

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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I hope that I did not sound too “cranky” at Church this morning. I always seem to be the one preaching on the morning of the time change, but at least this year, I was not expected to be really with it at 8:00 am, or is that 7:00 am?

The Worship video for our **Service for the Fourth Sunday of Lent** is now up on our Facebook page. Today we hear the story of the Israelites grumbling/murmuring in the desert as they continued their 40-year journey. Today we hear grumbling and complaining all around us because of COVID measures. The Gospel story today is Jesus' response to Nicodemus that reminds him of Moses' action or response to the people in the wilderness and speaks of God's steadfast love for all God's people: the significance of the gift of God's son. You will find the video at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/451710452922268

So have a good week as we continue our Lenten journey. I did tell someone a short while ago that they did not need to worry, I was not depressed—just tired. I think that many of us can appreciate that part.

When I think that we were standing in the Cathedral exactly one year ago today and the announcement was being made that all churches would be closed and no services held the next morning, Sunday, March 15th, 2020. I wonder what we would have done if someone had said that we would be doing that one year later. At the time, it all seemed like a short-term need. Yes, there is very good news out there about vaccines and, despite the hiccups in roll-out plans, things are looking brighter.

So enough of that. Our prayer for today comes from the little country church in England where today they were celebrating Mothering Sunday (England's version of Mother's Day):

God, we lift to you our wider family, many of whom we haven't been able to see for some time. Thank you for technology, helping us to keep in touch. Give them peace, joy, strength, and wisdom in all they do. Please watch over them and keep them safe until we can meet again. Amen

Take care and have a quiet week,

Chris