

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Lent/Holy Week 2019

Dear Friends and Parishioners:

The last week of Jesus' life moves from one evocative moment to another. We commemorate the most memorable ones in our liturgies: from his entrance into Jerusalem, to the last supper, to the crucifixion and finally, Easter Sunday, i.e. the mystery of the resurrection. These liturgies touch and stir up the basic archetypes of life, death and resurrection that reside in every soul. Some will describe the experience of the liturgies as ineffable, that is beyond words and indeed that is correct. St. Paul describes an inner spiritual groaning beyond language. There are hidden resources within each of us that have not yet been tamed by language.

So often we outsource our lives to celebrities and the 24-hour news cycle. Of course these are fascinating and even addicting. But they cannot touch the real drama that resides in each soul as it wrestles with meaning and purpose, spirituality and salvation.

This week as we walk with Jesus in our liturgies, we encounter someone with a laser-like focus as he sets his face towards Jerusalem and accepts that divine grace will suffuse every fiber of his being in every moment of his existence. Jesus becomes that burning bush of bright heat and ultimate intensity, eyes fully open, mind fully aware, body fully committed. This week he serves as our inspiration as he acts as representative human, standing in solidarity with all humanity, especially all victims, exiles and outcasts

We don't worship to appease an angry God, whether that God be in heaven or in our minds. We engage religion, the liturgy and sacraments as means of expanding consciousness and opening our souls: heart, mind and body to the radical intensity that life is meant to offer. Some worry about life after death, but a bigger question is, "Will there be a compelling, passionate life before death?"

Please join us for our Holy Week Services, from this Palm Sunday to Easter as listed in this mailing.

Faithfully yours,

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