

WEEKLY E-LETTER -- April 5, 2017

Grace and Peace to you this week!

It has been a real pleasure re-connecting with so many in our community of faith. It reminds me how blessed we are to be part of a safe, welcoming and inclusive community. Not that we are complacent on that score, because we can always be more welcoming, respectful and affirming of others. Invite someone new this week!

I want to let you know about two events in Holy Week that are an important part of the Easter experience. Of course, Easter is the focal point of the Christian story, and one needs the full story to appreciate the powerful message.

So, this coming Sunday is Palm Sunday and today Ellen, Steven, Virginia and I will finalize the plans for a new liturgy to tell that part of the journey. Now, if you would be willing to be a reader, please let me know because we can use several readers Sunday.

Then on Thursday 13 April, the drama really begins to build. That evening, we share a simple pot luck supper with our friends from St. Paul's who will join us at Wilmot beginning at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. we move upstairs to the sanctuary for a moving and poignant service which recalls Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

One of the things I saw and learned about while in Florence was how many paintings of The Last Supper there are. Many of them were in refectories or the dining halls of monasteries or convents. They each try to capture a pivotal moment in that story.

Perhaps this Easter will be transformative for you. I pray that this is so. Please plan to come to these significant services and then later, Good Friday and Easter Sunday itself.

If you need transportation, or there is some other barrier we might be able to remove, just let me know.

Blessings to you all.