

Palm Sunday Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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Palm Sunday 2020—like no other.

Blanche, after watching the service video this morning, came to tell me that she thought that this should be her new normal; “sitting back in my chair with my feet up taking in the Sunday service.” We will see how that works for her.

I realize that it was 11 years ago today, on another Palm Sunday morning that my mother died. It is interesting how we remember moments like that; I am sure that we will remember this Palm Sunday for other reasons.

I am sharing two letters from **Bishop John** to you this evening. This first one is a **reflection on Palm Sunday** and our current situation:

<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-05-Palm-Sunday-Letter-from-the-Bishop.pdf>. The other letter is about the **Diocesan plan for relief to Parishes** in this period of time; a period of Jubilee:

<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-03-Jubilee-Letter-from-Bishop-Chapman.pdf>.

Tonight's prayer, again from the Church of England, is:

*God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen***

Stay well and stay strong

Chris