



April 1, 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 sermon on Sunday mornings. We will update you on alternative means of worship early next week.

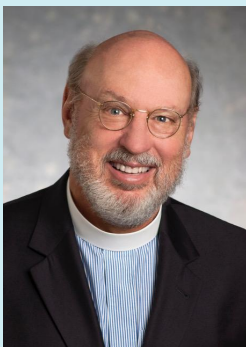
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for This Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020*

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

From Your Priest:



"A Fleeting Triumph"

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters the capital as a very different kind of King. There is no gilded carriage, and no military escort or trumpet fanfare. The Lord sends his disciples ahead to untie a donkey and a colt to bear him into the great Jerusalem. Jesus quotes the prophet Zechariah to describe the depth of humility that is captured in his

kinship. "Lowly," is what most of the translations say. Not lofty, not made for any lasting impression, but bereft of pretension.

Nevertheless, the reception of Jesus is rapturous. Crowds of people lay down their coats as a sign of welcome, and many waved branches of palms to amplify their enthusiasm. It must have been quite a moment. It had to have created thrilling expectations of success and triumph. The moment did not last. Expectations were defeated. Triumph turned to tragedy. The quick turn of events provides a vivid illustration of the capriciousness of human nature, and its brutality.



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,

THINK ON THIS:



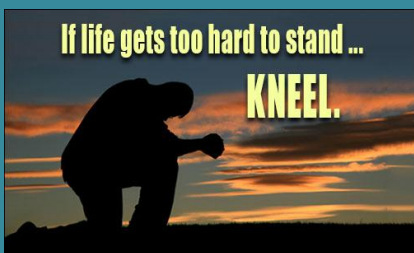
"If the Bible had been [originally] written in England, there would not have been nearly so many words about the comfort a shadow can be. But it was written in countries where the heat could be very great, and where great open plains of burning sand make the shadow of a great rock something to be remembered."

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

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1

"I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by," Exodus 33:22

"In the shadow of His hand He hid me." Isaiah 49:2



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:

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

Pray we experience God's peace during this time of trial - the peace that passes all understanding.

"Trust in the Lord forever, because in the Lord, the Lord Himself, is an everlasting rock!"

- Isaiah 26:4

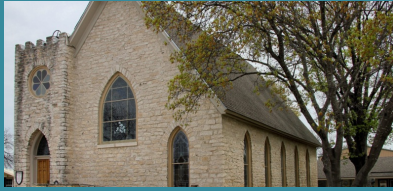
QUICK LINKS

[Our Website](#)

Diocese of Texas

The Lectionary

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
501 S. Chestnut
P.O. Box 29
Lampasas, TX 76550
(512) 556-5433 Phone
www.ourstmarys.org



CONTACT :
Rev. Bill Fowler
(979) 204-7160 cell/text
revbill@ourstmarys.org