

You and I have witnessed struggles with shifts in the landscape in the world around that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought. We have moved from spring and through summer and now it is autumn. We have weathered much. And these days are not over. Yet, I believe that this can be a time of spiritual fullness and harvest. We can see how we've come through the last six months and apply the spiritual growth coming from our struggles to life going forward.

We do this in our individual lives, and we do this in the church. It is good to remember that The Falls Church Episcopal is a mature parish, full of ripe and rich ministry. TFCE is a place of blessing. There is much that remains stable and steady in these changing times. Our parish, the Diocese of Virginia and indeed, the Episcopal Church are thriving in new and unexpected ways. Our mission remains clear: to share the Gospel of Christ with all people and to participate in God's ministry of reconciliation. There is no better time to engage Christ's work of reconciliation and healing than now. For we are an enduring beacon of faith, hope, and love for all. And as we gather as we can in 21st century ways, we are serving and transforming each other and the world. And as Keating implores, we look not to the songs of Spring, for this time has its own glorious music. And how can we not help but respond with grateful and thankful hearts. Thanks be to God!

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