

SACRAMENTS DURING HOLY WEEK

29 March 2020

Dear True Lifers

“Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace, immediately instituted by God, to represent Christ and his benefits, and to confirm our interest in him; as also to put a visible difference between those that belong unto the church and the rest of the world; and solemnly engage them to the service of God in Christ, according to his word. There be only two sacraments ordained by Christ in the gospel, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord; neither of which may be dispensed by any but by a minister of the word, lawfully ordained.” (Westminster Confession of Faith, 27.1, 4)

The sacraments are a means of grace to remind us of the salvific word and work of the Lord Jesus Christ to strengthen us in our faith as we continue to trust in Him and live for Him especially in such trying times.

As Holy Week is just round the corner, I am availing myself to administer the Lord’s Supper in your homes. We find this done in the early church: *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers... And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart”* (Acts 2:42, 46).

I will conduct Holy Communion in your home on Maundy Thursday (the night when Jesus kept the Passover for the last time), Good Friday (the day of the Lord’s Crucifixion), Saturday (the Lord’s body remained entombed), and Easter Sunday (the day of the Lord’s Resurrection). Please book your time slot. I would urge the host to invite other members (not more than 10) to join so that more can be served at one time. For ease of getting from place to place, I may have to rearrange the timings with you. If there are still those who wish to partake of Holy Communion after all the slots are filled up, we can make special arrangements.

As for baptism, it will be held on Easter Sunday. Baptism followed by Holy Communion will be conducted at the home of baptism candidates. This will be privately arranged. Baptism candidates must ensure that those present at home should not exceed 10 (including the pastor).

Worship services will be conducted online on Good Friday (Apr 10, 8pm) and Easter Sunday (Apr 12, 10.30am).

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb 10:22-25).

Yours affectionately

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