

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

### ALL EVENTS AND MEETINGS POSTPONED

#### DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** – Today is Mid-Lent Sunday also known in the Anglican Communion as Mothering Sunday. Other names for today are “Laetore” meaning “Rejoice” from the opening Latin words of the Mass; and “Refreshment Sunday.” Today is a day to take a break from the rigors of Lent. In the Anglican Communion it was the day to return home to visit your Mother and to attend your home Parish. The traditional food of the day is “Simmel Cake”. Printed below are prayers and sentences for the day that you may find meaningful in your devotions.

**Sentence** - “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem,” says the Lord. (Isaiah 66:13)

**Collect** - Everloving God, Your care for us is greater even than a mother’s love for her child; teach us to value a mother’s love and see in it an expression of your grace, that we may ever feel more deeply your love for us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Blessed are you, God of strength and patience; yours is a love our mothers showed us, yours in the care we need; as we learn to care for one another and to share it first of all

**Readings** - Psalms 84; Isaiah 49:13-16 - A Mother’s Love; Ephesians 3:14-21- Christ lives in our hearts; Luke 2:40-52 -The Holy Family

**Post Communion Sentence** - Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. (Galatians 4:26)

**RED EASTER EGGS FOR ALL** An Easter tradition is to give each person a red-dyed Easter Egg on Easter Sunday. The egg is a symbol of the Resurrection, dyed red for the blood of Christ shed for the salvation of the world. Needed are about 10 dozen eggs. If you are willing to bring a dozen or two hard boiled red eggs please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. Eggs may be brought to Church on Holy Saturday morning.



**COME, MAKE PALM CROSSES** Please Join Us! The Altar Guild will be meeting on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday and you are invited to join us in making these for our communicants. Just bring a pair of scissors and look for us upstairs in the meeting room at 9:00 a.m. Our work will take about one hour. We hope

you can join us.

#### The ERD GLOBE VOTIVE LIGHT

will be used during Lent in celebration for our noisy collection which will bring a little light to the world. The Votive Light is in commemoration of Episcopal Relief and Development, a worldwide program of mission in Christ, responding both to crisis and offering long term effective development around our world.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH** - Don’t forget we are still collecting various items for the Collingswood Food Pantry. For the month of March, we ask for donations of Laundry Detergent. If you have not brought in your donations of baby food, baby cereal and formula from February, we will still take them. Please leave your donations in the tower and we will deliver them.



**LENT MADNESS 2020** - the Saintry Smackdown is back with on-line voting – Who will win the Golden Halo? If you’re looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket. On the weekdays of Lent go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to read about two different saints and cast your vote for the one you’d like to see move on to the next round. The winner after five rounds is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

**LOOKING TOWARD**  
**HOLY WEEK – EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**



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A commemoration of the events in the upper room. Foot-Washing – after the example of Christ is included in this Liturgy. To participate, please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. All Night Vigil Watch – Jesus said, “Could you not watch with me even one hour?” The altar of repose will be set aside in the Chapel for devotions and meditations until the Good Friday Liturgy. All hours through the night must be covered. Please sign up at the back of the Church.



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