



All Saints'  
Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence RI

*March 19, 2020 e-Parish messenger*

Come and worship  
Rejoice in fellowship  
Love and serve the Lord!



Photo by Becky Silliman

Good morning on this [Feast of St. Joseph](#),

We had a first for All Saints' yesterday—our first on-line service. Our Noonday Service via [ZOOM](#) allowed us to gather in prayer in a new way. It was wonderful to see each other and pray with one another as we worked out technology together. During the service we read a short scripture passage from the last few verses of Matthew's Gospel. The risen Lord appears to his disciples gathered in Galilee. There, Jesus assures the

disciples “And remember, I am with you always until the end of the age.”  
(Mathew 28:20). Encouraging words for us to remember today.

I share another piece of good news. The City Meal Site continued its essential ministry in a new way on Tuesday. Instead of hosting the community dinner in Rose Hall, the dedicated City Meal Site volunteers distributed 60 bag dinners to guests outside in the parking lot.

I invite you to gather with us on Sunday for Morning Prayer via ZOOM. You simply download the free ZOOM Cloud Meetings App on your phone or computer. Then click the meeting link provide below. You will find Sunday's Morning Prayer Service just below the meeting invitation. Join us!

God our Creator,  
when you speak there is light and life,  
when you act there is justice and love;  
grant that your love may be present with us this day  
so that what we say and what we do  
may be filled with your Holy Spirit.

(Adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

In Peace,  
Julie

*Julianne Hanavan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

*Topic: Sunday Morning Prayer*

*Time: Mar 22, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://zoom.us/j/286257775?pwd=YUZaVlBBRGhmN1RRaWYxbzFzQmN4UT09>

*Meeting ID: 286 257 775*

*Password: 582091*

The Order of Service for Morning Prayer is provided below. Or, you can find it in [the BCP](#), p. 75.

***Morning Prayer Sunday, March 22 (BCP p. 75)***

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*Joel 2:13*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the  
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him

**Venite** Psalm 95:1-7

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3. For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5. The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the  
Lord our Maker.

7. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **Psalm 66**

1. Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise
2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
because of your great strength your enemies  
cringe before you.
3. All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
4. Come now and see the works of God,  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
5. He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in him.
6. In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations;  
let no rebel rise up against him.
7. Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8. Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
9. For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
10. You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
11. You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12. I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13. I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.
14. Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15. I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.
16. If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
17. But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.

### **Psalm 67**

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2. Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
6. The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7. May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### **The Lessons**

#### **A Reading from Genesis**

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, 'Who are these?' Joseph said to his father, 'They are my sons, whom God has given me here.' And he said,

‘Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.’ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, ‘I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also.’ Then Joseph removed them from his father’s knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel’s left, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel’s right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said, ‘The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.’

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father’s hand, to remove it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. Joseph said to his father, ‘Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.’ But his father refused, and said, ‘I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a

multitude of nations.’ So he blessed them that day, saying, ‘By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, “God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.” ’ So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.

Then Israel said to Joseph, ‘I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### ***Canticle 9***

#### **The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6 )**

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Gospel**

### **John 6:27-40**

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'

Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which\* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this

bread always.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

Officiant The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Homily**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*The People stand or kneel*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care.  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth.  
R. Your saving health among nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts.

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Collect*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*For Mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for

the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Please note that the church building is closed for services, meetings, and to the public this week and next week.**

Contact the Rhode Island Department of Health at 401-444-5960 if you have additional questions, or visit the website at <https://health.ri.gov>

Advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/personal/index.html>

## ***Share All Saints' With Friends***



## **PRAYERS**

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Alice, Gus, Ernie, Ruby, Marie, Trish, Gene, and Musa. We also pray for Harriet Choi, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Cheryl Dunning, James Greene, Brian Mulvey, George Clinton, Anne-Marie Cerda, Mahdia Cooper, Tete Sirleaf, Frances Tait, Clarence Scott, Mary Tryforos, Eric & Irene T., Barbara K, Anthony Eke, Margaret Mirin, Karen Mirin, Kara LaChappelle, Susanna, Joan, and Paula Alviti.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Sylvester Kpeh, Jr.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces, especially Matthew Degree.

## ***Keeping up with Your Pledge in These Times***

While we are unable to worship in Church together and the office closed, we ask that you keep up with your pledge as you are able. There are three ways for you to do so.

- Give online - it is easy and secure. Here is how:
  1. Go to our website – [allsaintsmemorial.org](http://allsaintsmemorial.org). Under "What We Do," click on "Supporting our Ministries."
  2. Once opened, click on the "Donate" button.
  3. You can either sign in to ChurchTrac or give as a guest.
- Make out a check and send it by mail to the church: 674 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- Place your sealed offering envelope with check or cash in the mailbox outside the office door.

If you have questions, please email me ([rsillima@bu.edu](mailto:rsillima@bu.edu)) or call me (946-3562).

-Thank you,  
Becky



### ***2020 Easter Flowers***

Easter flowers on the altar are a wonderful way to honor the memory or give thanksgiving for a loved one. The forms to contribute towards Easter flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or please call the parish office to have one mailed or emailed to you. The deadline for Easter flowers is Friday, April 3.



## ***2020 Altar Flowers***

Forms for weekly Sunday flowers can be found in Rose Hall, or you may request one from the Parish Office. During Lent, we will be using greens on the altar in lieu of fresh flowers, but you may still designate a Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

***March 22, 2020***

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

***March 29, 2020***

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

*Publishing information:*

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, March 19. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, March 17. Please submit any articles or info you may have to Marisa at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).



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