



Church of the Redeemer

# eBlast

March 19, 2020

Please join Pastor Melinda as she live streams our worship services Saturday at 5:15pm. On Sunday at 11am she will be ably assisted by Marcella Chaykosky, Alice Bennet and Nina Seebeck. Together we will make a joyful noise unto the Lord! By separate email will we send you the entire order of worship for Sunday (the Saturday service can ignore the music.) Listed below is the link to follow to access the services:

Just click on this link (or copy and paste into your browser) to join in:

<https://www.redeemersayre.org/>

You will see on the right hand side of the page (adjacent to "Welcome") the church's facebook page will appear.

You can also access facebook directly from here:

<https://www.facebook.com/redeemersayre/>

If you are not already a member of facebook, it will ask you to sign up ... simply click on "no thanks" and you will be directed to our livestream.

I look forward to "seeing" you then!

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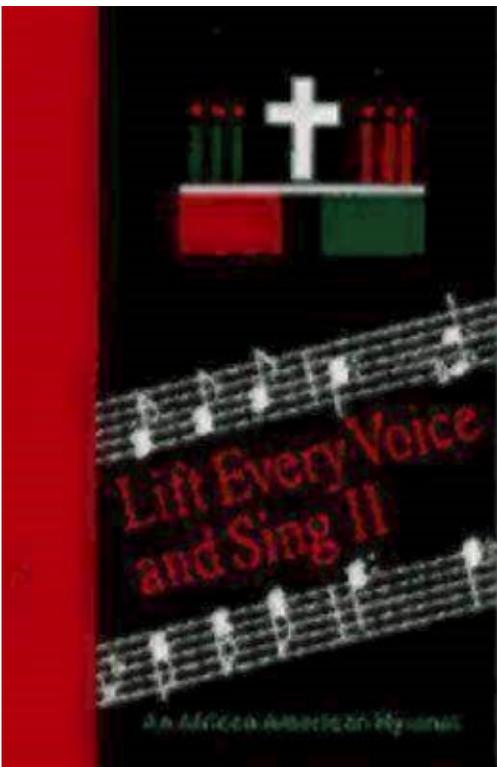
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## A message from The Diocese



Would you like to pray Morning Prayer with the Bishop? Want to experience worship with the greater church?

Bishop Kevin Nichols will be preaching at a Morning Prayer service which will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of the Nativity in Bethlehem on Sunday, March 22 at **10am**. [Here is the link where the livestream will be found](#). To access this link you will need to Ctrl [then] click the link. Then be sure to join us on line at **11:00 am** [See previous page.]



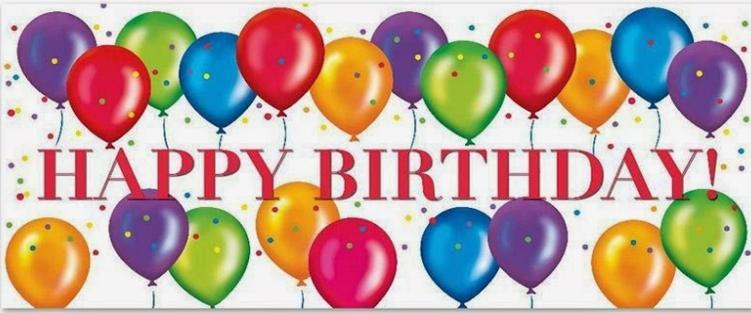
At its meeting on March 9, 2020 the Vestry authorized the purchase of 35 copies of Lift Every Voice and Sing II with funds from the Memorial Fund. Bookplates are being inserted into each book noting whose memory the book is given. When we return to worship together, we will be able to use the joyous Spirituals within this supplemental hymn.

**Do you like to read aloud?** Are you able to do so like you are telling a story? If so, we need you! Our readings for the rest of Lent contain some wonderful stories. Lent 5 for example, includes the Valley of the Dry Bones in Ezekiel. (Does anyone else hear Herman Munster singing “Dem Dry bones?") Pastor would like to pre-record some readings and then play them during our worship time. If this appeals to you, please contact Pastor Melinda at [Melinda.artman@gmail.com](mailto:Melinda.artman@gmail.com) or by telephone during our office hours. Thank YOU!

## COVID-19 Impacts Church of the Redeemer



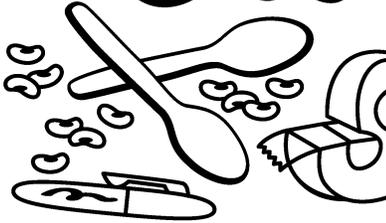
As information regarding the Corona Virus became available, we took what we thought were timely, proactive steps to protect our parishioners. We ordered extra Purell (it was back ordered—already there was a run on this product). I discovered that the vast majority of our regular worshippers would rather pass on the common cup than drink from it. Consequently, I ordered (and the Altar Guild funded) individual communion cups, wine and grape juice dispensers for the communion cups, and a tray with lid to hold the cups. These all arrived Tuesday—after the Bishop closed us down for two weeks. These purchases will be put to good use when we are able to reconvene together. We'll use them during the next flu season. As of this writing, we are closed between March 16 and March 29th. Our building may be closed, however, the work of the church goes on. Behind the scenes, we are trying to figure out how to make the Community Supper carry out only from our parking lot. This eBLAST is still being produced. Jerry is in the office to answer telephones, collect the mail, and process bill payments. On-line meeting platforms such as Zoom is being explored so that we can continue our Lenten Book Group. We had a few hick-ups, but it worked well enough. Worship is planned and links are being made to the internet so that we can worship together virtually. Our grounds are being maintained. I am gratified that a handful of folks have volunteered to run errands to the store for those who cannot get out—or afraid to go out. Our Vestry members will be contacting our active worshippers just to check in. I am happy to bring communion to your home—please limit any gathering for this purpose to nine people or less. Blessings to all of you, *Melinda+*



- Fred Luther 3/20
- Neil Carpenter 3/21
- Max Bennett 3/23
- Dorothy Drake 3/23
- Craig Lewis 3/23
- Jordan Goodrich 3/24
- Jim Shay 3/24

### FUN AT HOME ACTIVITIES

## Joyful noise



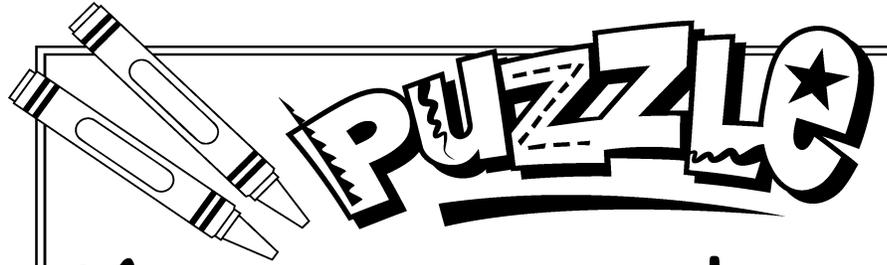
Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

#### What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

#### What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



## MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

*Directions:* Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



- A type of horn  MURTEP
- Played by King David  PRHA
- Plucked to make sound  IGSNSTR
- Similar to a tambourine  MRBELIT
- A type of harp  ELRY
- Blown through to make sound  EPPI
- A percussion instrument  YBLACMS

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\_raise the \_ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV