

A Grace Note from the Rector  
March 23, 2022

Dear Ones,

This coming Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, often called **Lætare Sunday**, from the first word of the traditional Introit for Mass. *Lætare Jerusalem! (Rejoice Jerusalem!)*. It is analogous to The Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday), and is a day on which the rigors of Lenten preparations are lessened. In some places you will see rose colored vestments rather than purple or violet. Liturgically, it allows us to catch our breath as we approach the business of Holy Week.

Speaking of **Holy Week**, I'm including the schedule for the entire week. I encourage you to be present in as much of this important sequence of services as you can. I'll write more next week about the meaning of the flow of services.

Please continue to keep the **people of the Ukraine** in your prayers and action. Here again is the link to Episcopal Relief and Development's effort. God bless your help to the people of the Ukraine.  
[https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse?ID=220301DP0DS0100&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=fy22ukraine&utm\\_source=220301DP0DS0100](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse?ID=220301DP0DS0100&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=fy22ukraine&utm_source=220301DP0DS0100)

Thank you to everyone who kept things running smoothly during my time in Connecticut. It was a joy to be with so many friends, and I'm grateful to you all for making it possible. Particular thanks to Mike Ashely and Jamie-Sue Ferrell for their contributions on Sunday.

#### LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday, March 20	The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist: Rite One (9:30am)
Wednesday, March 30	Eucharist (noon) Lenten Book Study (7pm, Zoom)
Sunday, April 3	The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist: Rite One (9:30am)

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist (9:30am)
April 14	Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing (7pm)
April 15	Good Friday Stations of the Cross (Noon) The Proper Liturgy of Good Friday (7pm)
April 16	Holy Saturday The Proper Liturgy of Holy Saturday (Noon) The Great Vigil of Easter (8pm)
April 17	Easter Day Holy Eucharist (9:30am)

### **A BETTER WAY: MARCH NEEDS**

Shampoo, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Colored Pencils, Sketchbooks and Watercolor Paints. The facility can provide shelter for 25 individuals. There have been times when they accommodate up to 38 individuals, setting up cots in hallways and unused spaces. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*If I missed you, please email me to let me know.*

**Maggie Connolly** (March 24)

**Erica Groeber** (March 25)

**Brooke-Renee Bonnell** (March 26)

**Kevin Cowin** (March 28)

**Tim Lewis** (March 28)

**Patricia Robertson** (March 30)

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Jamie-Sue & Dave Ferrell** (March 24)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

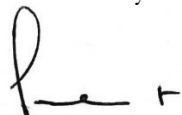
Today we remember the martyrdom of **Óscar Romero**, the Archbishop of San Salvador. He was deeply conservative in his spirituality, believing in the interior reform of the self. Nevertheless, he was alarmed at the actions of the government.

Romero met with Pope John Paul II in 1980, complaining that the leaders of El Salvador engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the American government to stop military aid to his country, but this request was ignored.

Romero was shot to death while celebrating Mass at a small chapel near his cathedral on March 24, 1980. The previous day, he preached a sermon calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated human rights. He had said, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God which is the people will never perish." The Roman Catholic Church declared him "a servant of God," and he is honored as a martyr by many Christian denominations worldwide.

*Almighty God, you called your servant Óscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.*

God bless you as we walk through these days together,



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