

The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Holy Week

The most sacred time of the Christian year approaches, Holy Week and Easter. Many find Palm Sunday to be the most powerful day, waving palm branches, shouting “Hosanna!”, followed by the powerful Passion gospel, read in parts. Others say Maundy Thursday is their favorite Holy Week service, the foot washing, if done, allowing one to experience the servant ministry of Jesus; the stripping of the altar to Psalm 22 or “Go to dark Gethsemane” stirring deep feelings of sorrow. Some grew up with a three-hour service focused on the seven last words of Christ interspersed with

long periods of silence. Most remember dressing up for Easter service, the frantic joy of Easter egg hunts, and perhaps a special meal at Granny’s.

Whatever our memories of Holy Week and Easter are, we can be certain that this year will be unlike any other. We cannot come together as a congregation. We cannot read Peter’s lines as we have for years. We cannot share the Eucharist, not on Palm Sunday, not on Maundy Thursday, not even on Easter Day. To paraphrase the psalmist (psalm 137:4), *How can we sing the Lord’s song, how can we celebrate Easter, when we cannot come together for the Eucharist, when we cannot raise our “Alleluias!” to the heavens?*

How? By being the church. No doubt you learned the children’s ditty where you clasp your hands together, make a steeple with your pointer finger, line up your thumbs and chant, “Here’s the church and here’s the steeple, open the door and there’s all the people” as you open your thumbs and wiggle your fingers. The truth that underlies that ditty is that the Church is the People, not the building! We will celebrate Holy Week and Easter as the people of God, not in a church but united nevertheless with Christians around the world.

Begin by setting aside a “Holy Place” in your home. Have your own worship at that holy place according to guidelines you will find in this edition of the Trumpeter or settle there while you join a video service from the Diocesan Cathedral of the Incarnation or the National Cathedral. If you don’t have access to the internet, you can sit in that space, read the Palm (Matthew 21:1-11) and Passion narratives (Matthew 26:14-27:66), reflect on the passage, and pray ending with the Lord’s prayer.

Christ is Risen. Holy Week and Easter help us experience that mystery in a powerful way each year, because we need the reminder, we need to feel once again the joy of resurrection, but our celebrations do not make Jesus’ resurrection any more true or real. So it’s OK if this year’s celebration is unlike any we have known before. Christ **has** died. Christ **is** risen. Christ **will come again**.

When we are once again able to gather in one place as the Body of Christ, that will be our Easter Day, no matter what the calendar says, that will be the day we dress in our Easter finery, pull out all the stops on the organ, sing our Alleluias loud and proud, and proclaim the resurrection – Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!





FRANFARE

Dear friends,

This Ash Wednesday I was struck by one of the petitions within the Litany of Penitence that begins on page 268:

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves *We confess to you, Lord.*

To get the full impact, you have to have prayed the preceding petitions as well, so I suggest you pick up a prayer book and do just that. Here's a summary—we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have been deaf to Christ's call to serve; we acknowledge our pride, hypocrisy and **impatience**, our self-indulgence and exploitation of others. Then comes the one cited above, which is followed by our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts.

Yipes! Guilty!

I complain about my futile search for toilet paper; I grow frustrated that I cannot celebrate the great liturgies of Holy Week and Easter for what might be the last time as priest; I gripe about the slowness of government to provide protective gear to our healthcare workers; I fume at the inequality of test availability (seems you can get tested easily if you are rich or politically important or a sports figure, but heaven help you if you are poor and without health care or just another ordinary Jo).

I confess, Lord, that I am angered when I am frustrated, when I can't do what I want, when the world does not run according to my schedule.

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Guilty! I am guilt of being self focused and self-centered. *Have mercy on me, Lord.*

Perhaps you found yourself nodding as you have read the words above, recognizing some of those same feelings in yourself. Perhaps you are embarrassed that your rector, your priest, is guilty of such selfishness. Perhaps there are some who have not been frustrated by the coronavirus restrictions, if so, blessings on them. The rest of us will must rely on the merciful God to forgive us all our sins, especially those that show themselves so dramatically during a time of crisis. Thanks be to God, God's mercy is unbounded and God's grace abounds.

Lent is a time for self-examination, confession, repentance, turning back to God, and receiving absolution, forgiveness and new life. So maybe, just maybe, this Lent will help more of us find our way back to God as we are forced to face our own sins, weakness, faults and failings.

The absolution of the Ash Wednesday service is a bit different from the one we usually hear (see page 269 of the Book of Common Prayer). It begins by assuring us that God wants us to live and so pardons all who truly repent. But it doesn't stop there, it continues *we beseech God to grant us true repentance* so that we might live lives that are pleasing to God, pure and holy, and come to his eternal joy.

I am grateful to the God who promises to assist me along the road towards Easter, even in this time, especially in this time.

A fellow pilgrim and forgiven sinner,

Fran+

Worship at home during quarantine

1. Set aside a sacred space – This can be a TV table or a cabinet in the corner of a room, if possible, a room that doesn't get high traffic but work with what you have.
2. Cover the table, cabinet, etc. with a cloth such as a scarf, for Lent purple would be ideal, but again, use what you have.
3. Candle – you should have some type of candle to mark off the time of prayer, just as we light the candles on the altar. It is OK to use a battery-operated candle, and advisable if you have small children in the house.
4. Cross – If you have a standing cross, that's great, but if not, then any cross will do (necklace, rosary). You can fashion one out of two twigs and a bit of string or wire if necessary. This will be a focal point during home prayers.
5. Icon – if you have an icon, place it on your table, if not, don't worry about it.
6. Bible and Prayer book – if you have both, use them, if not then place whatever you will use for your prayers (leaflet, iPad, etc.) on the table.
7. Add something from nature – a rock, a budding twig, a bare branch. We don't usually have flowers during Lent and Holy Week, but it's OK if you want to use them at your home altar before Easter. You will definitely want flowers for Easter.
8. A bowl of water to remind you of your baptism if you wish.

Children should participate in setting the sacred space, in choosing and placing items on the table, etc. When the candle is lit (or turned on), worship begins and when it is put out (or turned off) worship has ended. Encourage all members of the household to use this sacred space for their own quiet prayers as well as for the common worship service. Other resources can be found at <https://episcopalcolorado.org/connected-in-common/>



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday (April 5) – Celebrate at 11 a.m. with the Cathedral of the Incarnation, our diocesan cathedral www.episcopalmaryland.org Cut branches from trees around your houses and process around the house, inside or out. Stop along the way, shout “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” and pray for the activity that takes place there (for meal preparation and/or dishwashing in the kitchen; for fellowship in the den; for rest in the bedroom, etc.) Check out our Palm Sunday video on Facebook (Trinity Episcopal Church, Long Green) and hopefully on our Web page www.trinitychurchlonggreen.org

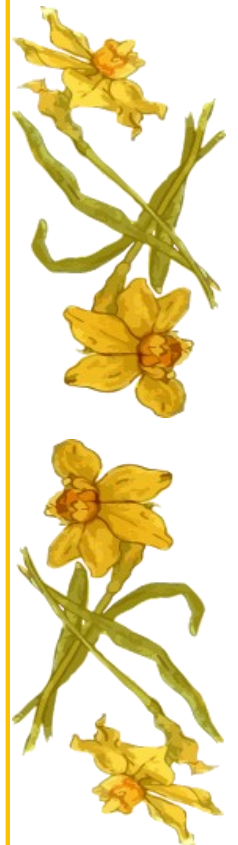
Suggested services for use in the home for the Triduum (the Great Three Days) can be accessed on our website and will be attached to the Bugle Blast.

Maundy Thursday (April 9) – Cathedral of the Incarnation on-line 7 pm. A Trinity Service to include stripping will be posted on Facebook and Web page.

Good Friday (April 10) – Cathedral of the Incarnation on-line, noon. Community Service sponsored by the Four Corners Ministerium, Seven Last Words, time and information TBA.

Great Vigil of Easter (April 11) – Cathedral of the Incarnation on-line, 7 pm

Easter Day (April 12) – Cathedral of the Incarnation on-line 11 am.



GIVING DURING QUARANTINE



Trinity continues to operate during this quarantine, we have to pay our bills, maintain our buildings, and most importantly, pay our staff. We need your gifts and offerings to do so. **If you are able**, please continue to pay your pledge and continue to give regularly to Trinity as if you were attending services each Sunday. Many already pay their pledge quarterly or monthly, some have set this up as an automatic payment with their bank. If you want to do that until this crisis passes, great. If you prefer to send a check to the church office, that will work as well. If you are not able to pay at this time, we understand.

Trinity Church Day School has sufficient financial reserves to pay its staff through the end of the school year should that be necessary and has committed to do so. The teachers are developing ways to maintain contact with the students and to provide some educational and developmental tools for the parents.

FAMILY CORNER

EMILY LITSINGER, daughter of Jim & Kristin and grand-daughter of Bill & Ellen Jo Litsinger, a junior at the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA has undertaken an independent study comparing proactive cities' efforts to combat climate change and carbon emissions. Emily will then present her findings to the Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg.

In the same family, **NATHANIEL LITSINGER** will graduate Temple University in May earning a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. Nathaniel will concentrate on Risk Management and Insurance.

LAYNE LITSINGER, daughter of Pam and Bill Litsinger, and grand-daughter of Bill and Ellen Jo, graduated Drexel University In Philadelphia. Layne is currently employed by Brian Communications, a full service strategic communications agency.

Congratulations to the Litsinger families and to these students and their accomplishments!

-Bobbie Nelson-

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Since the scheduled date for our Bicentennial Celebration, May 3, falls during the quarantine period prescribed by Bishop Sutton, the service will have to be rescheduled. The most logical time would be as close to the date of our original consecration (Oct. 12, 1820) as possible. This rescheduling will happen once the coronavirus situation has stabilized. The Bicentennial Capital Campaign has also been delayed until things have stabilized. The restoration work done to date, including that to the stained glass windows, has either been paid for already or there are funds available to cover contracted work. Should your financial situation permit and you wish to make donations to this now as opposed to later in the year, please indicate your intentions on your check.



LENTEN OFFERING

Our Lenten Offering for 2020 will be for the support of ER-D, Episcopal Relief and Development. Our ER-D donations will have the primary designation of disaster relief. Episcopal Relief & Development works with our partners worldwide to alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, respond to disasters, promote health and strengthen communities. ER-D is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible.





COME JOIN THE FUN!
TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL'S
SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM 2020

June 1 - June 26
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Register March 2 for Trinity's Summer Nature Program. Each week will feature a different fun and engaging theme. Our schedule is as follows:

- Exploration/Arrival Activity
- Morning Meeting
- Snack Time
- Singing and Movement
- Outdoor Activities
- Craft Activities
- Story Time
- Lunch
- Clean-up and Closing Meeting
- A Water Play Day (1x per week)
- Organized Game Day (1x per week)



Themes:

- Week 1: Rainforest
- Week 2: Under the Sea
- Week 3: STEM
- Week 4: Cooking and Nutrition

Afternoon Extended Day is available (June 1-5 and 8-12 is guaranteed, June 15-19 and 22-26 will be available if enough students sign up in advance) until 4:00 p.m. Bring your brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors! Program is open to all children ages 3-6, although children must be potty-trained to participate. Additional applications are available in the school office or online at www.trinitychurchdayschool.com.

Savings coupon available on our website (coupon expires May 1)

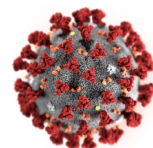
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Lillian Cook
- 5 Sue Berry
- 8 Joyce Jennings
- 10 Beverly Snyder
- 12 Jeffrey Christ
Bob Newton
Fran Stanford
- 16 Henry Cook
- 17 Anne Eve
- 18 Nancy Hoffman
- 22 Jeanine Bausman
Katherine Meyer
- 23 Caroline Bausman
- 25 Kathy Talbot
Betty Arney
Donna Lytton
- 28 Katie House Feigenbaum



The Coronavirus

The Diocese of Maryland and Trinity Episcopal Church believe it is our Christian duty, a duty of compassion, to maintain self-isolation until the Coronavirus that causes Covid-19 is either controlled or treatments have been developed. To that end, in-person services and meetings have been canceled. We are working to develop on-line tools that will allow us to maintain our community while limiting physical contact. There will be no baptisms except in an emergency, no weddings without extreme need, no confirmations, no pastoral visitation except for Prayers at the time of dying (last rites), and funeral service will be graveside only with limited numbers maintaining social distancing. Once the crisis has passed, we will resume all these as well as our regular Sunday services. In the meantime, use the phone and call one another, text and email each other. If you have a need or question, please contact Dr. Fran at 301-898-8731 or by email yfstanford@comcast.net



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 25 Jeff & Elaine Christ
Clay & Carolyn Evans

TIP OF THE HAT

- ◆ Nancy Bainbridge for cleaning up the cemetery.
- ◆ Asher Collins for updated outside sign
- ◆ Everyone for helping out their neighbors and community during the quarantine, especially those who have shopped for others, made phone calls, written cards or text.
- ◆ Clergy, seminaries, and computer nerds who have helped us find ways to stay connected and to worship during the quarantine.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

If you have news of 2020 graduations, recognition awards of children or grandchildren please contact Bobbie Nelson, 410-628-2107 or email robertaannnelson@gmail.com. We will include names and awards in the Trumpeter.



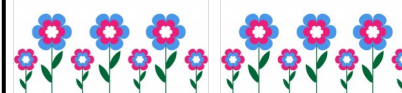
TRUMPETER ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please submit your May articles to marthab28@verizon.net by April 24, 2020.



In Memoriam

Jean Elizabeth Stanford
January 17, 1926 - March 14, 2020
Rest eternal grant to her



April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Paul's Place Lunch	2 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	3	4
5 	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	10 Good Friday	11
12 EASTER 	13	14	15 Paul's Place Lunch	16 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	17	18
19	20 6:30 Vestry	21	22	23 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 8:30pm Steps & Tradition		

Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!
The Lord is
Risen indeed!
Alleluia.



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