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Dear Beloved,

*St. Paul writes, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God."*

(2 Cor. 1:2-4)

It has been three weeks since we wrote to you. Our prayers and love go out to those who are ill, having contracted the Covid-19 virus, those who are hospitalized without the ability to have loved ones by their bedsides, those who have died and those who mourn. We also continue to pray for everyone directly impacted by the pandemic including all of the first responders, medical personnel, and essential workers who keep the system running.

We know you too are making sacrifices, staying home, unable to visit loved ones in rehabilitation and nursing facilities. The best way for us to stay healthy, and to slow the spread of the virus is to stay at home.

With that in mind, and with the encouragement of our Bishop, Governor, and federal government and medical officials, we have suspended live-gathering worship until further notice. We will evaluate our policy again at the end of April.

Holy Week services including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will be provided on-line, live on our website at [www.holytrinitybuffalo.org](http://www.holytrinitybuffalo.org) and simulcast on our Facebook page. All services are also archived on the website so that you can watch them any time it is convenient for you.

We know not everyone has computer or internet access; we will continue to reach out to our members with phone calls and occasional mailings. Please let us know if you are in need of basic necessities.

Thank you for your continued support through your offerings and regular giving. Offerings may be mailed to the church office or electronic options are available on our website. Your gifts make it possible to continue to support our ministry that continues even through physical-distancing.

We are calling our members with the support of Church Council members, and will continue to reach out. You may also call, write, or email us, and if you don't reach us at first, please leave a message so that we may contact you.

We will get through this together, and gather together soon.

Yours in Christ,

Worship † Grow † Go