

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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Today is the end of one very long year! It was one year ago tomorrow that the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 pandemic. I am not sure whether this means that we should call this a “new year’s eve” though—the start of another year of pandemic seems challenging!

Evening Prayer with Jarrett for our mid-Lenten journey: tonight, Jarrett looks at the passages where Jesus says, “I am the Light of the world.” Our world can certainly do with a good dose of light. here is a link to the service bulletin: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Evening-Prayer-for-Lent-10-March-2021.pdf> and you will find the service on our Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/225701902579533

So, tonight, our prayer on the eve of this “anniversary” calls us to reflect on where we have been over the past year and our hope and trust in God who cares for us. Let us pray:

God of grace and compassion, you shoulder our burdens and ease our heavy hearts. As we mark the first anniversary of the declaration of the pandemic by the World Health Organization, be comfort for those who grieve, strength for those who falter, and eternal rest for those who have died. Buttress our hearts and wills, spark our imaginations, and kindle hope in our depths, that we may trust, follow, and love you, for our wellbeing and the sake of the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Be well, stay safe, and have a quiet evening,

Chris