pwd=UTJqYjV0V3laMmpROStMdGRvTGFhUT09

Meeting ID: 946 532 621 - Password: 402561

Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links we are presently using to accomplish our many needed tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.

- ♦ **Devotions** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1
 Vicar Judy Goans is coordinator for the daily devotions. Sign up and send your devotions to Vicar Judy (vicar@stpaulsdurham.org) at least 2 days in advance of the date.
- ♦ Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1 Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, video, etc.

Be Kind – The 'Be Kind' t-shirts and yard signs are now available only at my home. If you want some, just email me: rev.wendywaugh@gmail.com. The T-shirts and yard signs are still free but you may donate to the cost of making them. T-shirts are \$5.50, and yard signs with stands are \$10.00.

Attention Golfers! The Camp Agape Kure Beach Ministries Golf Tournament is on for Monday, April 19th at the Lochmere Golf Club in Cary. Tee times will be starting at 8:30 am. Primary cost is \$90 per person or \$350 per foursome registered. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Warren Pusak at wrpusak@aol.com or by cell phone at 919-219-4090. Please leave a message if he doesn't answer and he will return the call ASAP. It's a great reason to get out of the house – Camperships for Youth, for those can't afford to go to Bible Camp. In past years, we have sent 50-60 kids to Camp who ordinarily could not have gone.