

THE

Shepherd's Fold

DISCOVER 150 YEARS OF PURPOSE

April 5, 2020

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If ever you have received an email from me, you may have noticed that below my “signature” is the phrase “keep on keeping on”. When I was a student in my very early 20's, I was reviewing a patient's chart. I noticed that the resident had signed off his note with the letters koko. Never having seen that abbreviation before, I asked him what it meant. “Keep on keeping on,” he said. “That's what we do.” And he was right. When things are difficult, as they are now, all that we can do is to keep putting one foot in front of the other. In other words, we keep on keeping on.

One of the ways that we, as Christians, keep on keeping on is through prayer. I am attaching a prayer that was sent to me by another priest in our diocese. Continue your prayers. Keep putting one foot in front of the other, knowing that one day this too, shall pass.

A Coronavirus Prayer

by Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

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Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. AMEN

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Join us on Wednesdays for Compline at 8:00 p. m.

Please join us online from the Chapel of the Resurrection for the beautiful service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer.

Compline is the last of the seven offices to have been prayed each day prior to the reformation. Thomas Cranmer condensed these seven offices into the two services of the Daily Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer restored Compline to the Prayer Book worship along with Noontday Prayers.

This week, and each week thereafter, special music will be offered as a part of this short service of prayers.

You can join the service at: [youtube.com/COGSaugusta](https://www.youtube.com/COGSaugusta) or [facebook.com/cogsaugusta](https://www.facebook.com/cogsaugusta)

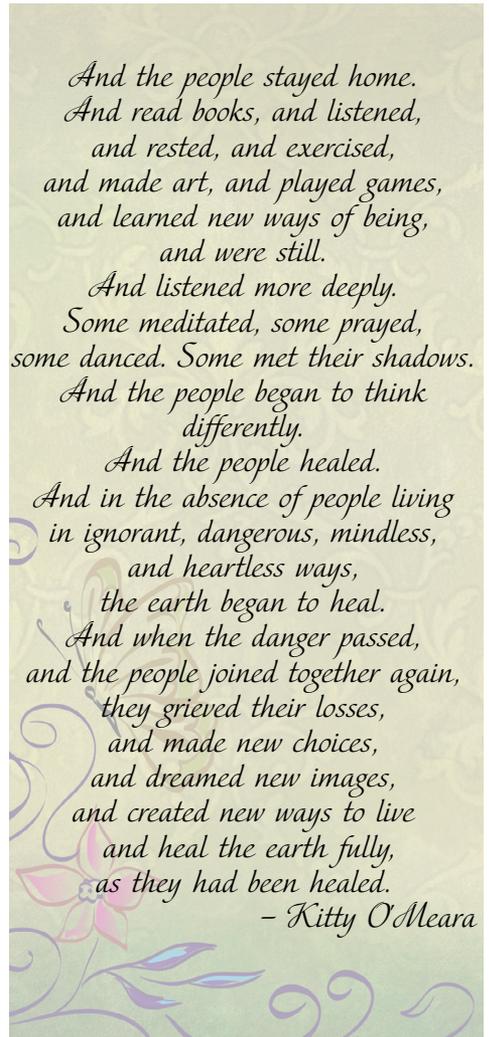
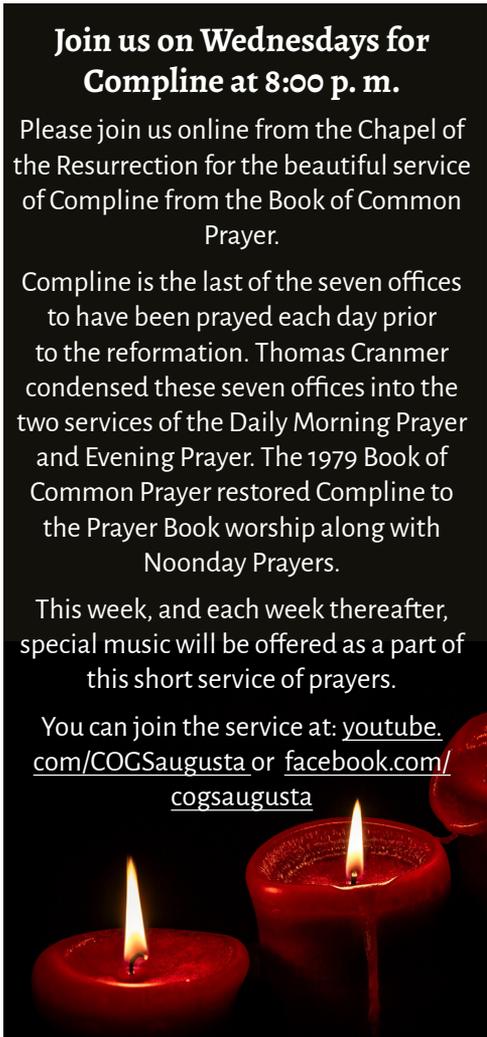
*And the people stayed home.
And read books, and listened,
and rested, and exercised,
and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being,
and were still.*

*And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed,
some danced. Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think
differently.*

*And the people healed.
And in the absence of people living
in ignorant, dangerous, mindless,
and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses,
and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live
and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.*

- Kitty O'Meara



Online Successes and Disappointment

This past Sunday our live stream worship from the church was interrupted by a break in service, frustrating many viewers in their attempts to regain the connection. Having successfully and without disruption streamed services the previous two Sundays and again on Wednesday night we attributed this break to increasingly high demand on the internet.

We have spliced together most of the service and you may view it on our Facebook page or on Youtube.

If, in the future, you experience a break in services, press the refresh button in your web browser. If that doesn't work, close the web browser and restart the page. If these two steps do not work, it may be that there is an interruption in the signal from the server. Please be patient and keep trying.



Holy Week at Home Schedule

- Palm Sunday, April 5:** Join us at 9:00 am for *Good Morning Good Shepherd* followed by the Palm Sunday service.
- Wednesday, April 8:** Compline at 8:00 pm.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9:** Worship at 8:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 10:** Worship at 12:00 pm
- Holy Saturday, April 11:** Worship at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 12:** Join us at 9:00 am for *Good Morning Good Shepherd*, followed by our Easter Service

We have resources for you to be celebrate Holy Week at home. Please visit the Holy Week at Home webpage, that can be accessed from the home page of our website, goodshepherd-augusta.org or in the links in the electronic newsletters. There is helpful information on how to celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day at home.

All of our worship resources are online. You can find the Orders of Service available on the events page under event. We invite you to stream online at all of our services with us at either youtube.com/COGSaugusta or facebook.com/cogsaugusta.

Parish Registers

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Kathryn Hoffman on her death on March 22.

Servers of the Shepherd

As our services will be held online, please note the service times and servers have changed as well. We will continue in this manner until we resume our regular scheduled meetings.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 5 *Palm Sunday*

10:00 AM

Officiant..... Robert Fain

Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord

Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16,

Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26: 14-27:66

Monday, April 6

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Leon Fitts

Tuesday, April 7

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Chum Balk

Wednesday, April 8

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Sandy Vantrease

Compline 8:00 pm Lynn Prather

Thursday, April 9

Morning Prayer 8:30 am Allan Roy Andrews

Maundy Thursday 8:00 PM

Officiant..... Andy Menger

Preacher..... Lynn Prather

Friday, April 10

Morning Prayer 8:30 am Claire Zealy

Good Friday 12:00 NOON

Officiant..... Joe Bowden

Preacher..... Andy Menger

Saturday, April 11

Morning Prayer 8:30 am Kathleen Barnhart

Holy Saturday 7:00 PM

Officiant Robert Fain

Schedule Update

Good Shepherd does not anticipate gathering for worship before the end of April.

Join us online at 9:00 am on Sundays and Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. for a live streamed service of prayer and worship via Facebook: [facebook.com/COGSAugusta](https://www.facebook.com/COGSAugusta) or Youtube: [youtube.com/COGSAugusta](https://www.youtube.com/COGSAugusta)

Ways to Stay Connected

- Read the weekly newsletters: [goodshepherd-augusta.org/media/newsletters](https://www.goodshepherd-augusta.org/media/newsletters)
- Join us on social media - twitter.com/cogsaugusta, [instagram – cogs_augusta](https://www.instagram.com/cogs_augusta), or [facebook.com/COGSAugusta](https://www.facebook.com/COGSAugusta) - for *The Shepherd Speaks*, a daily word of encouragement from the Clergy
- Compline will be Wednesday evenings beginning at 8:00 pm. Once again, you can access it at [facebook.com/COGSAugusta](https://www.facebook.com/COGSAugusta) or [youtube.com/COGSAugusta](https://www.youtube.com/COGSAugusta)
- Use **Zoom** for meetings or to connect with friends. Zoom is a powerful tool that allows several people to video chat.
- **The Church is open for prayer and meditation** Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and on Sundays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.