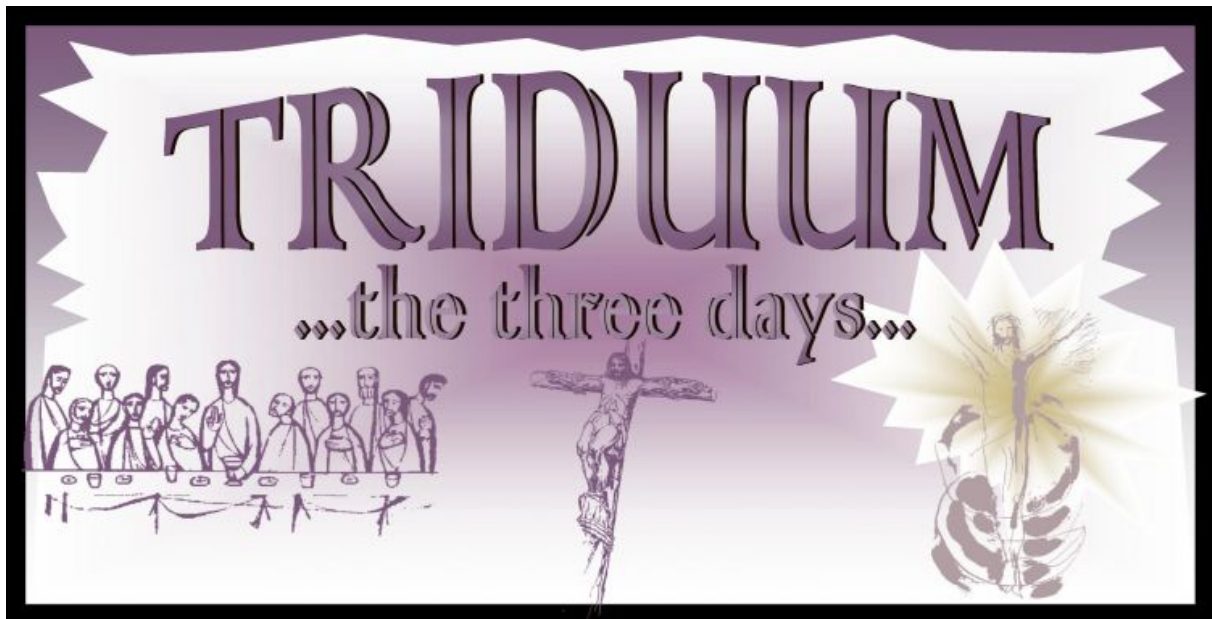


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April 17, 2019

The Three Days

The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day

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Matthew 17:22

The Three Days

Tomorrow starts the Three Days of Holy Week which depict the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The formal name for these days is the Triduum. It begins with Maundy Thursday, goes through Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and then Easter. Maundy Thursday is the night he was arrested. Good Friday is the day he was killed. Holy Saturday is the day he was buried, and Easter, of course, is the day Jesus rose from the dead. He took that path for us. As we grow closer to him we will find that we take a similar path in our discipleship.

Death, Burial, and Resurrection

As we follow Jesus it is easy to be thinking that because we are following Jesus our lives will be blessed. Usually what we mean by blessed is that we will have a good life without struggle or pain because God is blessing us. However, as we follow Jesus we will find that we will walk the same path he walked. Our growth in discipleship will often take a path of death, burial, and resurrection. We will die to ourselves first, see our old nature buried, and then rise to new life in Jesus. This will happen over and over again in our lives. It is the path to becoming more and more like him. It is also the path upon which we are equipped to do the kinds of things Jesus did in ministry. Following Jesus will always call for that kind of death, burial, and resurrection in our lives. How is God calling you to that path today? When you worship over this next Three Days see how God is leading you in that path of death, burial, and resurrection.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 Theology on Tap at 6:30pm. contact Richard at richardandheyd@yahoo.com

Thursday, April 18, 2019 worship for Maundy Thursday at 6:15pm

Friday, April 19, 2019 worship at 6:15pm for Good Friday

Sunday, April 21, 2019 worships at 10:00am with Holy Communion and Baptism

The first Sunday of each month, after church, Karen & Chris Webber will be collecting donated food from the Food Lion in Centerville and taking it to the food pantry. This would be an ideal time for anyone in the

taking it to the food pantry. This would be an ideal time for anyone in the church to bring in their own donations!! The food pantry is in dire need of cereal, canned soups, and canned vegetables (not generally things donated by grocery stores). If this is something you would like to contribute to, just bring it to church and we would make sure it was delivered to the food pantry.

Please help us in the fun sharing our favorite recipes, in the form of a St. Francis cookbook. Please bring your recipes to the pot luck each month, and give to Libby or Karen. You can also email to lcp@libbyclarkphotography.com.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Zenergy Massage, Jody Hauschild, owner, that the health of many in our area would continually improve

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of Brace, Alexandria, Holy Comforter, Richmond, St. Gabriel's Leesburg, and All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaidomthat they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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