



In common mission with



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Dear Parishioners of All Saints' and Christ the King,

This year has been hard. Our lives have been disrupted, our plans have been altered, and the ways we've grown so accustomed to seem to have vanished right before our eyes. I had hoped that by this time in my tenure as Rector of All Saints' and Pastor of Christ the King I would have really gotten to know most of you. I had hoped to have shared time with you either over lunch, dinner, or a cup of coffee, to have heard some of your stories, shared in some laughs, and for us to have been able to be more personally present to one another. If it feels that we've lost something this year, in some ways we have.

While it's perfectly normal to feel upset about this uncertain time, we can take comfort in looking forward to the future, in the knowledge that God is still at work in this world and that God is with us. Because God is still working in this world, the work of the Church continues, no matter what may happen in this uncertain world. Actually, the work of the Church is now more important than ever. The world needs to see and hear about the abundant love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The world needs to hear the Good News and to see it in action. Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi need God's Church that is All Saints' and Christ the King.

To continue the work that began here 150 years ago, we must be willing to give. We must be willing to give sacrificially. We must be willing to see the gifts that God has given us and to share these gifts within the Kingdom of God. That is what the members of the early church were willing to do. That is what the founding members of All Saints' and Christ the King were willing to do. That is what we must be willing to do.

We live in a unique time in history. We've reflected on the past 150 years and told some of our stories. Now we must be willing to look to the future of All Saints' and Christ the King and to make new stories to tell as we all share in the work that God has given us to do in this world, at this time, as we move into the future.

This work depends on generous commitments of financial support from everyone in the All Saints' and Christ the King community. This support is critically needed as we move into 2021 and into the next 150 years of mission and ministry in Tupelo and the surrounding area. Enclosed is important information about our financial needs for the coming year. Please consider it carefully and please respond to help us meet these needs.

Since 2021 is the first year of our next 150, let's see if all of us together can make 150 pledges by December 6. I know that sounds like a lot, but we can do it. In fact, we must do it to continue this wonderful life-giving work that God has entrusted to us.

May the peace of Christ be always with you,

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