

EDOMI team Ideas for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday (see further below), and maybe coordinate a diocesan ZOOM Great Vigil, which could look this way:

Invite congregation/person from around the diocese to take one part of the Great Vigil and in the order of worship each congregation/person would do their section. All of us together on Zoom, watching/participating....

So,

1. one congregation/person would light the fire, say the opening prayers, (Dear Friends, on this most holy night...)and light the Paschal Candle
2. then someone else (a deacon?) would carry their Paschal Candle (would need to be someone who lives on church property) and that person or another person could chant: The Light of Christ and then the Exsultet.
3. The first person then says "Let us hear the record of..."
4. then 1-8 congregation/person take the readings, the Psalm, and the prayer and offer them in the manner that works with their context. For example Judith's church would like to read the Ezekiel reading and follow it with a someone playing a song that they sing on guitar. We would have as many readings as we have churches willing to offer one.
5. someone (priest) in a church would bless the water and we'd renew our baptismal covenant
6. we would all ring bells in our homes followed by
7. The Gloria (need to choose one that is familiar to most so we can sing it together)
8. Continue with a person reading Romans
9. an alleluia verse
10. a deacon proclaiming the Gospel
11. Bishop preaches (or someone reads the sermon by St. Chrysostom
12. Eucharistic prayer
13. At the end of the Eucharistic prayer someone holds out the bread and the wine and says something like: This is the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Although we cannot share this bread and wine in person, in community, it will wait for us until we can once again be all together. Jesus waits with us and we with Jesus.
14. Blessing, final hymn, dismissal.

Our request is that this idea be shared with the diocese and we see if people are interested and sign up for parts. They could email me the part they would like. And I will organize the order and let people know the details. We could have trial run on Saturday morning... Also, we would need to check with Anna perhaps to see if she has ideas/thoughts on coordinating this zoom worship. I'm pretty sure that I won't be able to be a participant and coordinate the zoom broadcast and watch for technical problems etc.

If we don't get a good response we will just all do something on our own...

What do you think?

Then we offer these ideas for Holy Week:

Share links to resources like the VTS Virtual Triduum

Palm Sunday: just offer a service of the Palms. I'm thinking of having the church set up for Palm Sunday, blessing the palms, talking about Jesus entering Jerusalem to empty streets, people are in their doorways and hanging out their windows...and then tossing palms out the church window, to scatter them on the path of Jesus. And then some kind of a reflection about Jesus here with us even as we are inside....what does it mean to arrive in Jerusalem?

Maundy Thursday:

a video of water and foot-washing and the table set, with a reflection/meditation

offer a video of someone stripping the altar (like me, since I can get to the church) with someone singing something like, My Song is Love Unknown. Judith is going to ask Diana, the priest who serves with her, if she could sing this piece and record it...

All night vigils from individual homes - parishioners sign up for an hour and then pray from their homes, lighting a candle. Prayers and meditation materials could be provided.

Good Friday: hourly meditations from 9am - 9pm, like stations of the cross but could be on anything related

Great Vigil: hosted by a church where the priest can be in the building, and others joining in via zoom, (Live, not recorded), a deacon singing the exultet walking down a hall, someone behind them videoing it; readers from around the diocese; blessing water, someone playing music, someone (you, as Bishop?) providing the sermon;

Easter Day: on our own or a link to the Vigil if we pull it off.