

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Church Closed. While it is too late to contain the COVID-19 virus, we may be able to help slow down its progression and keep our health care system from being overwhelmed by practicing social distancing measures. With this in mind, Bishop Rickel has mandated that all Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Olympia close, effective immediately. This action is fully supported by our Presiding Bishop Curry.

Christ Church will close through Sunday March 29, with the understanding that our church may remain closed longer depending on the course of the pandemic in and around our community. The Red Door is also closed. All employees of the Church and Red Door will receive compassionate pay for lost wages.

Sunday Morning Prayer Online. We will live-stream the service of Morning Prayer for the next three Sundays, at 10:30 am. Please go to the Christ Church Facebook Page to join the service: March 15th, 22nd and 29th. These services will be recorded (no congregants will be present) and may be viewed at another time.

<https://www.facebook.com/christchurchanacortes/videos/500500763964412/>

You do not need a Facebook account to access this page.

Sunday Coffee Hour. We will hold a virtual coffee hour via Zoom after the service at noon. This will be a time to socialize and see how everyone is doing. Please join us! Zoom is very easy to use, please contact Rev. Carol or Rev. Deacon Eric if you need help.

Follow this link <https://zoom.us/j/405503429>, then,

- Click "Allow" in the popup that asks, "Do you want to allow this page to open "zoom.us.app"?"
- The app will download and you can sign up for a free account.
- Click on the "Join" button in the Zoom App, and enter the Meeting ID: [405 503 429](https://zoom.us/j/405503429)

Wednesday Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer will be offered via Zoom every Wednesday at 5:00pm. Follow this link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/768526888>

- Meeting ID: 768-526-888

Book of Common Prayer: available for download at <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Our services will be without music as we do not have a copyright license to stream music.

Alternatively, St. Mark's Live Stream. The live-stream of the Cathedral of St. Mark's 11 am Eucharist or Compline at 9 pm, is available here:

<https://saintmarks.org/worship/live-stream/>

Let Us Pray. We pray for all who are impacted by this pandemic, and we ask that you please remember the economic needs of our church family and ministries. You are most welcome to fulfill your pledges, either by mail or placing in the PH mailbox slot. The Diocese of Jerusalem and the Chaplains on the Harbor are ministries we support here at Christ Church; these have great need at this time. Please consider including a check, made out to Christ Church and clearly marked for either AFDJ or Chaplains.

Please call or e-mail Rev. Diane or Rev. Carol if you have pastoral needs, or if you are self-quarantined.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Carol

Rev. Diane

Rev. Deacon Eric