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Wednesday in Holy Week

Dear Members and Friends of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church,

Aloha! Grace and peace be with you from our Lord Jesus Christ! I write you this Holy Week as we are all Sheltered-in-Place due to the spread of the Coronavirus. I hope and pray that you are all safe and making the needed adjustments to your daily lives.

The adjustment we must make is to maintain our relationships of care while we are physically separated. It is a difficult adjustment, because so much of communication is non-verbal. I apologize to you all because I still do not have an external camera for my computer, and when I am in conversation with some of you through Zoom meetings, all you can see is a photo of me from my younger days!

There is this saying, "Out of side, out of mind." Let us not live into that saying. Earlier this week, I received a phone call from a former member, Hank Rennagel. He called to ask me how I was doing, and to tell me that both he and Ashley were doing well. They live outside of Atlanta, Georgia, and are moving closer to Atlanta to be closer to their children. Hank wanted me to view a video on-line that he enjoyed. It is called, "A place in the choir lyric video, found on You Tube. It is a series of photos of animals that accompany the song, "All God's creatures got a place in the choir." It is a cute and brought a smile to my face. I hope you will look it up so it will remind you that no matter how challenging life becomes, we are still beloved of God and can still sing God's praise.

I invite you to join us for our virtual worship on Good Friday, April 10th from 12:10 p.m. with the Good Friday Liturgy. The Rev. Karen Swanson will be our preacher.

Also, I invite you to join us for our virtual worship on Easter Sunday, April 12th from 10 a.m. to celebrate the Resurrection life. I will be the preacher. The link for the live-streaming You Tube worship is below, and the worship bulletin is posted on the church website at www.stambrosefostercity.org.

The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfCRkqxS1Ii-yYov5kMpvDg>.

The links for Virtual Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Great Vigil of Easter are found here:

- Virtual Maundy Thursday Liturgy at the Washington National Cathedral: April 9, 4:30 pm, <https://cathedral.org/event/online-holy-eucharist-with-stripping-of-the-altar/>

- Great Vigil Online Live Stream from Grace Cathedral: Saturday, April 11, 9 pm, <https://gracecathedral.org/events/the-great-vigil-online-live-stream-3/>

I invite you all to pray especially for those who are ill, those who have lost employment, those who are alone and those who heroically face danger in their efforts to provide essential services for the rest of us.

Although at this time we must be physically separated, I want you to remember we are all still beloved of God and beloved of one another. I invite us all to give thanks for the love we all share in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you be sustained by your faith and God's love.

Yours,

David Y. Ota, Rector