



Emmanuel Newsletter
Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

The Sixth Sunday in Lent is Palm Sunday. On this day in the church calendar, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We also read the passion narrative. These two very different contrasting stories are told on the same day. We begin with joyful celebration and end with horrific tragedy. We might ask why?

The answer isn't far from us. Today we live in a mass of contradictions. We must remain distant from each other but at the same time we search for ways to be closer. Our services have been done remotely and yet those of us that have had the opportunity to participate via Zoom have discovered each other in new and deeper ways.

Jesus was welcomed, loved, cherished, and honored as he entered Jerusalem. Everyone thought he would bring a lasting kingdom. The kind of kingdom that would offer a just freedom for all. Perhaps his execution was because religious leaders of the time wanted to keep things the same – to retain the order as it was – the 'law' as they interpreted and promoted. Or perhaps it was because we cannot accept that one so humble and loving could also be a powerful leader, without a geographic kingdom.

We are invited to join the church in its celebration and of Jesus triumphant, crucified and risen during Holy Week. All this begins Sunday, March 28th through Holy Week to Easter on April 4th. Below is the schedule for Emmanuel Church, with accommodation for diocesan restrictions due to the pandemic.



- **PALM SUNDAY** – Service: **SATURDAY MARCH 27TH 5:00 P.M.** (*BEFORE PALM SUNDAY*) **A ZOOM READING OF THE PASSION. NO DIALOGUE SERMON. PALMS WILL BE BLESSED AND DISTRIBUTED ON SUNDAY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH BETWEEN 12:00 AND 1:00.** Those who desire blessed palms that cannot be at the church should contact us by email and delivery can be arranged.

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY** – April 1st – a link to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul’s Service will be provided.
- **GOOD FRIDAY** – April 2nd – A pre-recorded service by the Rev. Joyce Caggiano with prayers, recorded music and a sermon will be provided on our website.

THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM SERVICE ON SATURDAY APRIL 3RD.

- **EASTER SUNDAY** – April 4th – An Easter Holy Eucharist will be recorded IN EMMANUEL Church prior to Sunday and available for viewing on Easter Sunday. Those wishing to receive a consecrated host should let us know by email.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Merilee; Paul; Mary; Beth; Jenny; Dianna; Joseph; Catherine and Brant; Carla; Michael; Louise; and Parker.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting Service:

<https://zoom.us/j/92280471176?pwd=OG91V0FXTEdhaHdsY0tCa2hvdDBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 922 8047 1176

Passcode: 730529

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our website or YouTube site:

www.emmanuelwr.org

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA

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