

St. James' E-pistle: **SPECIAL EDITION**

A Letter from the Rector for March 14, 2020

Dear People of St. James',

I write today to update you all with our plans for worship tomorrow morning. I will be leading Morning Prayer Rite I at 8am, followed by Morning Prayer Rite II at 10am, from the pulpit of the church. **However, the church building will be closed to the public.** You will be able to fully participate in these services from your homes, by watching our live video stream on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, simply log in and visit St. James' Church page at the time of the service. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can still watch the live stream through a web browser. Step by step instructions are found [here](#).

To help you fully engage with these worship offerings, I have prepared a bulletin for each prayer service. To download the 8am worship bulletin, click [here](#). To download the 10am bulletin, click [here](#). All you have to do is download your bulletin, get online, and you are all set to join us in Sunday morning worship. Then, as you take part in worship with our dispersed community, please do feel free to leave comments, "likes," etc. on the Facebook page for the common good. You might be surprised to find just how connected you will feel when you read one another's comments.

Our E-Blast service provider will continue to be our fastest way to get communications and updates out to parishioners. So, please encourage family, friends, and fellow

parishioners to sign themselves up using the subscription form at the bottom of our parish's website [here](#).

You will also notice that we have a new tab at the top of our website, called "Online Resources." Here, you will find copies of my ongoing letters to the congregation, helpful links to information, and resources for our worship together. With this addition to our website, we intend to make our E-Blast information easily accessible and available to the public. Special thanks to Linda Spaziani for all her help in getting our various online offerings integrated and up and running!

So, tomorrow will be our first foray into "online only" worship here at St. James', and we have no idea what all might await us in our upcoming experiments and explorations. But this we know today: our first steps are now in place, for a journey whose length and duration we still do not know. And so, as we rest today, and prepare for starting off on that new way tomorrow, I invite you to join me in our Church's prayer made especially for this day:

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dustin+