

Happy Easter! My daughter, Mary, came home from preschool on Tuesday and told me that her teacher told her “Easter is over.” Of course, I responded that Easter is just getting started, and we have a whole Easter season that lasts until Pentecost (May 28, this year). We talked about how we keep celebrating for all fifty days by shouting those alleluias in church, and about how in our family we continue to do Easter egg hunts in the back yard throughout the season.

Later, though, I found myself thinking about what a strange statement that is. “Easter is over.” For Christians, Easter is never over! Even though we only observe it in our liturgical calendar for fifty days, we live in the light of Easter all the time, because our lives have been changed by the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection and the promise of the eternal life that awaits us all.

How will you keep the joy of Easter going in your life, throughout the Great Fifty Days? We are so quick to take on a Lenten discipline. What about a practice of joy for Easter season? Perhaps it could be a small indulgence, like letting yourself use cream in your coffee instead of milk. Or maybe it could be small acts of kindness or charity—done in Easter season in the light of joy and thanksgiving, as opposed to penitence. Maybe you’d like to light a special candle in the evenings, as a reminder of the light of Christ that even death could not extinguish.

However you observe this season, I urge you not to let it pass you by. After all, we give our hearts to penitence for six long weeks of Lent. If we endured the season of fasting, we should certainly enjoy the season of feasting which follows!

Finally, in the spirit of joy and gratitude, I would also like to thank all those who made our Holy Week and Easter observances at SJS so special this year. It takes so many people to put together services like these—it was a tremendous collaborative effort for which I am incredibly grateful.

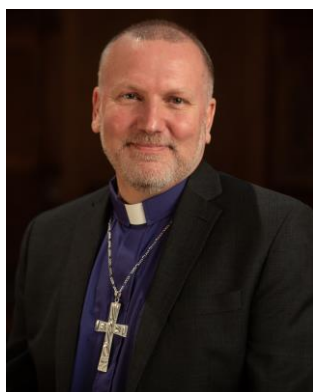
Thank you to those who supported our fellowship by bringing food or setting up the Trendell Lounge on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Thank you to those who assisted with the foot washing and the stripping of the altar. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our children’s Good Friday service and to their Easter egg hunt, whether by leading prayer stations, contributing candy, or hiding the eggs. Thank you to all who served in the liturgy in any way—crucifers, thurifers, torch bearers, subdeacons, intercessors, readers, greeters, chalice administrators, and more. Thank you to our livestreamers who made it possible for people to worship with us from home. Thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter,

and to all those who contributed toward the purchase of flowers. And thank you to our musicians, led so capably by Michael Dirk and Jaime Yoon, who gave generously of their time and talent to support our worship.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended worship with us during Holy Week. It was a joy and a blessing to feel the church so full and to share in these poignant moments of the church year with you.

Blessings to you all in this season of joy and thanksgiving!

Mother Terry+



### **Easter Message from Bishop John Stephens**

Bishop John has prepared an Easter greeting for our diocese. We encourage you to watch this brief video on the YouTube channel of the Diocese of New Westminster.

[Easter Message from the Bishop](#)



### **Easter Sunday Flower Donations – Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter Flower Fund and to those who decorated our church for Easter services. The church looked beautiful.



**Maundy Thursday Soup Supper**  
**April 6 at 5:30 p.m.** Here's a couple photos of the lovely spread we had for our supper before the Maundy Thursday service.



## WNM items for Homeless Needed

Thank you so much for your kind donations! We are **low on protein** (small cans of tuna or chicken), and as always, **socks**. We are quite well stocked at the moment for other items.



## The St John's WANM indoor team is looking for another team member.

Specifically, this person will be added to the roster of people that coordinate with the outdoor team. This means very occasionally attending at the parish on a Saturday morning for an hour or so and handing our packets and lunches to the outdoor team.

## SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office ([church@sjs.net](mailto:church@sjs.net)) anytime! Thank you.

## Financial Support – Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St.



John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website.

If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.

If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Ann in the office ([church.office@sjs.net](mailto:church.office@sjs.net) or 604-731-4966).

If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail.

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