

St. John's Good News



**March
2024**

Prayer: *Not the Kingdom of Death*

Christ is risen!
We give thanks for the gift of Easter
that runs beyond our expectations,
beyond our categories of reason,
even more, beyond the sinking sense of our own lives.

We know about the powers of death,
powers that persist among us,
powers that drive us from you, and
from our neighbor, and
from our best selves.

We know about the powers of fear and greed and anxiety,
and brutality and certitude.
powers before which we are helpless.

And then you – you at dawn, unquenched,
you in the darkness,
you on Saturday,
you who breaks the world to joy.

Yours is the kingdom...not the kingdom of death,
Yours is the power...not the power of death,
Yours is the glory...not the glory of death.
Yours... You...and we give thanks
for the newness beyond our achieving.
Amen.

~ Walter Brueggemann, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

As we move through Lent, we can observe that our newspaper headlines present us with countless examples of “the powers of fear and greed and anxiety and brutality and certitude before which we are helpless”. We are in danger in succumbing to the belief that these powers are what define our life.

Journeying through Lent, we are made aware of the risen Christ who breathes new life into our anxious souls. There are battles which rage in our country, in our families, and within our own minds. We struggle to discern what it means to acknowledge the

Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually: All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is now at 75. The service continues to broadcast via Zoom, with weekly dial-in and link options shared by email.

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sanctity of human life. We struggle to discern how to be an instrument of peace in a world at war. We struggle to work together as a country to define and contribute to the common good. We struggle to be in an instrument of love in an environment marked by fear and suspicion.

It is with humility and joy that into the darkness, a light does shine. In our Lord's victory over death we discover that we are in the midst of Holy Deliverance from the powers and principalities of this world. At Eastertide I think of the other wonderful Scottish hymn, "For the Good of us All!"

*He's here when we call Him Bringing health, love, and laughter
To life now and ever after For the good of us all*

I wish you all a blessed and Glorious Easter!

Peace,
John+

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**Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday Eve Indigenous Gathering, Sat., March 23rd - 5pm (see insert)

Palm Sunday, March 24th ~ Holy Eucharist - 10am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th ~ Agape meal followed by Holy Eucharist  
Meal - 6pm    Worship - 7pm

Good Friday, March 29th ~ Contemplation of the Cross - Noon (12pm)  
(no evening service)

Easter Sunday, March 31st ~ Sunrise Eucharist in Memorial Garden - 6am  
(weather permitting)  
Holy Eucharist - 10am



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Easter Prayer List

Names in remembrance (*or in thanksgiving*) for our Easter list should be submitted to the parish office no later than **Thursday, March 21st**—thank you.

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**Pilgrimage to the Pocasset Wampanoag Reservation**

**Thursday, March 7, 10am-3:30pm**  
**All are welcome!**

**Gathering Place:** St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm Street, Dartmouth

To Register, please contact the church office.

The group will travel by bus together from St. Peter's Church to the Pocasset Wampanoag Land, incorporated within the Freetown-Fall River State Forest, to walk their paths and engage in conversation. Then the group will return to St. Peter's for lunch, reflection and worship.

Optional Transportation to Dartmouth: E-mail Jocelyn Collen ([jcollen\(at\)diomass.org](mailto:jcollen(at)diomass.org)) if you would like transportation to Dartmouth or have room to take passengers with you.

Cost: \$10 (If this is a hardship, scholarships are available.)  
Dress accordingly: Time will be spent outdoors and there will be mud.

*Please note that these event details supersede plans publicized prior to Feb. 15.*

This pilgrimage follows in the stead of one in 2019 to Providence, R.I., for the Walking Tour of Slavery and visit to the John Brown House Museum.

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**Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Update**

We are so very pleased that Joanne Lancaster, Colleen Marcotte, Janice Webber and Kristina Palazzo have answered the call to serve the church as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (they are able to assist the priest at the altar and to distribute the wine at Holy Communion). They have come to training classes on Saturdays with Julia and on Sundays after church with Stephen and you will start seeing them serving on Sundays!

If you feel you would like to serve the church in this position - please speak to Julia or Stephen. We can always use more LEM's!

Thank you!  
Julia Aston

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**Every Child Deserves to Smile**

Thank you for all the fabulous February donations! Your generosity allowed us to deliver 4 boxes of assorted food items, 3 large bags of clothing items, and 40 Valentine goodie bags filled with candy, snacks and treats for the children.



In March we will be collecting:

- Easter treats of candy, snacks and fun novelty items.
- Mac & Cheese, canned meats, small bottles of laundry detergent, toiletries, and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.).
- Stop & Shop and Market Basket gift cards are always welcomed items.

**Mark your calendar for our March events!**

The next quarterly meeting is **Thursday, March 7 at 9:30am** in the Hurl Room. All are welcome to attend.

Help create some Easter baskets for the children on **Palm Sunday, March 24**, during coffee hour. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of shining the light in the life of a homeless child, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer.

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### Word Search

Can you find these animals from the African continent?

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T S W J N U N G I R A F F E N S E N  
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O C U T T I H P A V L W T K P I Y C  
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Aardvark ~ Antelope ~ Baboon ~ Cheetah ~ Chimpanzee ~ Cobra  
Crocodile ~ Gazelle ~ Giraffe ~ Gorilla ~ Hedgehog ~ Hippopotamus  
Impala ~ Jackal ~ Leopard ~ Lion ~ Ostrich ~ Rhinoceros ~ Warthog  
Wildebeest ~ Zebra

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May you have a very blessed Easter!

Officers: The Rev. John T. Beach, Priest-in-Charge, Brenda Caggiano, Sr. Warden, Daniel Casey, Jr., Warden, Phil Littlehale, Treasurer, Paul Felci, Assistant Treasurer, and Kristina Palazzo, Clerk of the Vestry & Sexton

Vestry: Bill Bidmead, Sr. (2026), Joanne Crowe (2027), Rose Holt (2027), M. 'Dibby' LeBlanc (2026), Sandy Mears (2025), and John Rogalski (2027)