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Rector's Ramblings	
<p>Christ is Risen!</p> <p>St. Philip and St. James</p> <p>Anyone else feel like calling "mayday" today? Looking for Sam Malone? Ok, I jest.</p> <p>In all seriousness in the Church this day is the commemoration of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles.</p> <p>Little is recorded of St. James, but he is traditionally known as St. James the Lesser to distinguish him from St. James the son of Zebedee (St. John's brother) and St. James the Just (the brother of our Lord). St. James the Lesser was the son of Alphaeus and a follower of Jesus who witnessed his miracles and heard his words. After Pentecost he is reputed to have made missionary journeys with Andrew. He was martyred in Egypt.</p> <p>St. Philip the Apostle is known to us from the Gospels and in the Gospel of John plays the role of intermediary. He brings Nathaniel to Jesus. He is also the one approached by "some Greeks" (John 12) to introduce them to Jesus. He was martyred in Hierapolis (modern Turkey) and his tomb was discovered there in 2011.</p> <p>Philip being approached by "some Greeks" has stayed with me since I preached in a small church in Ohio. On the pulpit was the statement the Greeks made to Philip, "Sir, we would see Jesus". It was, and is, quite a reminder for those called to preach. Yet, it is also quite a reminder for all of us who are called to preach without words to the world around us. Do people see Jesus in us? Are we introducing people to Jesus as Philip introduced Nathaniel and the Greeks? The world needs to see Jesus, and we are the ones who are called to make him known.</p> <p>Dave+ 309-660-8515</p>	
 Ministry Links 	
<p>St. Matthew's Webpage The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield Rector's Blog (new) Find us on Instagram--stmatbslm Twitter--@BloomingtonSt</p>	



This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Sunday Eucharist Outline is [here](#).

Full Service is [here](#).

Both bulletins have the music included.

You are invited to stream the service from the comfort of your home prayer corner or the parking lot. For those who wish to receive, Holy Communion will continue to be offered after the Liturgy using the drive-way for reception. It is distributed in as sanitary and safe method as receiving a meal from a "curbside" pickup restaurant (gloves, mask, etc.). Holy Communion will remain available for 30 minutes after the end of the service. If you do not wish to receive, I commend the practice of Spiritual Communion, which can be found in the links below.

- Other streamed services this week.**
- Tuesday: 8:30AM Morning Prayer
 Noon Holy Eucharist
 5:30PM Evening Prayer**
- Wednesday: 8:30AM Morning Prayer
 Noon Holy Eucharist
 5:30PM Evening Prayer**
- Thursday: 8:30AM Morning Prayer
 Noon Holy Eucharist
 5:30PM Evening Prayer**
- Friday: 8:30AM Morning Prayer
 5:30 PM Evening Prayer**

Service times may change as each day presents its own challenges. Facebook will be updated if a service will not happen at, or near, the time scheduled.

NB--As the governmental authorities continue to update policies, all plans are subject to change.

As always, you remain in our prayers, and I ask that you let us know if you need anything at this time. St. Matthew's stands ready to help as we can.

Dave+

A Couple of Links
[St. Bede's Breviary](#) (Daily Offices)

[Book of Common Prayer](#)

[Spiritual Communion \(Update\)](#) (An Anglican Rite).

[Prayer of Elder Paisios for the World](#) (I have found this quite helpful at the current time).

From the Jr. Warden
 The work of the church goes on through plagues, pestilence, and disasters. Those of you who are practicing social distancing and staying home can still contribute your tithing to keep St. Matthew's providing worship and other services to the parish. Weekday morning Mass at 7:30 a.m., Evening Offices at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. are being streamed on St. Matthew's Facebook page. You can contact your bank to have a direct check mailed at whatever interval you choose. You can mail in checks to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1920 E. Oakland Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Please remember that Outreach is not able to hold the book sale this spring and will not have money to support Advent Chakupewa's medical education expenses or any of their other causes. Donations to them can also be made, be sure to note those special funds in the memo line of your check.

Yours in Christ,

 Gary Ploense
 Jr. Warden

Outreach Opportunities
ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Advent Time
 Advent is enrolled in year 3 of a 5 year course to become a doctor. He is the son of Bishop Elias in Tanzania. In US dollars, his tuition would be \$2,273 per year. Room & Board is an additional \$1826 annually. Anyone wishing to help Advent with his education can make checks to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; putting Outreach-Education in the memo line. God Bless, and we thank you

P.S. With Shelter-in-place restrictions, Outreach has extended their collection of support for Advent's Education to the end of next month. Your Office Staff

UPDATE: Your faithful support of this Education-Mission project has been much appreciated! The Outreach committee extends its sincere thanks to all who have participated. Watch for new opportunities from your committee next month.

Meals
 Thank you for the generous outpouring of support for this ministry. The freezer is quite full at this time.

We also have packages of Tender Mercies meals from Midwest Food Bank.

If you, or someone you know, need(s) a meal at this time please let us know, or stop by the office when it is open.

The Daily Devotional Reading
 is available by clicking of the link below:
[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule
 Thank you to all of you who faithfully serve in the ministry of the Altar. At this time we are suspending the scheduling of servers to keep you safe and to reflect the changing circumstances we face.

A service will always be held on Sunday, but the numbers allowed to be present will necessarily be limited. If you wish to serve at any service where you will be present, you are invited to do so.

We will resume scheduling as events allow.

 Thank you again, and may God bless you.

- Birthdays & Anniversaries May 3 - 9**
- Anniversaries*
 Chrissy & John Stoffer
 Phyllis & Dave Halt
- Birthdays*
 Barbara Williamson
 Shelley Carter
 Liam Halt

Dedications for this week:

4th Sunday of Easter, May 3rd
 O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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