

A Grace Note from the Rector  
March 31, 2022

Dear Ones,

It is with great joy that I can tell you that we will **resume offering the common cup** at the Holy Eucharist as of **this Sunday!** Bishop Jennifer began her letter from March 29 with these words: “When we gather once more, let us be sure that our Eucharistic practices are not only physically safe, but that they also reflect the fullness of the hope and challenge given to us in the sacrament.”

Like every pandemic readjustment as we move forward into a “new normal,” there are many moving parts. On Sunday, we will make a start by **offering the common cup for sipping the consecrated wine.** (Bishop Jennifer discourages the practice of intinction (dipping) to receive the wine.)

I know that some of you will have questions about all these things. So, please read Bishop Jennifer’s letter carefully, it includes some links to very helpful items on history and health. Here is the link to the letter <https://indydio.org/2022/03/resuming-use-of-the-common-cup/> I will convene a **conversation during Coffee Hour on Sunday** for those who are interested.

If you haven’t seen it, check out this article in the IndyDio News about **Charlie & Charlotte Mason**, our tree-planting friends! <https://indydio.org/2022/03/one-way-to-restore-our-world-a-tree-planting-mission-in-indiana/>

#### LOOKING FORWARD

April 3 The Fifth Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist: Rite One (9:30am)

April 6 Eucharist (Noon)  
Lenten Book Study (7pm, Zoom)

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 10 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday  
Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist (9:30am)

April 13 Holy Eucharist (Noon)

April 14 Maundy Thursday  
Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing (7pm)

April 15 Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross (Noon)  
The Proper Liturgy of Good Friday (7pm)

April 16 Holy Saturday  
The Proper Liturgy of Holy Saturday (Noon)  
The Great Vigil of Easter (8pm)

April 17 Easter Day  
Holy Eucharist (9:30am)

#### GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Celebrating 100 years of Episcopal Church gifts to **Jerusalem and the Middle East**, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites congregations to participate in the centenary Good Friday Offering. For more information, check out this link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-calls-for-100th-anniversary-good-friday-offering/>

And, while you’re in the giving mood, **please remember to bring Easter candy** to be shared with our guests at **Gathering Grace** on Easter Day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*If I missed you, please email me to let me know.*

**Phyllis Nottingham** (April 4)

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### A BETTER WAY ~ APRIL NEEDS

Toilet paper, paper towels and wash cloths. They also welcome any gently used bath towels. Thank you for your ongoing support through your donations. A Better Way has professional, licensed counselors on site to provide compassionate trauma-informed care.

### GRACE VILLAGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

Grace Village's 2022 Spring Fundraiser will be **Brews & Pews**, an entertaining evening of beer and church history. Join us for dinner and beer sampling as we learn about the shared history of beer brewing and the church. **Friday, April 29, 7pm**, at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 2201 N. Wheeling Avenue, Muncie. Tickets are \$20, available from Amy O'Neal in the Parish Office, or at the door.

Today we remember **John Donne** (1573-1631), Priest, Poet, and Preacher. The author of such famous phrases as, "Death, be not proud," "No man is an island," and "for whom the bell tolls" Donne's early career was decidedly secular. At one point he joined with Raleigh and Essex in raids on Cadiz and the Azores, but then faced years of poverty, debt, illness, and frustration. After his ordination in 1615, his reputation as a preacher grew steadily. From 1622 until his death, he was Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and drew huge crowds to hear him, both at the Cathedral and at Paul's Cross, an outdoor pulpit nearby.

As we approach Holy Week, I thought this excerpt from one of Donne's poems would be timely (I've modernized the spelling).

We think that Paradise and Calvary,  
Christ's Cross, and Adam's tree, stood in one place;  
Look, Lord, and find both Adams met in me;  
As the first Adam's sweat surrounds my face  
May the last Adam's blood my soul embrace.  
So, in his purple wrapp'd receive me Lord,  
By these his thorns give me his other Crown;  
And as to others' souls I preach'd thy word,  
Be this my Text, my Sermon to my own.  
Therefore that he may raise the Lord throws down.

God bless you as we walk through these days together,



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