

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People (Adapted from Ramshaw and Lathrop, prepared for Resurrection Lutheran Church.)

United with Christians around the globe on this Holy Week, let us pray saying,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Grant to all of our clergy and leaders faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism, even if that baptism must be delayed.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into care-givers of your plants and animals.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support all who work in health care, all medical researchers, and all who work toward an end to this pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for those we name before you now: ...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, especially for those we name before you now: ...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Holy Week@Home Resources

The resources and videos are here: <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/holy-week-home>

Supplemental worship, including Trinity Cathedral are available here:

<http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/holy-week-home-suggested-online-worship>

Rev. Amy and Grace are offering these videos to the whole church. Thank you Amy and Grace Church, St. Helena. <https://www.grace-episcopal.org/Triduum>

Worship booklets, both editable and print and go are available for these films on our website:

<http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/holy-week-home>

Looking for more resources?

Here is the find a church page, each church has content posted on their website:

<http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/find-a-church>

Zoom/Fellowship/Coffee Hour

I'm wondering how some churches have had virtual fellowship/coffee hour on Zoom. How has this been organized and facilitated? Has it been open ended or have people each been given a chance to share?

- Zoom coffee hour - We have a light, fun question of the week (i.e. tell us a story about your coffee mug) and I call on folks to share one at a time. Next week we're showing off home-made Easter hats.
- Weekly Fellowship gathering where everyone has the opportunity to share how they are doing. Last week we inserted a few fun Bible quiz polling questions. This week we are making the Agape Supper part of the gathering. I act as moderator for each of these Zoom meetings.

Question regarding Zoom use. I've read several articles warning about recording Zoom meetings. We would like to record our Zoom Easter service and then upload to Facebook for others to see. Is there guidance on this?

- Our policy is not to record the fellowship portion, especially any meeting when children might be present (except mine!) but we use Zoom to both record and simultaneously live-stream to Facebook. Zoom has a button for this. Then the video recording remains on Facebook.

When have you held the virtual coffee hours? Right after worship or some other time? Did you facilitate this from the church office or from home later after the service?

- Right after service, facilitated from the church office
- One Zoom capability we are using is screen sharing— we screen share the bulletin in a powerpoint so everyone can follow along. Also having someone at a different location from me manage the zoom (screen-share, highlighting speakers) helps a lot; I think it might help with bandwidth and it definitely helps with me not leading worship and managing tech!

How does Zoom compare to Facebook Live for doing Sunday or other worship?

- Zoom requires an invitation to join. Facebook Live anyone can join.
- We are finding that people assume they cannot just call in to Zoom, and so need additional coaching on this.
- Reminder: Zoom will NOW need to include passwords; a change since the weekend.

Resources for children

- Children's links on our Holy Week @ Home webpage: <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/holy-week-home>
- We are doing a children's chapel on FB Live about 15 minutes after the main worship. Canon Kathy uses her felt board and other props. We've had 250 viewers of the children's chapel Sunday.

Does anyone have some on-line links to send to elementary age kids?

- Godly play foundation YouTube channel
- Check out the FORMA group on Facebook - many resources there, including a video series that is quite good.

CARES Act – SBA loans

- <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/cares-act-legislation-resources>
- The CARES Act Legislation webpage - PPP Information Sheet
- <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/Websites/newnorcalepiscopal/images/Resource%20Centers/AdminandFinance/2020/CARES%20Act/PPP--Fact-Sheet.pdf>
- Faith-based FAQ's

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- <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/Websites/newnorcalepiscopal/images/Resource%20Centers/AdminandFinance/2020/CARES%20Act/SBA%20Faith-Based%20FAQ%20Final.pdf>
- Banks that offer loans:
- <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance>
- Here is the page where all of our resources are located: <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/cares-act-legislation-resources>
- You can also access the page from the home page with a button that says “CARES”
- There was an interesting article regarding the PPP applications in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat this morning. Basically it encourages us to apply sooner than later.

Bishop Megan – Worship schedule during Holy Week and available resources

- The sermon will be a video and shared through YouTube
- We will post the sermon with YouTube link on the diocesan website and will send out the link via blast as well
- Bishop will be preaching at the Cathedral for the Vigil. 7:30pm

Treasurer Meeting

If our treasurer missed that meeting, is there a way to get the information that was discussed?

- Treasures who did NOT get the information - please email me kati@norcalepiscopal.org
- Our treasurer found the Zoom call VERY helpful! Thank you for reaching out to them Katie! We've added the staff of the Office of the Bishop to our daily prayers and PotP.

Music and licensing

RE Music, the Late Night shows are all broadcasting from home with musicians performing from their homes, via Zoom. Has anyone figured out how to do that with their church musicians?

- Music of each service recorded and posted 30 minutes before service for people to listen and enjoy.
- I was referring to downloading the sheet music for the bulletins. CCVLI has a \$200 yearly subscription for broadcasting copyrighted material (showing movies, playing music) which covers the licensing.
- OneLicense has a free license offer right now during COVID, which includes streaming.
- OneLicense is free until the 15th.
- One License - <https://news.onelicense.net/2020/03/13/one-license-offers-gratis-licenses-to-help-cope-with-covid-19-challenges-valid-through-april-15/>

Misc.

Church Publishing used to have RiteSeries available on a per-service level. The new resources are only available on a \$300+ yearly subscription. It would be great to have the diocese advocate for resources for smaller congregations.

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We have a six-week reading guide for “Matthew Groups” if anyone would like to have it.

The Good Book Club: <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>

The Gospel of Matthew | Easter 2020

Collect (BCP 220):

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*