

# Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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In a “normal” year we would just be concluding the Great Vigil of Easter as I write this email. It would have been the first celebration of the Resurrection of Christ with the ringing of the handbells as we moved from darkness to light. When I saw Susan Garnham today, she was reminding me that this would also have been our Easter Party and the breaking of the Lenten Fast.

I know that having another Worship service on video does not replace all the great and wonderful gatherings and celebrations, but it is what we have for now. So tonight, I am sending you the Easter Service bulletin <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Easter-Sunday-12-April-2020.pdf>. Follow along as we pray together, in our different reality, and join in the singing of the wonderful Easter hymns. There is a very special hymn this year that speaks to worshipping in a time of isolation and physical distancing.

You will find the video on our Facebook page once again, by clicking on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/260270458334114/>

After filming the video today, I took the opportunity to go for a walk at Mud Lake. With camera in hand and the beauty of nature all around, I had to celebrate the wonder and joy that we are still surrounded by. In addition to the Wood ducks and Chickadees, I spent a fair amount of time focused on a couple of Downy Woodpeckers; though I think all that hammering their heads against the trees was giving me a headache.

Have a wonderful Easter—and however you are marking this day, please remember to give thanks and pray for all those who are working so hard in our community to keep us safe and to heal the sick. Tonight's prayer is one known very well to many of us and is usually called the Serenity prayer (written by Reinhold Niebuhr):

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the  
difference. Amen*

Happy Easter

Chris