

## CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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March 25, 2021



From the comfort of your car, (in the church parking lot) tune into FM 93.3 on your car radio on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 11:00 Stay in your car. At the end of the service, please open your window and you will be offered a squirt of hand sanitizer, a blessed palm and Holy Communion. We'll have an offering plate available as well. Palms will also be available on Saturday at 5:50 P.M. in our parking lot by appointment only—contact Pastor Melinda directly at [Melinda.artman@gmail.com](mailto:Melinda.artman@gmail.com) or 703-927-6159.

### Service Schedule

7:00 p.m.—**Maundy Thursday** St. John Lutheran Church <https://www.facebook.com/St.JohnLutheranChurchInSayrePa/> [We'll also stream it to our Facebook page & website.]  
or [www.sjlcsayrepa.org/links](http://www.sjlcsayrepa.org/links) and click on the Facebook icon.

12:00 noon **Good Friday** Outdoor Stations of the Cross at Epiphany School

7:00 p.m.— **Good Friday** Church of the Redeemer <https://www.redeemersayre.org/>  
or <https://www.facebook.com/redeemersayre/> [We'll also livestream it to SJLC]

NO SEPARATE EASTER SERVICE ON SATURDAY AT CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

9:00 a.m.—Easter St. John Lutheran Church see links above

11:00 a.m.— Easter Church of the Redeemer see links above

## REOPENING NEWS:

The Bishop, Standing Committee and Council of the Diocese of Bethlehem issued a letter today that provides guidance in re-opening our parish buildings. The two page letter can be found here:

[DioBeth-IndoorGathering-031821.pdf](#)

The letter states in relevant part:

*What is the process we need to follow to reopen? To consider indoor gathering and worship, each parish must determine the following:*

- ♦ *Your county's 7-day Average New Cases per 100,000 to be less than 25 for 2 consecutive weeks*
- ♦ *The Vestry's consensus to open for indoor gathering/worship*
- ♦ *The agreement of the Rector/Priest-in-charge to open for indoor gathering/worship.*

*Parish leadership should prayerfully consider these three elements and notify the Bishop in writing (email or letter) of any decision to gather indoors.*

The good news for us is that Bradford County currently meets the first criteria. As to the third criteria, I find myself conflicted. There is a part of me that desperately wants to be back in corporate worship and there is a part of me that remains afraid to be with a group of people. The **New York Times** continues to rate Bradford County as “very high risk” and counsels no indoors gathering. Having said that, I receive my second vaccination on April 9th which means that my own immunity will be achieved around April 23. Our next Vestry meeting is April 13th. This issue will certainly be an agenda item. My counsel to the Vestry in considering our own opening is that we take into account the needs of the most vulnerable among us. When we return to worship, we must still follow COVID protocols, to include mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and physical separation. The Vestry will be considering whether we will allow singing. I note that singing is still not a good idea and we may wish to limit singing to just a few people. Should we decide to sing, our physical separation must increase from six feet to twenty feet. We have plenty of space to allow twenty feet of separation if that is our collective desire. Please make your thoughts known to a Vestry member or to me. Assuming Bradford County continues to have good numbers, please keep the Vestry in your prayers as they discern with me whether and when we should re-open.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Melinda



Daye Moreno 3/30  
Zachary Murrelle 4/3



**Reflection questions for the lessons appointed Palm Sunday:** The passion of Christ is a story of terror in which, against all odds, love wins. How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life?

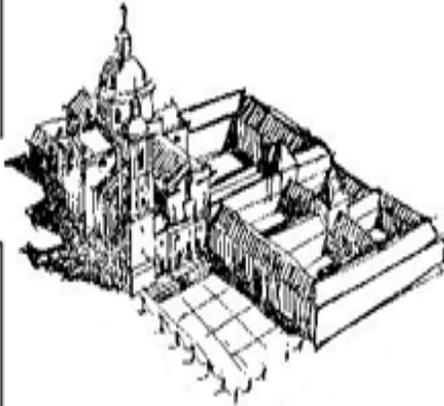
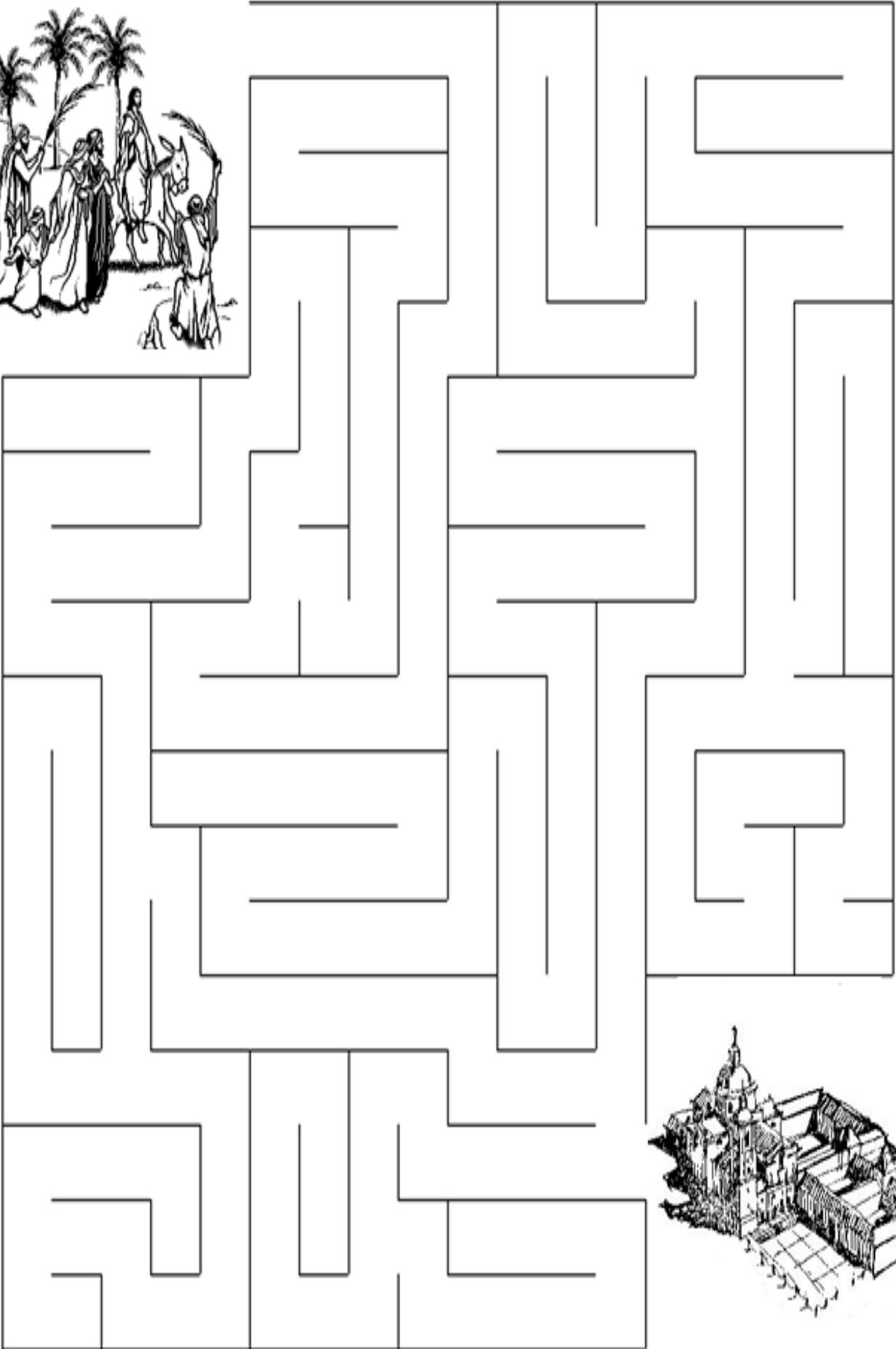


**Watch our website/Facebook page in the days leading up to Easter!**

We're offering a virtual 14 day meditation on the Stations of the Cross. That began Saturday March 20th through Good Friday, April 2nd ONE Station will be highlighted. You are invited to pray with us and reflect on that particular station. Each video is less than five minutes in length. It is our hope that watching each day helps prepare you for the joy of the Resurrection.

# The Triumphal Entry





# King for a Day

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,  
"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Based on Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)



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N A M E S H O U T K T B Z U B  
Y F B A G A K I N G D O M L T  
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BLESSED	COLT	FIELDS	HIGHEST	KINGDOM
MOUNT	CLOAKS	CUT	JERUSALEM	PEOPLE
TIED	SHOUT	HOSANNA	STREET	OLIVES
ROAD	BRANCHES	THREW	NAME	VILLAGE