



April 8, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of "at Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the readings for this Easter Sunday, and tune in on our website, www.ourstmarys.org Friday at NOON and Easter Sunday at 10:00 AM for live worship services. We will continue to update you on alternative means of worship.

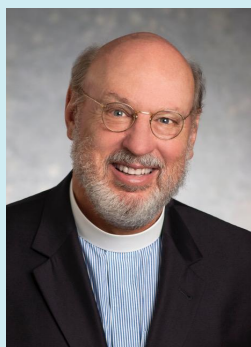
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for This Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020*

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

From Your Priest:



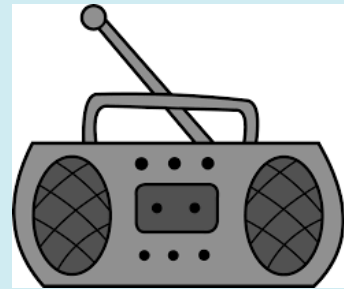
"The 'Good' This Friday"

Nobody can really say why we refer to the day of the crucifixion as "Good Friday." All sorts of etymology and cultural history gets involved in what amounts to speculation. It is a heart-rending story that is recounted in the Church; the darkest moment in human history is observed, and no cruel or

gruesome detail is omitted. We cannot see the dawn of Easter Day without passing through the darkness of mid-afternoon on Good Friday.

It is a mighty temptation to move quickly past the ugliness and gore, but that avoids the truth of the matter. There is nothing sanitary or pretty about what happened to the Son of God, and how he died a real death. Each of us can see that the dividing line between good and evil runs down the center of every human heart. If we call the day "Good Friday," it ought to challenge us.

Our own Georgia Hay, M.D. who is a member of St. Mary's vestry (also Chase and Jacob's mom!) will be featured on Lampasas Radio 101.9 this **Friday at 8 a.m.** Georgia will discuss the Covid-19 crisis and measures like social distancing. Be sure to tune in and support Georgia!



St. Mary's Easter Lilies

In keeping with our beautiful tradition of donating Easter Lilies to decorate St. Mary's sanctuary for Easter Sunday, the Altar Guild is offering Easter Lilies to decorate the outside this year. Hopefully people can enjoy a drive-by or maybe even stopping and pausing to reflect on these critical times and the great faith we have to get through it-THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Lilies will be put out in front and around the church yard on Saturday, along with the wooden cross, that we flower every year. The cross will be ready for anyone that would like to drive by and add flowers.

The Lilies have been ordered from Petal Peddler, our flower provider, and will come in a basket dressed with a white bow. They are \$15.00 each. We have put the lilies out in front of the church the past two years, following the service, and they last a couple of weeks or more.

You can order your lily and send your message by emailing it to Jane Westerfield. She will have all the messages in the Church Messenger on Easter Sunday instead of the usual printed insert in the bulletin.

Please use the following information to order your lily.

1.) Send check for \$15.00 to:
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 29

Lampasas, Texas 76550

Please make notation on the check that it is for *Easter Lilies*.

#2.) Send request to purchase a lily and your message of dedication (if you have one) to:

Jane Westerfield

greggwesterfield@att.net

With love and God's Peace to each of you,

The Altar Guild

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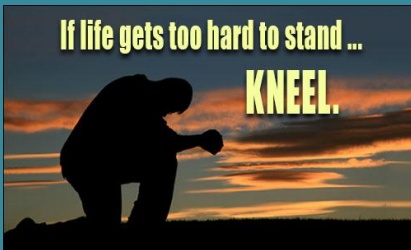


The last thing the Lord Jesus did before His hands were bound was to heal. Have you ever asked yourself, *if I knew this was the last thing I should do, what would I do?* I have never found the answer to that question. There are so very many things that we would want to do for those whom we love that I do not think we are likely to be able to find the chief one of all these. So the best thing is just to go on simply, doing each thing as it comes as well as we can. Our Lord Jesus spent much time in healing sick people, and in the natural course of events it happened that the last thing He did with His kind hands was to heal a bad cut. (I wonder how they could have the heart to bind His hands after that.)

"Then one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. But Jesus responded, *No more of this!* And touching his ear, he healed him." **Luke 22:50-51**

"Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus and bound Him."
John 18:12

-Amy Carmichael, *Edges of His Ways*, 1932.



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen



Prayer List:

Larry & Becky Hart, Ricky Gilmore,
Anne Brown, Jim & Pat
Anderson, Alec Richardson,
Katherine Mezger, Buck, Alex,
Randy, Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy,
& Rebecca.

Remember the families of Don Peterson and Jean Harrison as they grieve their losses of these dear ones.

May we remember this Holy Week that by His stripes we are healed. His wounds have paid our ransom.

"I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me."

- Galatians 2:20

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