



# THE TRUMPET

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Church

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## Our Mission Statement

*As it has for more than two centuries, Trinity continues to be a community of the faithful, reaching out joyfully in Christ's name to share God's love and compassion, ministering to one another, our neighbors, and all creation.*

*We pray that the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit will bring new generations to know, love, and serve Him.*

## Join Us at Trinity as We Commemorate the Passion and Resurrection of Our and Savior Lord Jesus Christ

### Passion/Palm Sunday – April 17

- 8:00 a.m. Eucharist with the Blessing of the Palms  
 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms: An Ecumenical Service  
*in church & at the Courthouse Galleries*  
 10:50 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy with the Passion Gospel

### Monday-Friday (No Evening Prayer on Friday)

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer *in All Saint's Chapel*  
 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer *in All Saints' Chapel*

### Tuesday – April 19

- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
*in All Saints' Chapel*

### Maundy Thursday – April 21

- 7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy with Eucharist, Footwashing, & Stripping of the Altar  
 8:00 p.m. - 11 pm. April 21 & 7:00 a.m.-noon, April 22  
 The Watch at the Altar of Repose *in All Saints' Chapel*

### Good Friday – April 22

- 12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy together with the Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

### Holy Saturday – April 23

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy



## EASTER

### Easter Day – April 24

- 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Choral Festive Eucharist with flowering of the Cross  
*followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard*

*\* See page 3 for more details*



## HOLY WEEK

## Book of Remembrance Celebration

On **Sunday, April 3rd**, Trinity Church will celebrate the ministry of the **Book of Remembrance**. We'll have a prayer at each service to honor the 10 most recent named funds created as living memorials for these deceased saints.

The Book of Remembrance was created many years ago to record financial contributions given in memory of a deceased member so that this giving will continue in perpetuity. The threshold amount has been \$1,000 for a fund named for the individual. Now, the threshold is \$2,500 in memorial gifts from family and friends. These monies are placed in the Trinity Church Endowment Foundation for wise investment and management.

The **Book of Remembrance** supports the life and ministry of Trinity Church, particularly in worship. Prayer Books and Hymnals are purchased with these funds, and a contribution also is made for flowers to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter.

For more information about the **Book of Remembrance**, contact our treasurer, Malcolm Fortson, or our senior warden, Gene DeNardi.

## Vestry Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Vestry meeting of March 16, 2011.

- ✓ The Vestry was informed that the annual Parochial Report had been submitted to the Diocese and the national church, and that a copy would be posted for the parish to see.
- ✓ The Vestry approved the development of a Curator for Internment position to oversee internment in the churchyard.
- ✓ The Vestry voted to ask the Trinity Foundation to fund necessary repairs to the churchyard wall totaling \$5250.
- ✓ The Vestry voted to ask the Trinity Foundation to reimburse the church for the cost of replacing the boiler in the church.
- ✓ The Vestry approved the request of the Mission and Outreach Committee to make \$5000 in donations from restricted funds to local charities and \$3000 in donations from proceeds from the Children's Christmas Shoppe.
- ✓ The Vestry received the results of the Mutual Ministry Review. They will learn more at their retreat on Saturday, March 19. Information will be made available to the parish as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Wednesday, March 20, in the Parish Hall.

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### WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
(breakfast follows)  
9:30 a.m. Christian Formation  
(September-May)  
10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

**Tuesday**  
12:05 Eucharist & Healing  
(All Saints' Chapel)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

### CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop  
*Priest-in-Charge*  
Charles D. Porter, Jr.,  
*Parish Administrator*  
Stephen Kolb,  
*Director of Music Ministry*  
Julia Burgess Ballinger,  
*Director of Child Care Ministries*  
Gale Nicholson,  
*Financial Secretary*  
Tony M. Macklin, *Sexton*

### VESTRY & OFFICERS

Gene DeNardi, *Senior Warden*  
Sue Jordan, *Junior Warden*  
Malcolm Fortson, *Treasurer*  
Virginia Vail Kolb, *Register*  
Barbara Davis  
Sue Everett  
Fran Gill  
Anna Fay Grayson  
Jean Hanbury  
Rita Hedgespeth  
Elizabeth Hudgins  
Irv Lindley  
Ron Weiss



**HOLY WEEK**

## Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

### Morning and Evening Prayer in Holy Week

Holy Week in a Christian life, and in the life of the Church, is an important and valuable time for Christians to deepen their prayer lives, their devotion to the Way of the Cross, and their preparations for Easter. Here at Trinity Church we have a great opportunity for deeper devotional life through Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. Monday, April 18 through Good Friday, April 22. We will gather in the Chapel for Morning Prayer at 8 a.m., and for Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. Please do join us for these times of prayer and reflection. **Please note: Evening Prayer will not be held on Friday, April 22.**

### Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Vigil and Garden of Repose

A custom in the Church from the 4<sup>th</sup> century onward is to set aside time for prayer and reflection in the presence of the sacred elements of Christ's Body and Blood as a part of the Holy Week spiritual practices. In other, safer times, the Garden of Repose would remain open through the night as people came and went to pray. It used to be called "Watch Night." Now, we ask that those who wish to be in prayer indicate their time frame on a sign-up sheet posted in the Parish House.

### Watch Night



### Holy Saturday

One of the gifts of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* was to complete the journey of Holy Week with a service on Holy Saturday with prayer and readings from Scripture that can prepare us for the joyous feast of Easter, near at hand.

Any and all parishioners are invited to Trinity Church's observance of the Liturgy for Holy Saturday in the church at 9:00 a.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt

All children are welcome to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning during the coffee hour. If the weather is good, we will have special eggs hidden in the Church Yard. Should we have inclement weather, the Hunt will be moved into the Parish House. Easter is a great opportunity to invite families who don't have a church home—and children in need of Christian experiences—to join us for the 10:30 a.m. Easter liturgy, and then for the Hunt. Or invite them just for the Hunt so that children can experience a joyful Christian community! For more details, call the church office.





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## MOVIE NIGHT

*The Youth of Trinity and friends are cordially invited to join together in the EYC room for a sub dinner and a movie on Sunday, April 10th 5:00-7:30.*

*This month's movie is Legend. The topic of discussion is the battle between the dark and the Light!*

*Text Julia @ 633-3598 for a ride and bring a friend!*

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Planning is underway for the Trinity Parish Retreat

at Chanco on the James Friday - Sunday, September 9-11

Mark Your Calendar!

If you would like to be a part of the planning, contact the church office.

### The Crib Room

The Crib Room is currently unavailable due to storage and clutter. The Junior Warden, Sue Jordan, and Father John want it to be restored to its intended use.

If you have any belongings in the room, please remove them by Sunday, April 10, or they may be disposed of as we clean up the room.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact Sue Jordan at 399-0700 or sue335@aol.com

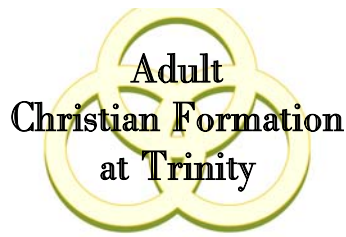


### Kids Corner

*Easter is almost here! If you would like to help stuff Easter eggs, there are still bags of empty eggs in the Parish Hall.*

*Just help yourself and return the stuffed eggs in time for the bunny to hide them.*

*We are also collecting coins in our Mite Boxes for the Episcopal Church Foundation, which is purchasing bricks to help rebuild the Cathedrale St. Trinite in Haiti. Just stop by the Nursery and buy a bookmark made by our children and we will send the money on. Thank you so much and Happy Easter!*



## Sunday Morning Adult Formation for Lent:

### ***Do You Want to Be Healed?***

Continuing our well-received series on the healing ministry of the Christian faith and in the Church, please join us as we explore the ministry of healing *Please note a slight change from the original schedule)*

#### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Ministry of Healing in the Church*

Learn more about the sacrament of laying –on-of-hands for healing and the use of oil for the anointing of those in need of healing. Father John will help us to gain a biblical understanding of the ministry of healing. We'll learn how the Church began to regard this practice as a Sacrament. Discover how healing is one of the spiritual gifts described by Paul in his epistles. Discuss the ways that Trinity Church can grow in the ministry of healing.

#### **April 10<sup>th</sup>:** *Healing of the Mind*

Hear the Rev. Sue Deets, a presbyter in the Reformed Episcopal Church, discuss her work in pastoral counseling and the development of chaplaincy ministries at the Careplex in Newport News.

#### **April 17<sup>th</sup>:** *Putting Healing to Work*

With all that we've learned about the ministry of the church to promote God's healing of body, mind and spirit, we'll discuss how we can put to work the ministry of healing in our church, and in our lives as Christians.

### ***The Day of Resurrection: Tell It Out Abroad***

In the Easter season, we'll look at many ways to tell the Easter story as each of us is an evangelist for the Risen Christ, How can you tell the Story in

your story? Watch for more info in the May *Trumpet*, but here's a scoop on the story:

#### **May 1<sup>st</sup>:** *Telling It Out Abroad: Mission and Me and You*

Meet the Rev. David Hamilton and wife Deborah Anglican missionaries in Madagascar. They have quite a story to tell about how they awakened to God's call to them to serve on the mission field, and how you and I can be in mission right here at home.

***All sessions on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Room.***

### ***Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman Trinity Women's Study Continues***

Facing heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. Her destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner.

Women from Trinity and other churches have begun the Beth Moore study of Esther. Though our number is large, an intimate feeling prevails as we learn from Beth Moore via lectures on DVD and share our feelings and experiences through our homework.

Drop-in participants are always welcome if only to view the video and join in the discussion. Please join us on **Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** (No class on the second Monday of every month or during Holy Week.) The course will continue throughout the month of May. Please contact Cindy Ford [ford\\_cindy\\_j@yahoo](mailto:ford_cindy_j@yahoo) if you have any questions.



## Spring Break?

From March 10 to 18, our family spent Spring Break in Japan. Needless to say, it lacked much of the respite one associates with breaks! Scheduled to land just minutes after the massive 9.0 quake hit, we were diverted to another airport located away from the earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Fortunately, hotel rooms were still available at that point, and the airline provided us with free rooms and money for travel expenses. Over the next days, we were able to salvage parts of the wonderful vacation plan that our son, Peter, had created for us, seeing some cultural sites, visiting his host family from high school days, enjoying meals (though not always getting what we thought we were ordering!), and spending time together. Always lurking in the backs of our minds was the unstable situation with the nuclear reactors at Fukushima, and the uncertainty of Peter's continued studying abroad in Japan, a program that ultimately was terminated by his school here in the states. If I say that this was not the vacation we had planned, I would be making a gross understatement. Most aspects of this trip, in spite of planning, were completely unexpected.

On reflection, though, how much of our life truly IS unexpected? We make our plans, they change, we adjust. Sometimes, those adjustments are truly life-changing, as when a loved one dies (expectedly or unexpectedly), an accident occurs, or a natural disaster wreaks havoc. These things are more common to our experience than we wish to think. Perhaps our familiarity with the rituals of life separates us from the tenuous reality of unexpected change, just around the corner.

Our celebration of Lent includes the unexpected. Imagine the shock experienced by the disciples as the Christ they welcomed with hosannas just a few days before is hauled away to be crucified. From perceived Conquering Hero to the Man of Sorrows, in less than a week! Their patterns of traveling and teaching were broken by betrayal and death, completely unexpected.

Of course, as the African-American preacher reminds us, "Sunday's coming!" And with it comes a different kind of unexpected event. But first comes Good Friday. We have to go there first.

The music of our worship in Lent moves towards reflection on our lives of brokenness and separation. We still offer praise to God for who God is, (praise is always "in season"), but we focus on offering our weakness and sinfulness to God as well.

As we remember the people of Japan and other challenged places in our world, let us seek together our own healing, making us better servants of God, better able to share the love this world so desperately needs.

Stephen Kolb

## Arts Events at Trinity

Trinity is delighted to be a venue for the Virginia Arts Festival! This year, we are hosting several events. Tickets and more information are available at <http://www.vafest.org/2011/index.php> or by calling 757-282-2800.

### **Parker String Quartet**

Tuesday, April 19, 12:10:30 am, Tickets, \$20.00

The Arts Festival is providing a reception following the concert.

### **Chanticleer**

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 pm, Tickets, \$30

### **Jordi Savall, and his ensembles *The Route of the New World: From Spain to Mexico***

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 pm, Tickets, \$30

### **Diane Snider, Organ Jennifer Bouton, Flute**

*A VA Arts Festival/American Guild of Organists  
Organ Swell Concert*

Friday, May 20, 12:15 pm,

Suggested donation, \$5.00

For further information, call (757) 625-5888.



**Donations for 2011**

At their meeting on January 23, the Mission & Outreach Committee voted to distribute funds to the following local organizations

- PARC \$1000
- Oasis \$1000
- Ports. Volunteers for Homeless \$1000
- Food Bank of Southeastern Va \$ 500
- The Wesley Community Center \$ 250
- South Bay Apartments \$ 750
- Friends of the Library \$ 500

In addition, they voted to make the following donations from proceeds from the Children's Christmas Shoppe:

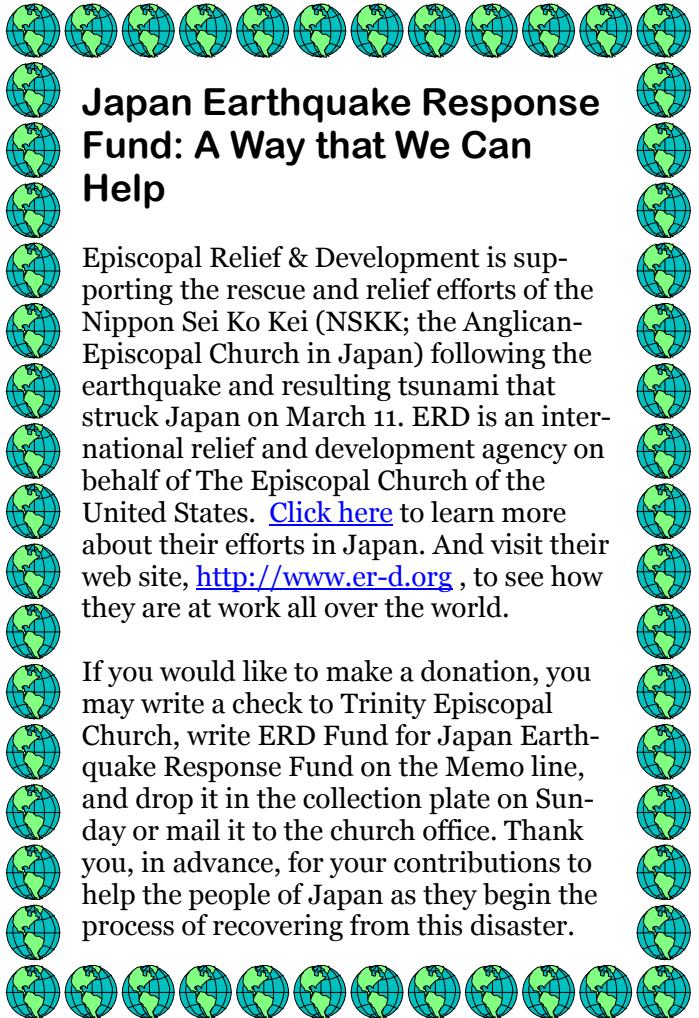
- HER Shelter Children's programs \$300
- Portsmouth Children's Museums \$500
- EDMARC Hospice \$500
- Trinity Church Youth Ministry \$500
- Camp Wakonda \$250
- D.A.R.E program \$200
- Churchland Preschool Center \$420

**Food Basket Sunday**

Our monthly collection of non-perishable food items for the hungry will happen on Sunday, April 24. Your donations will be distributed through the Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church. The baskets are available every Sunday for your donations. We thank you for your gifts of non-perishable items!

**Serving Breakfast at Oasis: May 4**

The first Wednesday of every other month, Trinity takes a turn preparing and serving breakfast for the hungry through the work of Oasis Social Ministry. Our next date is **May 4, at 6 a.m.** We're out by 8 a.m. If you can help, tell Father John or call the church office. Thanks for your help and godly heart. **Remember the new location:** 802 Williamsburg Avenue, across the street from the Portsmouth Social Services Building.



**Japan Earthquake Response Fund: A Way that We Can Help**

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting the rescue and relief efforts of the Nippon Sei Ko Kei (NSKK; the Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan) following the earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan on March 11. ERD is an international relief and development agency on behalf of The Episcopal Church of the United States. [Click here](#) to learn more about their efforts in Japan. And visit their web site, <http://www.er-d.org>, to see how they are at work all over the world.

If you would like to make a donation, you may write a check to Trinity Episcopal Church, write ERD Fund for Japan Earthquake Response Fund on the Memo line, and drop it in the collection plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. Thank you, in advance, for your contributions to help the people of Japan as they begin the process of recovering from this disaster.

**Clergy discretionary Fund**

Thanks to all who have helped to support the Clergy Discretionary Fund this year. On the third Sunday of each month, the loose offering, the envelopes that those who pledge can use for an offering, as well as checks designated to the Fund, are actively at work to help in ways that help those in need, such as:

- a person's need for car fuel assistance to do God's work in this of rising expense at the fuel pump.
- assistance with a utility bill for a woman on the verge of homelessness.
- assistance with rent for a family on the verge of homelessness.

Please help on Sunday, April 18th with your generous donation Thank you and God bless you!

## Episcopal Church Women

The Trinity ECW Bunnies are very busy taking orders and making Candy Easter Eggs for our Palm Sunday Easter Egg & Bake Sale on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Look for the Order Sheet in the parish hall to order a dozen of your favorites: PEANUT BUTTER, BUTTERCREAM, COCONUT, AND FRUIT & NUT. Call any member of our ECW Board or call the Church office at 393-0431 to order. To find out more about all that the ECW is up to, see the insert included with this "Trumpet."

A big Thank You goes to the Sunday School Staff, volunteers and Brotherhood, who cooked and served at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was exciting, and the food was delicious. We especially enjoyed Dr. John Kauffman playing his trumpet while leading the Mardi Gras parade. We also enjoyed the beautiful masks made by the children. My 2 year old granddaughter Avery would not take her mask off until bedtime. We enjoyed seeing so many friends attend with their families.

Please join us at our next ECW meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of this month.

With Love!

## The Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering (UTO) May 8, 2011



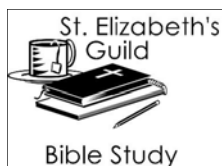
The UTO is a way for us to thank God for our many blessings. This can be done with our prayers of thanksgiving. Another method of thanks is by using the

Blue Box (The UTO Bank). A coin or bill in the Blue Box not only praises God but is a great help to many. Trinity's collection is sent to the Diocesan ECW treasurer. Collections from other parishes are added and sent to National Grants given in a variety of ways: medicines for the poor, a van for a child care center, money for a roof at a Health Center, and many other ways for those that are in need.

Men, women and children can be participants. An ECW member will be distributing the Blue Box and envelope. Keep the Blue Box available. Demonstrate your thanks continuously.

Be a Blue Box user—it will make God and a lot of people happy—including the blessings and joy you receive.

Jean Colonna  
UTO Coordinator  
484-7691



Saint Elizabeth's Guild will meet Tuesday, 10:30 A.M. in the Common Room - April 12.

Our appreciation goes out to Marjorie Eaton who has been our president for many years. We enjoyed her leadership.

Incoming president Ginny Niemeyer will introduce the outline in our new study, the Genealogy of Jesus.

Please join us. The study is great as is the fellowship. ☺

Jean Colonna  
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## Reconciliation of a Penitent

During the season of Lent, as we reflect on our lives, we may confront things that we need to place before God and others to seek forgiveness and to ensure repentance. There is a service in the *Book of Common Prayer* called The Reconciliation of a Penitent.

If you are interested, see Father John. All such sessions are held in strictest confidence and by appointment. Be assured that a good priest suffers "spiritual amnesia" in any confession and does not remember it or carry it forward.



## From the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee

We, the committee charged with the celebratory happenings for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Trinity Episcopal Church, want to give you, the congregation, a brief preview of our plans for the coming year of celebration.

We are proposing that a plaque be placed in front of the Emmerson window in Trinity Church recalling the leadership role of Captain Arthur Emmerson II in the War of 1812, specifically in the Battle of Craney Island. We also want to place another marker in the church to honor Bob Butts: he was a slave whose heroism during the yellow fever epidemic led the Trinity congregation to purchase his freedom and give him the position of sexton which he held for many years.

For other social gatherings we are planning a ticketed ball, a dining event in costume, an art auction, a series of lectures, and a number of musical events, some of them attached to the Virginia Arts Festival and performed here in Trinity Church. We are also working on joining with the Portsmouth Historical Society to celebrate our place in Portsmouth's long history.

We are also designing and commissioning souvenir items such as postcards, fridge magnets, bookmarks to be placed for sale in the church during the coming year of celebration. We hope that they will continue to raise revenue for the church into the future.

The actual opening religious ceremony will be on October 16, 2011 when we will hold a multi-choired Choral Evensong in conjunction with other Episcopalian churches in the diocese. Celebrations will conclude on Saturday September 29, 2012 with a service of Holy Eucharist, again with a strong musical offering.

### Sunday Suppers!

Who would like to see this event return on a Monthly Basis?

Be the first to volunteer to be a Host.

What this is, in case you don't know, is a gathering on a Sunday Night to have food and fellowship. The host selects a theme and everyone brings a dish to compliment.

Contact Patty King – Cell 478-2437

## Wednesday Evenings in Lent at Trinity

On Wednesday is Lent, we gather in the Parish Hall for **shared supper and fellowship**, and then a learning time for adults and for children. And we close with Compline for all ages in All Saints Chapel. Here's the schedule:

- 6:00 p.m. Shared supper and conversation. **Please bring a dish to pass.**
- 6:45 p.m. Adult session in Parish Hall/Child Sessions in Child Ministry area.
- 8:00 p.m. Compline and close (All Saints Chapel)

**Children's Sessions:** Child Ministry Director Julia Burgess will feature a creative lesson including learning and playing.

**Adult Sessions: The Power of Praying Twice.** Saint Augustine, a learned bishop in the fourth and fifth centuries, once said, "He who sings prays twice." Father John and Steve Kolb will lead sessions on the meaning behind what we sing, exploring both words and music. There's so much more than we read in a good hymn. Here's the schedule:

April 6: Prayerbook of Our Lord: Singing the Psalms. Singing the Psalms is a rich part of the Christian tradition. We'll look at different styles and approaches to singing what Bonhoeffer calls, "The Prayerbook of Our Lord."

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## Lenten Wednesdays Downtown Liturgy and Lunch



Come join your friends and neighbors for *Liturgy and Lunch* on any or all Wednesdays during the Lenten season. Each service begins at 12 noon with a Lenten liturgy of that particular church, and continues at 12:30 p.m. with a simple lunch provided by the church.

Here's the remainder of the schedule:

- April 6 St. John's Episcopal
- April 13 First Presbyterian
- April 20 Ebenezer Baptist



### The Parish Prayers\*

The following people have been placed on the Prayer List at their request or the request of a family member or friend. Please include these intercessions and thanksgivings in your personal devotions.

#### For our special needs and concerns:

◆ **For those facing illness or adversity, especially:**

Nell Shay, Jeff Jones, John Paul Hanbury, Judy Leach, Catherine Blackwood, Gerald Wells, Diana Strelow, Fleet Morgan, Steve Kolb, Valerie Dugan, Inez Baker, John Hollowell, Nancy Radcliffe, Ann Dodd, Norm Ream, Carol Fitzwater, Walter Jordan III, Shippy Reed, Eileen Foster, Dusty & Mitch Ash, Robert Nottingham, Margaret Sharrett, Ellen Esleeck, Betsy Mackenzie, Dick Austin, Shep & Flo Trant, Virginia Andrews, Neale Mayo, Marion Gartman

#### Our loved ones:

**Angela Leary**, sister of Laurie Klein; **Barbara Adams**, sister of Gale Nicholson; **Janice Long**, friend of Sue Jordan; **Jenny Clayton**, mother-in-law of Peppy Owens; **Patti Donath**, former parishioner of Fr. John; **Dottie Budnick**, sister-in-law of Bob Hunt; **Lynette McLean**, friend of Sue Everett; **Lacy Roberts**, uncle of Rita Hedgespeth; **Leanne Perdew**, wife of Jean Hanbury's grandson; **Janet Duvall**, grandmother of Jenny Stinson; **John Upton**, brother-in-law of Juliet Quicke; **Walter Meadows**, brother of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Benjamin Williams**, grandson of Dr. & Mrs. Robert McAortor; **Pat Lorkiewicz**, sister-in-law of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Pat Ho**, niece of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Richard Ford**, father of Cindy Ford; **Marlies Krueger**, friend of Bonnie Kroll

**For all serving in harm's way:** including Paul Radford, Dan Phillip, and Bob Miller

#### For all the blessings of this life:

◆ **For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this month, especially:**

2 Sean Dugan	9 Nell Shay	18 Jimmy Andrews	24 Morgan Pierce
Doug Deets	11 Gene DeNardi	Jesse Blackwood	26 Lauren DNardi
3 Hatton Jordan	12 Peppy Owens	19 Monica Matais	27 Louella Padgett
4 Johanna Ashe	14 Janice Newberry	Allan Whitney	Del Delcambre
5 Amy Manning	Everett Lathan	Lee Harbin	28 Larry Peacock
6 Joe Saveika	15 Susannah DeNardi	21 Emma Compton	Maria Cartwright
9 Pam Kloeppel	17 Sharon Davis	22 Anne Schafer	30 Betsy MacKenzie


◆ **For those celebrating their wedding anniversary this month, especially:**

9 Brewer & Joan Moore

\*If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the Prayer List, please call or e-mail the church office.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

The annual ECW Spring Fellowship Luncheon is set for Tuesday, May 24, at 11:00 pm. **Everyone is invited!**

 **Please Take Note!**

The church office will be closed **Easter Monday, April 25.**



## The Last Word (from the Priest-in-Charge)

Almost any doctor will tell you: walking is good for you. Even if you are unable to walk much (if at all), it's best to get some form of exercise. I've known people who find that a walker or a cane keeps them moving. As a parishioner told me once, "If I weren't walking, I'd be wasting away."

Walking can take many forms. For example, each day I try to walk my dog four times on four routes in Olde Town. Or, I should say, she often takes *me* for a walk. And, of course, I walk to the office from the rectory, in any weather. I learned a distinction only we in the South know when a wise man slowed me on the street and said, "Why are you *striding* when you should be *sauntering*?" It took me a while to make that distinction, but there are some days that I do enjoy a saunter or a stroll.

Walking also is a spiritual exercise. Walking is a universal human experience, an experience we all share. Jesus walked from town to town. There are few references to him riding on an animal and none that proclaim his arrival in a chariot—the limousine of his time. He walked everywhere, and he bid his disciples walk with him. People struggled to realize that the Son of God was walking with them. They were not out for exercise with a trainer. They were walking in the presence of their Savior.

The ultimate spiritual test, however, is if we can walk with Jesus to the Cross. He tells his disciples in Matthew 16:24, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Luke adds one more word: we must take up our cross *daily* (923). In daily life, Jesus calls all disciples to take up the Cross with him.

But we have to be careful in understanding this phrase. In the Book of Hezekiah—a collection of sayings we think are in the Bible, but are of human origin—we hear these words: "We each have our own cross to bear." That's not in the Bible. In human form we think that way because we feel that we must make sacrifices, or put up with personal problems,

struggle with the small things.

When Jesus calls us to take up our cross daily, he means that we must be prepared to live a sacrificial life, and put to death on the cross all of those things that prevent us from receiving the gift of salvation. As Christ died for all on the cross, so we must be prepared to move from focusing on our own immediate needs, and take a God-centered perspective of the world around us.

Walking seems easy, but there are times when it is not. If we are not paying attention to God's call and the presence of Christ, we can stumble. We also can cause others to stumble. It's not a pretty sight. We can blame life's circumstances: "The sidewalk came up and tripped me," someone told me once. There's a spiritual lesson here. If we look behind, we stumble in our walk. If we look down at all times, we stumble. When we look forward, and rely on others to walk with us, we will walk well.

When Jesus told his disciples to walk daily with him and to take up the cross, they did not really know what was ahead. But Jesus knew. He was walking to the Cross. There, he gave himself for us. We are called to follow his example.

We can walk the way of the Cross in Holy Week. The observances in Holy Week began in the fourth century as Christians re-discovered the sites of Jesus' ministry and built shrines to help Christians know and feel the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We now observe these days here at Trinity Church: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter.

May you grow in your understanding of taking up the cross—and coming to the Cross—and rejoice in the salvation that God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Walking the Way of the Cross with you,  
**John+**

*"The ultimate test, then, is if we can walk with Jesus to the Cross."*

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