

From the Rector...

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!



Dear Family in Christ,

We Are Moving From Lent To Easter, From Darkness To Light, From Sin To Grace, From Death To Life.

This is the time when the Church is preparing for the birth of one situation to another one, i.e., to a new life. During this season we are in communion with all Christians of the world who believe and celebrant the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, especially with all those Christians who are Trinitarians: *We Believe That The Father Raised The Son With The Power Of The Holy Spirit.*

This Mystery is what makes the Christians different. In other words, this is the Cycle of Life: From the Father to the Manger, from the Manger to Calvary, and from Calvary to me, to you, to us. We will soon be able to say **“Alleluia, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!”**

Our mission statement calls on us as communicants of St. Christopher’s

“To proclaim the Gospel and teach the Faith:

To bring Christ’s healing power to those who are wounded and hurting;

To share our blessings with those in need;

To administer the Holy Sacraments; and to live our lives to God’s glory, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with all people.”

In this time when our daily lives are disrupted and we are doing all we can to guard against the novel coronavirus, there is greater need than ever to live into our calling as Christians. Let us be continually in prayer for one another, and for ourselves also; and let us remember that it takes faithfulness and generosity in giving for our church to reach out to those who are wounded, hurting, and in need, now more than ever.

Please make your check or Money Order to **St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church** and mail to **Holly Truesdale, 14825 Holden Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928**; or go to the diocesan website, **dioceserg.org**, and click on **Donate to Your Church**, and then click on **El Paso - St. Christopher’s** to donate by credit or debit card.

Together, by the grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will get through this.

In Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.

Fr. JJ+

!ALELUYA !CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! ALELUYA!

Estimadas hermanas y hermanos,

De La Cuaresma A La Pascua, De La Oscuridad A La Luz, Del Pecado A La Gracia, De La Muerte A La Vida.

Este es el tiempo en que La Iglesia se prepara para nacer de una situación a otra, es decir a una nueva vida. Durante esta temporada estamos en communion con todos aquellos Cristianos del mundo que creen y celebran La Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, sobretodo aquellos Cristianos que son Trinitarios: *Es Decir, Creemos Que El Padre Resucito Al Hijo Con El Poder Del Espíritu Santo.*

Este Misterio es lo que hace a los Cristianos diferentes. Este es el Ciclo De Vida: Del Padre al Pesebre, del Pesebre al Calvario y del Calvario A mi, A nosotros.

Ya podremos decir *!Aleluya !Cristo Ha Resucitado, Aleluya!*

La declaración de Nuestra Misión nos pide como Comulgantes de Sant Christopher's

"Anunciar el Evangelio y enseñar la Fe:

Llevar el poder sanador de Cristo a las personas dañadas y heridas;

Compartir nuestras bendiciones con los más necesitados;

Administrar los Santos Sacramentos;

y vivir nuestras vidas para la Gloria de Dios, compartiendo el amor de Jesucristo con todas las personas."

En este tiempo en el que nuestra vida cotidiana se interrumpe y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para protegernos del nuevo coronavirus, hay mayor necesidad que nunca de vivir en nuestro llamamiento como cristianos. Permanezcamos continuamente en oración el uno por el otro, y también por nosotros mismos; y recordemos que se necesita fidelidad y generosidad al dar a nuestra iglesia para tender la mano a los dañados, heridos y necesitados, ahora más que nunca.

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Juntos, por la Gracia de Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, lo superaremos.

***En Jesucristo Nuestro Salvador,
Fr. JJ +***

From the Senior Warden...

HOLY SATURDAY

A section of our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is entitled “Proper Liturgies for Special Days”. Said liturgies are six in number and each is unique unto its own. The first is for Ash Wednesday and the last is for the Great Vigil of Easter. The other four are for the four days of Holy Week – the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Of all these six, the one that will probably be omitted is Holy Saturday which also the briefest of all.

The liturgy for this day begins with a rubric noting that “there is no celebration of the Eucharist on this day. On this day, along with Good Friday; these days are considered to be “aliturigical” meaning that on these two days, there is no Eucharist celebration. While the BCP permits communion from the “reserved Sacrament” during the Good Friday liturgy, no such provision exists for Holy Saturday.

At the onset of Holy Week, the church is prepared as usual. The wooden cross is in place, red vestments are worn, and no incense, processional or torches are in use. Celebrants enter in silence, readings and Psalms are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and Matthew or John is the basis for the Gospel. A Homily (sermon) is optional. For Holy Saturday, we use an anthem (BCP 484 or 492) in place of the Prayers of the People. Thus on Holy Saturday we are reminded of not only our mortality that we share with Jesus Christ but that our deliverance depends on the life he gave for us and our acceptance of that gift.

Why a Holy Saturday omission? It is assumed that few people will attend this worship because the service comes between Good Friday and the Easter Vigil/Easter Day celebration. Most individuals (e.g. altar guild members, ministers, etc.) use this day to make Easter celebration preparations though a Holy Saturday service can be arranged for church preparers and workers at a morning or midday time as most will have contributed some service earlier in Holy Week.

The Holy Saturday liturgy for those who use this day as a work day can be in a particular way for them a sort of travel from the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) to the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter), namely a quiet, prayerful pause, an empty moment or a graveside service for Jesus who died.

Let us remember that the Holy Saturday liturgy is a “service of the Word”. The Holy Saturday liturgy is a brief and humble service that belongs to the Episcopal church worship. It can enrich the experience of any congregation that decides to offer it.

*Yours in Christ,
Joe Maldonado, Senior Warden*

*Happy
Birthday*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

*Sue Fields 4 Camila Gonzalez 4
Gloria Rodriguez 17 Jenna Mota 25*

ANNIVERSARY

Bruce and Holly Truesdale 26



APRIL PRAYER LIST

Lois Kelley, Laura Salcido and Robert Soto, Linda East, Patty Lane, Mariann Chavez, Mary Hernandez, Erika Dominguez and family, Vanessa Marquez, Octaviano Tavares, Richard and Kathy Schofill, Donna Hvisdos, Maria Morgan, John Hudak, David White, Donna Morrison, Skip Bambrook, Bill Fields, Manuel Vidal, Mary Reyes, Estela and Jesus Salcido, John Tobin, Jay Stevens, Molly, and all who suffer from the COVID-19 virus or have lost loved ones.

**Services at the
Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque
on Facebook, click on Events for services**

**The Right Rev. Michael Hunn, Bishop and
The Very Rev. Kristina Maulden, Dean**

**Live Streaming
Good Friday Liturgy
7:00 p.m. April 10**



**Live Streaming
Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. April 11**

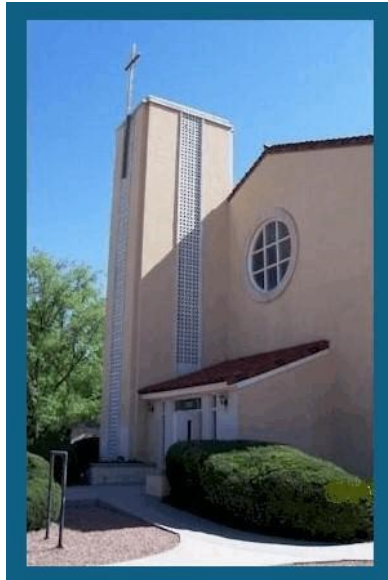
**Live Streaming
Easter Sunday
11:00 a.m. April 12**

**We encourage everyone at St. Christopher's
to watch the live streaming services!**

**St. Christopher's will hold a virtual "Coffee Hour" fellowship
via Zoom at 1:00 p.m.**

Watch your email for the Zoom invite and link!

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WEBSITE AND
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**



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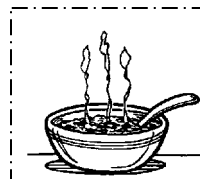
WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Eucharist & Healing 10:30 a.m.



St. Christopher's

Soup Kitchen

Outreach

11:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Saturday of each month

**BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF THE RIO GRANDE
The Right Reverend Michael B. Hunn**

**CLERGY AND STAFF
The Reverend Canon José J. Bernal
Rector**

**The Reverend Miguel Ramirez
Associate Priest**

**The Reverend Alejandro Reyes
Associate Priest**

**The Reverend Kenneth Anderson
Deacon (Ret.)**



**Holly Truesdale
Parish Administrator**

**VESTRY
Joe Maldonado - Senior Warden
Virgie Shinn - Junior Warden
Carlisle Navidomskis
Bruce Truesdale**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Rector

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

**Fr. Bernal will be also available
on Saturdays by appointment.**



**Administrator
and Church Office
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
Administrator in Office
at home on**

**Monday and Wednesday
852-3954 or 252-2475**

Church Offices Closed on Friday

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