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The Eastertide
Edition

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Trinity tidings is a publication of Trinity Episcopal Church. Our purpose to encourage fellowship among Trinity members and visitors and to announce upcoming events and activities.

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Trinity Tidings

"...open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us."

(From Eucharistic Prayer C, The Book of Common Prayer, page 372)

Easter is not confined to a day, to that Sunday morning that falls each year after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. Easter begins at the empty tomb but does not end there. It unfolds over fifty days, culminating at Pentecost.

The claim that Jesus was raised from the dead - that his body is not there but is to be found in the world, is the beginning of a journey, not a litmus test of belief. Trusting that claim sends us out into the world. Every time a loved one dies we have a choice to renew the claim that Jesus' death is the first fruits of resurrection, and that in death our lives are changed, not ended. Resurrection is a way of life.

This Easter Season, I've been reflecting on a thread that begins at the empty tomb as the fourth gospel writer remembers it, and then continues on the road to Emmaus as Luke tells that story.

First, from the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel: there is this exchange between Mary and the man she mistakenly believes to be the gardener, but who is in truth the resurrected Christ. Perhaps Mary does not recognize him because she is still in shock, and grieving. Whatever the reason, she is blind to who is right before her very eyes, at least until he speaks, calling her by name. Only then are her eyes opened.

Something similar happens on the road to Emmaus. In fact in this case the two disciples are walking along with a stranger who is telling them all sorts of important stuff. But still, their eyes are kept from recognizing him, at least until he stays with them and takes, blesses, breaks, and gives the bread.

Then, Luke says, "their eyes were opened." And then, of course, he is gone; the recognition is fleeting.

I find my prayer this Easter season to be rather simple: open my eyes, oh Lord. Let me see what is right before me - not trying to see too far down the road, or behind me, but open fully to the present moment where You are.

Spring is finally arriving in New England, where we had a very long winter. There are signs of life all around me. I spend a lot of time in my car these days, but I have to say it is a very different experience when my roof is open than when it is closed. I'm trying to pay attention, to keep my eyes open, to see God's hand at work in the world around me.

Not just in nature. I work closely with congregations, but in a very different capacity than I did as a pastor. Now I am everywhere and nowhere. I come in and then I leave. But I'm finding that if I work at it, I can be more mindful and more present - I can come in with a curious heart. Sometimes as an "outsider" I can see things that those who are too close to it all (especially if there is conflict) cannot see. I'm learning that the goal is not usually to tell them what I see so much as it is to ask the questions that help them to see for themselves. "Look over here...what's up with that?"

Here is the faith claim I want to make: the empty tomb is a metaphor that keeps reminding us that Jesus is not there, but he's everywhere else. By metaphor I don't mean it isn't true or it didn't happen that way. I just mean that we can't turn the empty tomb into a golden calf. That's the last place we go to find Christ! The invitation is to find the risen Christ at every table where the bread is broken - not just sacramentally, but at every meal where we give thanks for our daily bread. The invitation is to find Christ out in the garden (or talking with a stranger we presume to be the gardener) or walking along the way with your bishop on a pilgrimage through the holy ground of a diocese. Or even sitting next to a stranger on an airplane and instead of putting earphones in or staring at a book, turning to engage in conversation when she introduces herself. (This last one is especially challenging for me.)

Brian Wren puts it so well, and I'm trying to live like I believe it - with open eyes, an open heart, and open hands:

"Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time. // Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns."

Rich Simpson

Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

<https://rmsimpson.blogspot.com>

ABOUT OUR PARISH FAMILY



- 4/1 Michelle Heitman
- 4/1 Rebecca Jones
- 4/3 Dylan Boker
- 4/13 Peyton Hebert
- 4/13 Katie Lillard
- 4/14 Theodore Herman
- 4/15 Eileen Prichard
- 4/20 Georgia Braucksick
- 4/23 Joe Wright
- 4/25 Bix Fisher
- 4/28 Brian Bedell
- 4/29 Raymond Martin



- 04/17 Bill & Kathy Warren
- 04/21 Herb & Debby Hilderbrand

Baptismal Anniversaries

You mark a place in your journey of formation today.

Celebrating the anniversary of Holy Baptism reminds us, challenges us, and encourages us, to follow Christ Jesus.



Wilson Whistler Brown

God Bless you as you celebrate your baptismal anniversary

Please contact the office at 636-949-0160 if your birthday or anniversary was not included so we can enter it into the data base.

Articles for the Trinity Tidings can be mailed to Michelle Heitman at

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Sunday
ONLINE

We continue to live stream those services for those who do not join us in person. You can "sign in" to the service in any one of the following ways:

Link in through the Trinity Website at

<http://www.trinity-stcharles.org/worship>

(On this website, you can also download the pdf file of the service bulletin or....

Use the Zoom app to sign in

Meeting ID: 881 1873 4703

Passcode: 633013

One tap mobile

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Or, by entering the following url into your browser:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88118734703?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88118734703?pwd=aVBMZ21DRlRwayt1M2E1aXFPU0crdz09)

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Start the Weekend in Prayer

Saturday
Morning
Prayer

Christy Henke Ratliff leads us in Morning Prayer, Saturdays at 9 AM on Facebook Live. You do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view this service. Simply go to [facebook.com/watch](https://www.facebook.com/watch).

Search for Trinity Episcopal Church St. Charles. The search will provide the correct link to log into the live stream. You can also access earlier recordings from this link.

For those in particular need of prayer,

Bud Adkins; **Jerry Aehle & Family**; **Connie Akers**; **Deborah Alessi**; **Andy Allen**; **Jaimie Allen**, **Lori Allen**; **Alyssa**; **Anne, Becky, Jerry** Barnard; **Valerie Barr**; **Terry Bell**; **Jackie Berger**; **Rich Berger**; **Bob Blattman**; **Breana**; **Lani Briggs**; **Kent Brown**; **Ralph Bruns & Family**; **Jim Burke**; **Rita** Burnde; **Deanna Campbell**; **Anne Chau**; **Joe Connor**; **Bill Cramer**; the Most Rev. **Michael B. Curry**; **Cather**; **Marc Daigle**; **Nancy Dale**; **Noreen Davis**; **Jess Dixon**; **Josh**; **Emily Drury**; **Rhonda Edge**; **Patty Eggers**; **Emery**; **Fred Engbarth**; The Rev. **Maria Evans**; **Bob Fagan**; **Alison Fambrough**; **Nancy Feeney**; **Bill Fields**; **Mandi Fisher**; **Sharon Fisher**; **Trisha Fitzpatrick**, **Liz Flynn**; **John Foley**; **Julie Fuchs**; **Paige Fuchs**; **Donna Furrer**; **Kelsey & Derek Funk**; **Sue Granger**; **Susan Goddard**; **Abigail Gogel**; **Suzy Gold**; the **Gossow Family**, **Jason Graff**; **Paul Graue**; **Carolyn Hackman**; **Connie Hall**; **Jackie Halter**; **Karen Hamby**; **Kate Hayes**; **Bill Haynes & Family**; **Larry Hewitt**; **Sherri Hugunin**; **Micah Jackson**; **Ryan, Emily, and Carly James**; **Paula Jeffery**; **Janis, Tyler Johnson**; The Rev. **Ruth Ann Jones**; **Cornelia & Jim Kriehg**; **Rick Kuhn**; **Karen Kupka**; **Del Kuzemchak**; **Kalisa Krouper**; the **Leyden family**; **April Lindbergh**; **Tim Lindley**; **Crystal Little**; **Doris Lohe**; **Rhonda Loughary**; **Mary Jo, Marissa, Lee Martin, Sally Martin**; **Brenna Mason**; **Barbara McKeel**; **Bob Miller**; **Neil**; **Jake Neu**; **John Nichols**; **Leslie Niebreugge**; **Jane Overstreet**; **Ernie Parente**; **Mary Parrella**; **Robin Perkins**; **Barbara Perkins**, **Rosemary and Hurley Perkins**; **Leslie Pribonic**; **Phyllis, Cindy Pricker**; **Yvonne Rankin's Family**; **Jenny & Bella Rausch**; **Ray & Adele**; **Warlene Reed**; **The Ritter Family**; **Robert**; **Lisa Schildknecht**; **Louis Seiler**; **Mary Shive**; **Kathy Smith**; **Jim Spies**; **Carol Steinhauer**; **Carolyn Stuhlsatz**; **Ann T**; **Tisha Thornton**; **Linda Tyranski**; **Liz Tudor and Family** **David Turk**; **Melinda Turner**; **Mark Vogel**, **Mary Vogel**; **Mary Walsh**; **Bill Warren**; **Joe Welton**; **June Westfall**; **Mary Willard**; **Charlotte Williams**; **Pat Willmering**, **Annie Zimpfer**.

Scenes from Lent and Easter



Another year of Lori Cooper providing us with a beautiful "wilderness scene" for the season of Lent! *Thank you, Lori!*

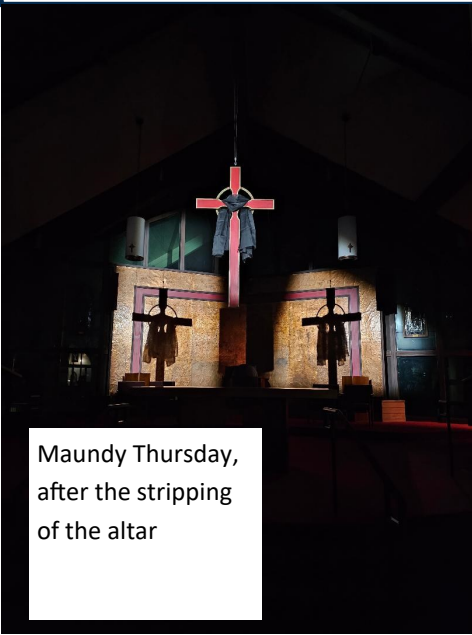
On the Tuesday of Holy Week, Trinity hosted the Diocesan Clergy "Renewal of Vows" Worship Service



Good Friday "The Pasion Story in Word, Choral Music, Drama, and Hymns"



The Great Vigil of Easter



Maundy Thursday, after the stripping of the altar

The Easter Cake for 2024



The Flowered Easter Cross



Two of Trinity's trees, a dogwood and a redbud, have **definitely** seen better, healthier days. And yet, here they are, heralding spring. **....dying, and behold we live.**

Upcoming at Trinity



At the Annual Meeting in January, we talked about our theme for the year, **"Trinity Grows"**

We'll be using this as the basis for much of our work, including direction-setting for the Vestry and other events to help us grow in **Faith, Compassion and Community**. Please keep an eye out for two events in April.

Sunday, 4/14 (NEXT SUNDAY!) *The Gifts God Has Given Us*

Lunch-and-Learn focused on investigating our talents and learning how to use them to help ourselves and our communities grow.

Sunday 4/28: Ministries Fair: Using Your Gifts

Individuals who oversee Trinity committees and projects will host tables for you to visit and learn ways for you to get involved in the life of our church. You will get back as much as you give. This event is complimented by the "The Gifts God has Given Us" event on April 14. Learn about your gifts and then attend the fair to talk about how to put them to use! (And guess what! The Beloved Group is planning an Arts & Crafts Fair for Outreach that day—they will be demonstrating, "Using Our Gifts" for us to share.)

50 Days Bake Sale

Our Faith, Our Growth,



YOUR Story

- When:** May 19th, Pentecost
- Where:** Trinity Episcopal Church
318 S. Duchesne Drive
Saint Charles, MO
- What:** Bake Sale
- Who:** You!

Join us on May 19th at Trinity Episcopal Church to celebrate the 50 days of Easter with a bake sale. We will begin with a potluck lunch and then sell baked goods to fundraise for our church as well as provide dessert.

Leading up to this event, we are asking our parishioners to share a day at Trinity that was meaningful to them. Joyful, reflective, or sad, we want to know YOUR story. We will share these using the church Youtube and Facebook accounts, so we can all hear the stories of what makes us Trinity.

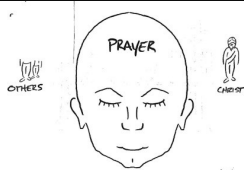
Please contact Jacob Taylor (jacobdt.2014@gmail.com) to volunteer to bake goods, arrange the event, or share your story.



The Trinity Beloved Group TBG will hold an **"ARTS, CRAFTS, AND GOODIES"** fund-raiser Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5 after both the 8 AM and 1015 AM services.

We will have hand-crafted and home made items for sale to support an assortment of outreach programs. Since there are many talented people at Trinity, we would like to invite those who do arts and crafts and bake or make delicious goodies to donate some of their creations for this fund-raising endeavor.

The Prayer Ministry Team would like to share an interesting commentary on Healing Prayer from Skye Jethani's book **"What if Jesus was Serious About Prayer"**.



Copies can be found in the reception area, or you can request a copy from the office at

trinityepiscopal318@yahoo.com

We invite you to join in the Healing Litany on the second Sunday of the month.

IF JESUS WAS SERIOUS...
THEN PRAYER IS HOW WE CONNECT
OTHERS TO GOD.



The Clergy and Staff would like to offer their most heart-felt thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who made all of our Holy Week observances possible.

CALENDAR

REGULAR BUILDING USE

Mon	10 AM	AA Group #496	
Mon	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 763,	All Floors
Tue	7:00 PM	NA (Narcotics Anonymous)	Parish Hall
Every Other Tue	7:15 PM	Little Hills Toastmasters	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
Wed	10 AM	AA (This is the Solution)	Parish Hall
Second Wednesday	6 PM	SCC Historical Society	St. Hilda Room
Wed	7:30 PM	CODA	Library (L)/(SHR)
Thu	7 PM	Alanon Climbing Higher	Parish Hall (PH)
Fri	10:30 AM	AA Group 228	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
Fri	6 PM	AA Living on Higher Ground	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
First Friday	6 PM	Night Owl Quilters	Parish Hall

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EASTER SUNDAY	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday of Easter 8 AM <i>In-person only</i> & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist <i>In-person & on-line</i>	8	9	10 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	11	12 10 AM Staff Meeting	13 10:30AM Beloved Group
14 Third Sunday of Easter Healing Service 8 AM <i>In-person only</i> & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist <i>In-person & on-line</i> Noon: Prayer Ministry After 10:15 service Trinity Grows <i>"The Gifts God Has"</i>	15	16	17 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8 AM & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist	22	23. 10 AM Staff Meeting	24 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8 AM & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist After 10:15 service Trinity Grows <i>"Using your Gifts" Lunch & Learn</i> After both services The Beloved Group ARTS, CRAFTS, AND GOODIES	29	30	1	2	3	4



The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
making disciples · building congregations · for the life of the world

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 2:00 PM

The Diocese of Missouri and St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eureka invite you to a special screening of the new documentary film, *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The women are harassed, threatened, and banned from stepping on church property.

In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution, and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

We've rented the [Hi-Pointe Theatre in St. Louis](#) to show the movie on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (The theatre holds 414 people.) The movie will also be open to the general public.

For further information:

<https://www.diocesemo.org/blog/movie-screening-the-philadelphia-eleven/?occurrence=600>



Humor Corner



TOMICS by Tom Gould

Mark 13:33

