



April 7, 2020

Dear Calvary Ventura Family,

We continue to lift you in prayers and join you as we pray for the body of Christ, our church family, and our community. Together let's also be keeping God's missionaries and the lost in prayer.

As we continue to allow the Holy Spirit to navigate us through this Coronavirus season, we are reminded of the words of our Lord in John 16, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." May you be leaving your cares at the foot of the cross, knowing that our King and Savior has overcome the world!

Thank you for sending in prayer requests, praise reports, and virtually connecting on your own with each other. We are continuing to upgrade and fine tune our audio/visual equipment and techniques and hope you have been blessed by what God is doing through the servants in those ministries. We are working on Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry videos and praying for Men's and Women's Ministry opportunities. Please continue to check our webpage and connect with us via social media (Facebook, Instagram) for more updates.

Going forward: To the world Easter Sunday appears to be ruined. For the Christian, what better time to celebrate the cross and resurrection of Christ than when the world needs Light! His great victory! Let us keep our eyes on Jesus always, and especially in this season. Death was defeated, the resurrection cannot be. Because of this we hope you will join us for two special services this weekend.

First will be our Good Friday service at 7pm. This will be an intimate time of worship and God's Word, meditating together on what Jesus did for us at the cross. As 1 Peter 2 tells us, "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." Let's gather together, virtually, in thanksgiving and appreciation of what our Messiah endured out of love for the Father and for us.

As we did on Palm Sunday, we will also be celebrating communion together on Good Friday. Our communion celebration will be led from the pulpit via live stream video. Ensure ahead of time that you have bread and juice ready. While preparing your communion table at home, also prepare your hearts. If anything needs to be confessed to God, confess it to Him and then thank Him for His forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Spend some time meditating on how our Lord and Savior gave His life for you, that by faith and the washing of His blood you are forgiven, saved and will spend eternity with Him. (1 Corinthians 10:16,17; Ephesians 2).

And then came Sunday!! In the dark of morning, while His loved ones mourned, seeing no hope ahead, their world falling apart around them and in fear of what the future held... our Savior rose from the tomb! You may be feeling like it's the dark of the morning; you may be mourning loss, separation; you may be fearful or it may seem like there's no end to this season... but the mighty Lion of Judah, the eternal King of kings has risen in your life also! He has defeated death and the grave. He lives! Join us as we shout "Hallelujah", online, at 9am Sunday to celebrate His victorious resurrection!

Get up early, dress like you're going to church (because you are!). Even if it's just your "Sunday" pajamas. You're going to a celebration whatever part of your house you'll be participating in. Prepare your home and your hearts because He lives! He has promised to never leave you nor forsake you and He has overcome the world!

Stay in touch and keep looking up. We continue to lift you in prayer and look forward with anticipation to the day we again gather together... whether here, there or in the air!

For live services go to www.calvaryventura.org/watch-live/ or the Calvary Ventura YouTube page. Recorded services can also be found on the Calvary Ventura YouTube page.

**In His love,
Calvary Ventura**