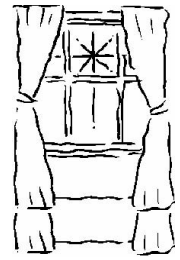


LOOKING OUT MY WINDOW, April 8, 2022



Did you know there really is a way to go back in time? Or, to put it more accurately, to bring the past to life now. The technical term for it is *anamnesis*, to bring the power of the events of the past into the present moment. We do that each Sunday in celebrating communion—Christ present in bread and wine brings the power of his saving death and resurrection into the room.

Holy Week offers us several moments of *anamnesis*. We experience the saving power of the events of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the Liturgy of the Palms and join the pilgrims entering Jerusalem waving our palm branches. On Maundy Thursday, we join Jesus at table on the night of his betrayal and experience the washing of feet. On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross in prayer and in veneration of our Savior's sacrifice. On Saturday evening, we welcome the risen Christ in the Service of Light and Easter Vigil and sing our hallelujahs as we remember the history of our salvation. Easter Vigil is a traditional time for baptism, the sacrament of new birth. On Easter morning, we celebrate our Risen Lord's triumph in death and resurrection.

We live more deeply into our unique and rich tradition by joining in these holy moments. We actually are "doing" our theology in liturgy. When we talk about God and theological ideas, we are doing secondary theology. In a sense, our primary theology happens in the acts of worship themselves. There we actually enact our, theology, our concept of God and our beliefs about people. (That distinction tends to oversimplification, but I hope it's helpful to you.)

I feel especially excited for the opportunity these worship events for spiritual formation and grounding in the experience of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our youth and children especially feel the impact these services have on our spiritual journey. These three days, Maundy Thursday – Easter Day, celebrate the events central to our faith—Jesus' death and resurrection. They are services not to miss. Make them a priority.

I look forward to seeing you at each of these services, beginning with Palm Sunday, April 10th.

God's peace,

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