

# EASTER LETTER

## 2020



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**A**s followers of Jesus we engage, offer, invite, welcome, love, and proclaim. New terms have recently entered our vocabulary such as *social distancing*, *self-quarantine* and *flattening the curve*. In light of this, we have had to cancel, stop, hold off, postpone, uninvite, and close our doors on the Lord's Day. This goes against everything we have learned from the teachings of Jesus and who we are as Christians. And so, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are for the time being, the *church dispersed*. This means that the church, the body of Christ, carries on outside its walls.

All of us have had to find our own time and pattern for prayer and worship during the week and on Sunday. St. Mark's is the place where the church gathers in community to give thanks to God, for Christ's redemptive power and to be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit for the coming week. We, the people, are the body of Christ. We have been denied coming to church to pray and worship for the past few weeks. This makes us think about how much we miss the community of St. Mark's and how we wish that we can get back together again as quickly as possible.

I usually include in this letter a schedule of services for Holy Week and Easter Day. The Celebration of Easter presents an opportunity to bring friends and family to St. Mark's, but this year, this may not be the case. At the time of printing this letter, I don't know if we are going to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in our church building which breaks my heart. Please be assured that we will let you know as soon as possible about our Holy Week and Easter Services. If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me (519) 941-0640 or [rector@saintmark.ca](mailto:rector@saintmark.ca)

May God bless you and Happy Easter to all of you.

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