



# THE REDEEMER SPIRIT

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## WHAT'S AT REDEEMER TODAY

### Ministry in the Time of COVID-19 Southern Montgomery County Deanery

Below is a list of ministries that individuals and families can complete from home during this time of physical isolation.

- Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties, or caps for Palestinian newborns at **St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine**. Items should be held at home until physical distancing restrictions are lifted.
- **"Nickel Plated"**: Parishioners can set aside 5 cents for every meal that is eaten in your home over the next month. Then write a check for that amount, making it out to their parish and sending it to the church office. Money collected will be sent to Bethesda Cares. Please write "Nickel Plated" on the subject line. Collect non-perishable goods to donate to **Manna Food Center** ([list of most-needed foods](#)). Bring food to the church and leave it in the plastic tubs at the door near the labyrinth. Please sanitize and wear gloves when you deliver.

**Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington** desperately needs travel-sized, empty vials to fill with hand-sanitizer for volunteers to hand out. Order from Amazon and have delivered to SMGW's Northwest Office (1516 Hamilton Street NW, Washington, DC 20011).

#### *Looking Ahead:*

- Palm Sunday, April 5
- Maundy Thursday, April 9
- Good Friday, April 10
- Easter Sunday, April 12

Online

Compline, 9pm

Mondays and Fridays

Morning Prayer, 9:30am

Tuesdays

Noonday Prayer, Noon

Wednesdays

Evening Prayer, 5:00pm

Thursdays

Collar and Coffee, 10:00am

Thursdays



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## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Redeemer Family,  
I hope you are all safe and well. Please take care of yourself and those close to you. There have been so many changes in such a short period of time. We have gone from bustling DC metropolitan spring to what feels slower than slowest DC traffic day in August. Unthinkably, our churches and the National Cathedral closed and our spiritual communities are turning to the internet. The Smithsonian, the schools, the streets are empty, and but the clinical and the hospitals will be full.



Things will not be normal soon. We will not be physically together for Holy Week, Easter, or the Easter season. Many school graduation ceremonies are cancelled, weddings postponed. And, while it pains me to say this, it is hard to imagine that the Strawberry Festival can go forward this year.

How do we get through this? With God and with each other. Here are some thoughts about how we are doing to bring each other through this crisis.

1. Please try to stay connected in Worship. I am sure many of you feel as I do, missing the holiness of Sunday service, the beauty of the music, the fellowship at coffee hour...but the Church is still with us and our community is still here. Cricket, Geoffrey, and Bob are working very hard to provide the tech support for us to share Sunday service as well as services during the week. I feel fortunate that I could share in Sunday ("The Five"), Morning Prayer, Compline, even a vestry meeting, all through virtual means. If you haven't done this because you just unsure of how to connect on your phone or computer, please call the office or send an email to me at [mbcaulfield@verizon.net](mailto:mbcaulfield@verizon.net). We want you with us!
2. Please stay connected in Community. Phone calls, email, Facebook...check in with your Redeemer friends. If you are having problems with connecting to the Redeemer Prayer Groups, email Cricket. While self-isolating physically, do not isolate socially. For me, one unexpected side effect of this chaos is that I have been in touch with some old friends with who I had fallen out of contact.
3. Please reach out if you need something. While many of you really should not be leaving your homes at all, some of us who are at lower risk can (carefully) still go to grocery stores or pharmacies. Please email me at [mbcaulfield@verizon.net](mailto:mbcaulfield@verizon.net) if you need something and are not comfortable leaving your house. Redeemer folks will be there for you!
4. Please keep Cricket, Geoffrey, Bob, and Margaret in your hearts and prayers.

Peace and love in Christ,

**Marie Caulfield**  
**Senior Warden**



## FROM THE HEARTH

I took 6 Bible classes, 5 Church history classes, 5 pastoral and 3 general theology classes, 5 “how to be a rector” classes, 4 liturgy/music classes, and a myriad of electives in seminary. Nowhere was there a class on how to be the rector of a church in the middle of a pandemic.

Who'd of thought we'd need it? And, yet, here we are. It's hardly been “light work”. I think the staff is working harder than they usually do. The amount of creativity required over the last couple of weeks has been extraordinary and we've met the challenge. There is a great deal of connection happening between parishioners. I've had folks participating in the daily offices nearly every day. It's great to see your faces on my screen!

As we approach Holy Week, I suggest that you find a place in your home and make it a sacred space. You can use a small table and place on it an icon or cross, prayer beads, a prayer book and a Bible. We'll be providing livestream services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. More specific information will be posted in “This Week at Redeemer” – so please open your email on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.

When we are able to return to our sacred space, we will celebrate the Easter liturgy, full of alleluias. Until then, we wait but we don't lose hope. We know the end of the story.

I continue to be grateful for all of you and am praying for you daily. Remember that you are beloved children of God. Nothing can separate you from that Divine Love.

Blessings,

*Amma Cricket+*



### Redeemer is Online for Children and Youth!

Youth Group will meet virtually at 7pm on April 1<sup>st</sup>. (No joke!)

Sunday School on Palm Sunday and Easter at 10:30am.

Cricket will share a story with the kids and send coloring pages to parents.

Links are available in the weekly This Week at Redeemer. You can also find them on the Parish Calendar at our website: [www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org).



## PARISH LIFE POSTPONED!

### Redeemer Book Club

The book the group is reading is "A Meal in Winter" by Hubert Mingarelli. Mingarelli's timeless novel, translated from the French, begins one morning in the dead of winter during World War II. Three German soldiers are heading into the frozen Polish countryside tracking a Jew, in order to bring him back to their camp for execution. This is a short novel impossible to put down, a masterpiece of empathy and horror.

The book will be discussed at three o'clock on April 26 (if the shelter in place order is lifted) at the home of Huda & Jochen Kraske, 4550 North Park Avenue, Apt. 410, Chevy Chase, Md. 20815. For information, contact Huda at [hqkraske@aol.com](mailto:hqkraske@aol.com)

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### REDEEMER MEN'S THIRD FRIDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

While currently suspended, the Men's lunch group will eventually begin to meet. The group discusses whatever is on their collective minds and catches up on how they are all doing. Being older and retired, sometimes the discussion centers on health, other times on household management, sometimes investment philosophies, national politics, the economy, and, of course, life in the parish. Monthly attendance has varied from as few as 4 to as many as 11.

We usually gather in the bar at the Irish Inn at Glen Echo at 11:30. But we have ventured to other locations, including the home of Ben Ivins. A reminder email with the location and time is sent to all interested persons early in the week we are meeting. If you would like to know more about the group, or be put on the email list, contact Denny Shaw ([shawdf22@gmail.com](mailto:shawdf22@gmail.com)) or Bob Dresser ([Robert.dresser@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.dresser@gmail.com)).

Inquirer's Classes will be rescheduled once the health crisis has subsided. Please let Cricket know if you are interested in the next round of scheduling.



Life is lived right now, in this moment. That's an important reminder for all of us, because we tend to think, "If just this would happen, then I would be happy." When we put a condition on our lives, we miss out on the present moment because we're waiting for something else to happen.

-Br. David Vryhof

## YOUTH NEWS

### Potomac River Anglican Youth

Until our current coronavirus situation has eased, the P.R.A.Y. Group has suspended activities. Youth should continue to be engaged in their own church's activities online.



### REPENT AND REPAIR – POSTPONED

The B&G committee is praying that everyone is safe and coming up with creative ways to stay sane during the weeks of self-isolating and teleworking. Our day of Repent and Repair is postponed indefinitely. The projects will still be here when we are able to be together again and we can reschedule at that time. However, the grounds need help now! Please consider committing to one hour outside on the grounds sometime over the next few weeks. Choose a garden to weed or a portion of a garden – there are several. Leaf bags will become available soon and placed on the bench at the lower entrance to the parish hall.

Thank you - Jo Barclay-Beard

**All of the Foyer Groups are stopped.  
We will regroup as soon as possible.**

**In lieu of at home groups, perhaps you could Zoom an online dessert party or a just a quick conversation to catch up with each other. Prayerful Groups could do this as well.**

**Be Creative!**

## MUSIC AT REDEEMER



I wrote last month about finding God in the silences in the psalms, particularly as an antidote to DC traffic, little did I know...

The most challenging thing about this current situation for me, is how when you have an idea that might work in one set of circumstances, by the time you've started fashioning it, the world changes again. Hopefully we can all get used to this period of *enforced stillness, and work out what it is to be a community of faith that cannot meet, greet and commune with one another.*

I miss my choir, and I think they miss me! It doesn't matter how good on-line video and post-production editing are, a community of people wanting to sing cannot be replaced by anything virtual, no matter how well intended or how well executed. In virtualism we can find a panacea, but it remains virtual, and only something to carry us to the next rehearsal or performance. (What a sing we will have when it is finally safe again to do so!!) In the ether, we can listen to previous services, watch previous concerts. In our homes we can work on our technique, and, hopefully submit solos or intrahousehold duets to incorporate into our streamed worship.

Geoffrey-the-Elder (Platt), the Music Committee and I had been putting the final touches to a wonderful 2020-21 season that we'd planned to launch at the Mozart Requiem. With so much up in the air, all of that is now on ice. I want to thank G-t-E for his support and encouragement, along with Cricket, Bob, David and Margaret. It had been a good season with Jo, Catherine and Cat fixing the library, Cynthia helping coordinate, David playing guitar-we had some good momentum going. But...we have been given the silences to work on different things.

Something I do want to thank God for is how lucky we are to have built enough through the generosity of FOMAR donations and ticket sales (including the new season pass and flexipass) to fund a next season, whatever that may look like. But wider than booking the season, I do feel the mission of Music at Redeemer may have to rapidly move to a wartime response footing.

Seeing how my friends and colleagues at the Met Opera, the NSO, and in many other institutions around the country and region are faring in these uncertain times, the sudden withdrawal of contracts without notice is devastating. For our artist friends and neighbors, the summer is a time when many make a third of their annual income at festivals and performances. This is an existential shock for them. We are not like Germany which created a flotilla of lifeboats for its arts community. And although the loss will be immediately devastating for artists, the fallout will impact us too, it will just take longer to experience.

What will our local arts scene look (and sound) like after all this is over? Dozens will be forced to move away or walk away from painstakingly built vocations to the certainty of driving for home delivery. It may take a decade to recover the richness of our inheritance and the diversity of our arts ecosystem; and frankly, with the fragility of that existence highlighted so keenly at just the outset of this outbreak, it might never do so.

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## MUSIC AT REDEEMER

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At the last Thursday rehearsal I had with our Choir, I talked about how Purcell had practically reinvented a musical tradition that had been lost during the Commonwealth iconography of Oliver Cromwell. After the regicide of Charles I, the centuries-old practice of choirs, (growing up as a treble, graduating to adult singer, organist and composer)-that fabric of mentoring and apprenticeship was gone as true as bleach to a pond. Purcell had to reinvent, rebuild, and his music beautified our last choral worship.

In our little corner of the Washington community, my hope is that we will soon be able to throw a modest lifeline into the artistic pond, even as wealthy institutions seek to divest themselves of 'liabilities' and rely on re-runs...so that when it comes time to reopen our doors, to break the silence and to sing our hearts out, we will not be starting from scratch.

Even as we work to strengthen our on-line community, may our God-given talents soon come together again to lift individuals, strengthen our communities, and support the work of others in an un-virtual world. AMEN.

Geoffrey Silver  
Director of Music Ministries



## FROM BISHOP MARIANN

**Bishop Mariann extends suspension of public worship until May 16**

*The Lord is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved . . .*

Psalm 46:1-2



Dear Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington,

I give thanks to God for each of you and for your courage and creativity as we all adjust to the constraints required of us. Your entire diocesan staff is praying for you, that you may feel Christ's abiding presence as you tend to your loved ones and all within your sphere of pastoral concern. We are here to support you in any way we can.

In keeping with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's most recent recommendation to cancel or postpone all gatherings of 50 or people for the next 8 weeks and in consultation with the Presiding Bishop, **I am instructing all public services and other church gatherings be suspended until May 16th.**

Rest assured that if these recommendations are lifted--and we all pray that this crisis passes sooner--I will re-open our churches gladly. For now, I want us all to have sufficient clarity to prepare for what lies ahead, most notably, Holy Week and Easter Sunday without physically gathering in church.

The spiritual, pastoral and financial implications of this pandemic are beyond what any of us can fully grasp or predict. But you belong to a diocesan community and we are in this together.

The storm we are in will one day pass and getting through it is our primary task. How we pray now, how we lead now, how we support one another and our people now, how we serve our community in Christ's name now will inform our future ministries far longer than the storm itself.

Remember that Jesus is in the boat with us.

Faithfully,  
*Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde*



## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

## From Laura Rose



Hello, Redeemer! I thought some of you might be curious to know what's going on over here in Russia. February 22, I flew to Phoenix from Vladivostok (through Seoul and Seattle) to visit my parents. I was to fly back the same route on March 9, but, due to the Coronavirus, Russia was not accepting planes from the Asian countries, so I had to be rerouted through New York, Paris and Moscow with two five-hour layovers. Gads, what a trip. When I got back, I was immediately put into a short 48-hour quarantine, just to be on the safe side. (I was, and remain, fine.) Soon after that, we were told that we were being evacuated to Moscow where the health care was better and there were more flight options, just in case.

I had to notify the sisters at the church, the director of the professional choir and a few friends that I would be leaving. The hard part was not knowing (and still not knowing) how long I'll be gone. I took care of the home front (packing, trying to creatively use up food on hand, securing important things) while Douglas worked long 12-plus-hour days at the Consulate to suspend operations in Vladivostok.

It's funny. As soon as I learned that I'd be without my piano for who knows how long, I kind of panicked. *How will I ever learn that Chopin Nocturne?* So I took packing breaks to practice. I asked for, and received, Scrivener (a word processing program for writers) for Christmas. It had received all of ten minutes of my time until I realized that I might not be able to bring my computer with me. So, I sat down and started the

tutorial in some sort of weird desperation. I did get to bring my computer with me – we were allowed a separate shipment of 400 pounds of stuff to make life easier. (For me that included my pillows, down comforter, favorite spices and snacks, weights and push-up bars, exercise mats, music – there's a decent piano in the Embassy, my pool cue – there's a pool table in the pub in the Embassy, and a few books.) While studying music composition, I was taught and have often written about how, in our greatest limitations, we find our greatest freedoms. This is exactly the time during which wisdom like that prevails. In the absence of Russian classes, rehearsals, church services and meeting with friends, I have my writing and my music. I am mentally free to work on these cherished things. We arrived in Moscow Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. We were greeted at the airport by our social sponsor who took us grocery shopping. We are living in an apartment on the Embassy compound. Within walking distance is the zoo, the Moscow River and several grocery stores. Daily, we must respond to a government (ours) Safe Alert to let security know we're alright. Every once in a while, we hear that the Marines are doing some drills and we can ignore any alarms. This announcement comes into our home through a loud speaker, a bit Orwellian.

I'm in good company. I'm surrounded with smart people who work well together. They set a good example which I hope rubs off onto me.

I've written a short version of my recent blog post. If you want to read the long version, go to [rosetales.blogspot.com](http://rosetales.blogspot.com). (As I write this, my blog posting is tardy. If you don't see it, just check back later!) I love and miss you all.

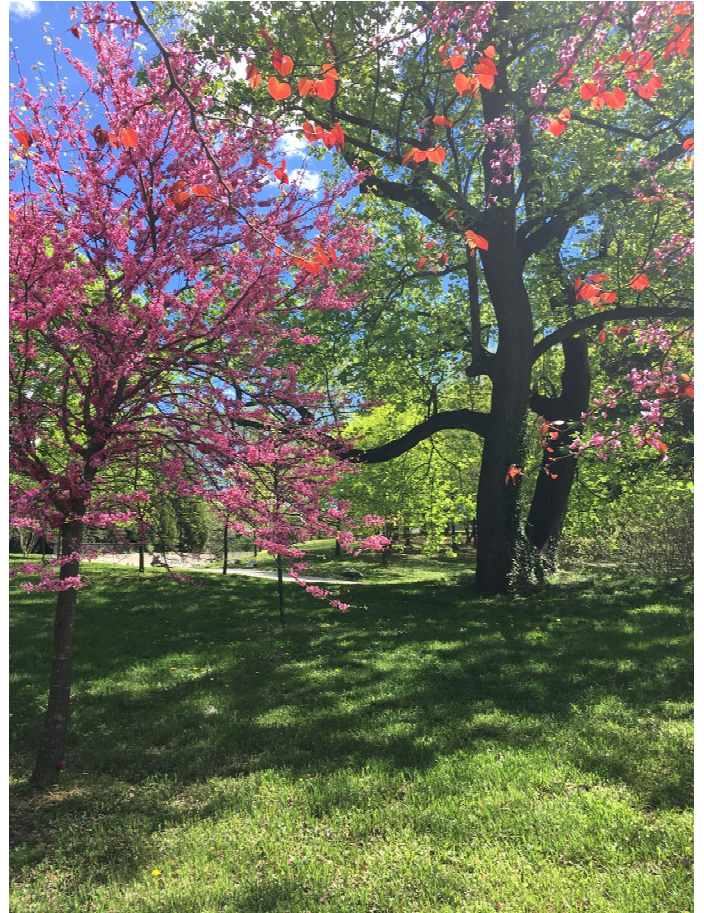
## This has been SOME Lent.

Because of being deprived of:  
(Doing what WE WANT...  
the warmth of spontaneous hugs,  
the connections of family and friend gatherings,  
the connection of Sabbath communion,  
the felt sense of peace and security,  
the protection of dental and medical appointments,  
the accessible abundance of super markets  
and so many, many more offerings.....)

We pause.... we notice.... we apologize  
For our trance of taking so much for granted....

AND we bow in gratitude  
for this "one precious life."

Annie Hisle



### Praying the Examen of Consciousness

#### Preparation

Quieting myself, I become aware of being in the presence of God.  
I imagine God looking at me and me looking at God loving me.

#### Intention

Loving God, open my eyes and ears to see where you have been with me today.

#### Thanksgiving

As I reflect, I realize that everything I have, even myself, is a gift from you.

#### Review

Let me allow you to bring to my awareness the moments, moods, and relationships of the day.  
For the times that were life-giving, I express my gratitude to you.

#### Forgiveness

I am still learning to grow in your love.  
Forgive me for the times when I chose not to respond to your invitations of love.

#### Hope

With gratitude to you, I ask for what I really want and need as I move into tomorrow.  
*Close with your favorite prayer.*



# Forward Movement

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## March 25



*Dear friends in Christ,*

Today the church celebrates the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We recall Gabriel's announcement and Mary's acceptance, that God-among-us would be born to dwell with us. As I looked at the Gospel lesson to prepare writing this email, I had a bit of a jarring disconnect. "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth..." I'm so used to hearing those words in happy time, at Christmastide or just before.

Hearing joyous words at this moment seemed incongruous, almost inappropriate. And then I realized my foolishness. 2,000 years ago, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, and she courageously accepted the news, the world was not a piece of cake. Mary's life was about to be upended. Her travail far exceeds my feeble struggles in every way.

This is precisely the shock and the scandal of the Incarnation. Into our fallen, sometimes awful, world, God comes among us. The word incarnation means something like enfleshment. God Almighty, who created the heavens and earth and who can do all things, willingly came to live among us, accepting the limitations of our frail flesh. Our God is not remote and uncaring. Our Creator loves us so much that God is willing to live in solidarity among us.

This present time in which many of us are living in enforced separation might seem to prevent connection and intimacy. In some ways, that is true. But it is also true that we are never distant from God. And thanks to telephones, computers, and other devices, we can stay connected to other people across great distance. So we have one another, and we always have God.

Are you lonely? Reach out to another person. Cast your cares on God in prayer. Know that your pain is real, and it is shared by God. And other people will share it with you too.

Do you know someone who might be yearning for connection? Reach out to them. Send an email. Make a call. Invite them into prayer. You might like to start by praying the collect appointed for today:

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

I can't imagine Mary woke up that morning 2,000 years ago with any inkling of what was in store for her. In an astounding act of courage, she accepted her vocation with grace and dignity.

None of us could have imagined the challenges today will bring. I hope we can allow God's grace to pour into our hearts, and through us, into the world.

*Yours faithfully,*

Scott Gunn

Executive Director

## PARISH LIFE

### April Birthdays

Karina Kimberlin  
 Karen Stewart  
 Brooke Anthony  
 Navid Shirzad  
 Jacob Rathwick  
 Madison Rathwick  
 Joy Hundley  
 Cecilia Noya  
 Patrick Fitzgerald  
 Marina France  
 Diana Dial  
 Sarah Nelson  
 Tatum Tomlinson  
 Madeleine Tyler  
 Lucy Escoffier  
 Hilary Robinson  
 Kelsie Kimberlin  
 Chrissy De Fontenay  
 Jordan Avery  
 Ann Hartman  
 Nathan Hotes  
 Ciritta Park  
 Kim Penn



### Happy Anniversary

Bill & Lisa MacBain  
 Kevin & Heather Tomlinson

### Deanery Wardens & Clergy Meet Virtually for Justice Dialogue

The wardens, along with the clergy, of the South Montgomery County Deanery met to discuss outreach possibilities on March 25<sup>th</sup>. All the parish communities (Redeemer, St. Dunstan's, St. John's Norwood, All Saints Chevy Chase, and Ascension and Grace Silver Spring) have active ministries to the homeless and hungry. Most were concerned about the immediate future. How can we minister to people when our churches are shut down? How do we address the need people feel to help somehow?

Deacon Terry Murphy, from Ascension, described one of their ministries called "Mustard Seed". It is a list of simple activities that people can do from home that can impact the lives of folks in need. She will be circulating this list, with the help of Rev'd Patty Alexander, rector of St. Dunstan's. Each church can then distribute it to their people with instructions for delivery of goods and/or services.

Deacon Anne Derse (St. John's) and Deacon Terry are both involved with the Interfaith Community Advisory Council, which is an advocacy arm through which the deanery can focus on other issues as they arise. They will keep the deanery advised as to what might be necessary as we move through the year.

Generally, the belief is that our work together at this time should include hands-on relief efforts, systemic change, and resourcing for people who are impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. The wardens plan to meet again on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## MEDITATIONS

### PANDEMIC

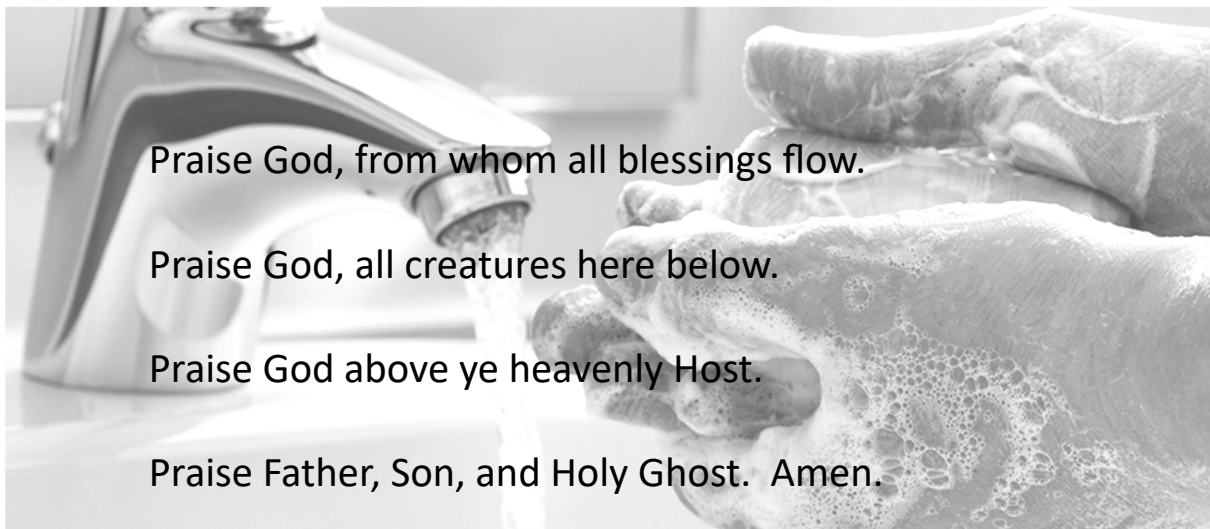
**What if you thought of it  
 as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
 the most sacred of times?  
 Cease from travel.  
 Cease from buying and selling.  
 Give up, just for now,  
 on trying to make the world  
 different than it is.  
 Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
 to whom you commit your life.  
 Center down.  
 And when your body has become still,  
 reach out with your heart.  
 Know that we are connected  
 in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
 (You could hardly deny it now.)  
 Know that our lives  
 are in one another's hands.  
 (Surely, that has come clear.)  
 Do not reach out your hands.  
 Reach out your heart.  
 Reach out your words.  
 Reach out all the tendrils  
 of compassion that move, invisibly,  
 where we cannot touch.  
 Promise this world your love—  
 for better or for worse,  
 in sickness and in health,  
 so long as we all shall live.**

lynn ungar. 3/11/20

### The Moor

It was like a church to me.  
 I entered it on soft foot,  
 Breath held like a cap in the hand.  
 It was quiet.  
 What God was there made himself felt,  
 Not listened to, in clean colours  
 That brought a moistening of the eye,  
 In movement of the wind over grass.  
 There were no prayers said. But stillness  
 Of the heart's passions — that was praise  
 Enough; and the mind's cession  
 Of its kingdom. I walked on,  
 Simple and poor, while the air crumbled  
 And broke on me generously as bread.

R. S. Thomas



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly Host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Wednesday, April 1**

12 – 1pm  
 Noonday Prayers  
<https://zoom.us/j/786277170>  
 7 – 8pm  
 Youth Group @ Redeemer  
<https://zoom.us/j/105487720>

**Thursday, April 2**

10 – 11:30am  
 Collar & Coffee  
 5 – 6pm  
 Evening Prayer Online  
<https://zoom.us/j/648285804>

**Friday, April 3**

9 – 10pm  
 Compline  
<https://zoom.us/j/565738290>

**Saturday, April 4****Sunday, April 5**

The Sunday of the Passion:  
 Palm Sunday  
 10:30 – 11:30am  
 Virtual Sunday School  
<https://zoom.us/j/205596657>  
 5 – 6pm  
 TheFIVE online  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Monday, April 6**

Church Office Closed  
 9 – 10pm  
 Compline Online  
<https://zoom.us/j/398344846>

**Tuesday, April 7**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer Online  
<https://zoom.us/j/214051422>  
 1:30 – 2:30pm  
 Redeemer Staff Meeting  
<https://www.anymeeting.com/088-402-733> |

**Wednesday, April 8**

12 – 1pm  
 Noonday Prayers  
<https://zoom.us/j/686893000>

**Thursday, April 9**

7 – 8:30pm  
 Maundy Thursday Eucharist -  
 YouTube  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Friday, April 10**

7 – 8pm  
 Good Friday Liturgy with Stations of  
 the Cross  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Saturday, April 11**

8 – 9pm  
 Easter Vigil - online  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Sunday, April 12**

Easter Sunday  
 Please enjoy the morning service at  
[www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org)

**Monday, April 13**

Office closed

**Tuesday, April 14**

Church Office Closed  
 1:30 – 2:30pm  
 Redeemer Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, April 15**

Church office closed

**Thursday, April 16**

10 – 11:30am  
 Collar & Coffee  
<https://zoom.us/j/835745502>

**Friday, April 17****Saturday, April 18****Sunday, April 19**

5 – 6pm  
 TheFIVE online  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Monday, April 20**

Church Office closed

**Tuesday, April 21**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>  
 1:30 – 2:30pm  
 Online Meeting Details: Redeemer  
 Staff Meeting  
<https://www.anymeeting.com/321-308-684> |

**Wednesday, April 22**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>

6:30 – 9pm  
 Vestry  
<https://zoom.us/j/740056093>

**Thursday, April 23**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>  
 10 – 11:30am  
 Collar & Coffee

**Friday, April 24**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>  
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**Saturday, April 25****Sunday, April 26**

The Third Sunday of Easter  
 5 – 6pm  
 TheFIVE online  
[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

**Monday, April 27**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 28**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>  
 1:30 – 2:30pm  
 Redeemer Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, April 29**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>

**Thursday, April 30**

9:30 – 10:30am  
 Morning Prayer  
<https://zoom.us/j/289621410>  
 10 – 11:30am  
 Collar & Coffee  
<https://zoom.us/j/835745502>

Please see the weekly This Week at  
 Redeemer for the most up-to-date  
 online addresses for our activities.

Deanery Holy Week Services (as of April 1, 2020)

If you can't make our schedule work for you—there are options.

Ascension Silver Spring

Palm Sunday, 4/5 - 10:00 a.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/s6tMZZXL4Yk> or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 857-882-135 followed by the # sign.

Holy Monday, 4/6 - 12:00 p.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/UcXLKyILxzs> or <http://cota.live/> Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Holy Tuesday, 4/7 - 12:00 p.m.

*Featuring Taizé music with Karen Ashbrook, hammered dulcimer, and Sophie Chang, cello*

Stream at <https://youtu.be/T5-17PFdkBw> or <http://cota.live/> Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Holy Wednesday, 4/8 - 12:00 p.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/8-dSeRxrMCw> or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Maundy Thursday, 4/9 - 12:00 p.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/HYP-TnmOKMk> or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Good Friday, 4/10 - 12:00 p.m.

*Featuring music by Karen Ashbrook, hammered dulcimer, and Paul Oorts, harp guitar, accordion*

Stream at [https://youtu.be/LK\\_4Nq09au4](https://youtu.be/LK_4Nq09au4) or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Holy Saturday, 4/11 - 12:00 p.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/g3FgZ4LXyH4> or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 385-019-713 followed by the # sign.

Easter Sunday, 4/12 - 10:00 a.m.

Stream at <https://youtu.be/PzPtATVMceo> or <http://cota.live/>

Listen by phone by dialing (301) 715-8592, enter code 857-882-135 followed by the # sign.

The other churches in our deanery are St. Dunstan's, St. John's Norwood/Chevy Chase, All Saints' Chevy Chase, and Grace Silver Spring. Please see their websites for more information.

## MEDITATION

I wrote this Theological Reflection for my Education for Ministry in Exile class:

Focus: A Frame of Reference

Identify: A frame of reference is how we know where we are. In geometry, it is the X and Y axes, by which we can define the location of a point or describe a line. More generally, we can understand a present circumstance by noticing how it is rather like something else that has happened, about which we know the outcome. In the COVID-19 crisis, I don't see a frame of reference. It's not like the flu, or car accidents, or even like the 1918 flu pandemic.

Explore:

What is this world like? Uncertain, like inhabiting a point on a plane without knowing where the edges of the plane are, or how close to an edge our point lies. What can I do, other than hunker down?

Where is growth possible? In developing patience. In the self-discipline to accomplish something every day. In prayer.

What can go wrong in this world? We grow impatient for resuming life as it was, and make the problem much worse.

What can be celebrated? That we can stay connected through technology. That, so far, those I love are safe. That so many who fill critical roles, from care givers to grocery clerks, are willing to risk themselves.

Connections to faith tradition:

Jesus used similes and parables to give his listeners a frame of reference to help them understand things that are largely incomprehensible, like the nature of the kingdom of God.

When Jesus was killed, his followers had no frame of reference in which to understand what had happened. When he appeared to them, alive, this must have further disoriented them. No axis, no compass, no simile could help them understand what had happened that Easter, and in the days that followed. Even the story of Jonah was an imperfect simile.

Pentecost was a breath-taking intervention to give the disciples understanding, and a new frame of reference, by showing them their location in relation to God, through God's Holy Spirit.

I believe, I will:

I believe that God gives us a frame of reference, even when the world does not. I will keep reaching out to God to know where I and my little point are located on this uncharted plane.



**Bill MacBain**



## REDEEMER IS ON-LINE

### ON-LINE PLEDGING AND DONATIONS

*Pledge payments:* Payments can be made on a pledge (one-time/monthly/weekly) using a checking/savings account or with a credit/debit card. Participants can create a profile, set up recurring payments and make one-time donations. Donors may also choose to cover the service fee if they wish to do so. A receipt for each and every payment will go to the donor and to the Parish Office. For donations of stock, please contact the Parish Office.

For the Pledge Campaign, you may complete an electronic pledge card, send it to the office, and then continue on to set up payment. Printed pledge cards are available in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall.

*Donations:* Donations can be made using the on-line service for parish programs, such as Altar Flowers, Friends of Music at Redeemer, Memorials, and other ad hoc donations. These will all be one-time payments.

*Payment Information:* Payment information is secure. Access is only possible by the donor, Vanco and the Parish Office through specially set up passwords and access codes.

**YouTube:** We are trying to reach *100 subscribers* on our Music at Redeemer YouTube videos. Please help us! All you need to do is be logged into your gmail, and click the red “subscribe” button on one of our concert videos. Click here to see how easy it is to help support this ministry, bringing our concerts to those unable to attend: <https://youtu.be/U3RcamVYFF4> When we reach 100 subscribers, we can set the account with a dedicated URL, making publicity easier with a link somewhat more catchier than the above! *Currently 31 to go!*

### Church of the Redeemer on Social Media

Please connect with Redeemer and the Rector through these social media platforms:

**Facebook:** Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, Maryland  
**Facebook:** Cricket Park and RedeemerBethesda  
**Twitter:** @VicarVirtual  
**Linked In:** Cricket Park  
**Instagram:** parkcricket and redeemberbethesda  
**YouTube:** *see the note below...*

Events are posted on Facebook only. Please respond to these invitations so that we have accurate information about who will be attending. Thanks!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Church of the Redeemer Profit and Loss Statement February 29, 2020	Jan. - Feb. Actual	Jan. - Feb. Budget	Jan. - Feb. Over (Under) Budget	Annual Budget	
<b>INCOME</b>					<p>Set forth in the adjoining table are Church of the Redeemer's financial operating results through the end of February. The onset of the coronavirus epidemic at the beginning of March has dramatically changed the financial outlook for the year. While Redeemer has sufficient resources to meet cash flow needs, I anticipate that this situation will put Redeemer into a substantial deficit for the fiscal year. Because the physical church must be closed, Redeemer will lose budgeted building use income and also will not receive loose plate offerings, while normal expenses continue. I recognize that these are difficult times and that money may be shorter than expected due to loss of income and/or declines in stock values. However, I hope that those who can will continue to make supporting Redeemer a priority and that those who normally fulfill pledge commitments via the plate will use alternate ways to make their gifts.</p> <p>Redeemer's staff-Cricket, Geoffrey, Bob, and Margaret-continue to be fully engaged in the mission of the church.</p>
2020 Pledge Payments	230,046	200,087	29,959	465,420	
2020 Over Pledge	524	833	(310)	5,000	
2020 Non-Pledge	20,041	4,167	15,874	25,000	
2019 Pledges	1,660	0	1,660	0	
Loose Plate Offering	913	667	246	4,000	
Special Offerings	0	400	(400)	2,400	
Event & Activity Income	0	2,725	(2,725)	16,350	
Facilities Use	2,084	2,500	(416)	15,000	
Other Income	3,294	833	2,460	5,000	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>258,561</b>	<b>212,211</b>	<b>46,350</b>	<b>538,170</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Administration Expense	4,369	7,600	(3,230)	45,600	
Diocesan Giving	6,667	6,667	0	40,000	
Discretionary Account	1,000	167	833	1,000	
Maintenance Expense	10,836	12,792	(1,956)	76,750	
Outreach Giving	0	0	0	0	
Personnel Expense	49,582	49,174	407	295,046	
Program Expense	4,178	5,950	(1,772)	35,700	
Property Expense	7,792	7,833	(41)	47,000	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>84,424</b>	<b>90,183</b>	<b>(5,759)</b>	<b>541,096</b>	
Net Operating Income	174,137	122,029	52,109	(2,926)	

My heart goes out to all who are suffering as a result of the impact of the coronavirus crisis - financially, through illness, or from isolation from the communities with which they normally engage. Redeemer and its people are still here and present for the Redeemer family through the communications channels of the web.

And, as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Redeemer's finances.

**Stephen L. Gibson**  
Treasurer

## HOLY WEEK AT HOME

### This will be a Holy Week to remember!

Primarily, it will be a Holy Week that involves different lay participation than we usually see. Members of Redeemer are being asked to be involved in the production of the online liturgies for the Triduum, the holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Parishioners have been asked to read lessons, intercessions, and provide artistic reflections.

All of these contributions are recorded at home, sent to Geoffrey and/or Bob, and will be inserted in the Triduum services. If you watched *TheFIVE* on March 29th, you would have seen how we used an audio file of Psalm 130 being read by Cathy Arrington in that evening's liturgy. You are able to see this liturgy still on YouTube.

As you can imagine, the turnaround time for all of this is very tight. If you are invited to do something, please understand this nearly 24-hour turnaround requirement. If you aren't able to help out—it's okay—just please let the office know immediately.

In addition to specific assignments, there are general videos/photos that we need. You can video washing each other's feet at home. Have a palm procession in your backyard. Light candles and share the light as we do on the Easter Vigil. Send us pictures of your home altar. We welcome short musical performances or dramatic readings. If we don't use them for Holy Week, we can keep them on hand for future liturgies.

Need ideas? The scripture readings for Holy Week and each Sunday are available at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

Requests for your participation will be sent this week. Prayerfully consider how you will join the community for this sacred week and beyond.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Cricket+



### Holy Week Services at Redeemer

Maundy Thursday—7:00pm

Good Friday—7:00pm

Easter Vigil—8:00pm

Our services will be streamed on YouTube. A link to the service will be provided on our Website's home page.

[www.redeemberbethesda.org](http://www.redeemberbethesda.org)

On Easter Day, please join the worshipping community at the National Cathedral at 11:15am#

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*The Parish Office is open Tuesday – Friday,*

*9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

*Please call prior to stopping by to ensure someone is here to greet you.*



Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Bethesda, Maryland, a vibrant, growing parish community of “inquiring and

discerning hearts”, where all – the doubter, the seeker, and the believer – are welcome to join us in living and wrestling with the often difficult questions of faith. Here we value an Anglican spirituality – one that is open to the mystery of the Holy and which celebrates the dignity of human nature and the beauty of all creation. **Come. Be loved. Belong. Believe.**



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