

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

Wind. We feel it. We see its effects. It blows where it will.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, “a wind from God swept over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2b).

In Acts 2:1-21, the disciples were simply sitting in the house when a sound like the rush of a violent wind filled the entire house and they began to speak in different languages. People from all over the world who were in Jerusalem each heard about God’s deeds of power in their native tongue! And the disciples went with it.

In a conversation with Nicodemus, a prominent religious leader of the day, Jesus speaks about being born again from above (John 3:1-17). In that conversation he says that “The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

As we ponder the wind in these scripture passages, we can think about the ways in which it will inform ministry as we pay attention to the rustling of the Holy Spirit.

When sailing, it is important to pay attention to the signs of the wind in order to best navigate and utilize it. Flags show the wind’s direction, dark patches moving across the water indicate heavier wind, calm sections signify a dead spot. I’ve even heard the wind described as a sailor’s partner in a dance.

One way to engage in the community and world is to open the newspaper (or online news), look at the headlines and then pray for the situation of each story or of the story that grabs your attention.

Where do you notice the rustling of the Spirit – in your life, the life of our community, the life of the world, our life at Trinity? It’s important to look around and notice the things that are right in front of us. This gives us really good information about how we can dance with the Holy Spirit in ministry.

Ministry is described as the place where our gifts and the needs of the community meet. I invite you to pay attention to the rustling of the Spirit that you may more fully join in the dance of life God is laying before you.

Do you have a knack for seeing the needs out in the world and of bringing this back to the congregation? Maybe you are being called into ministry as a deacon. Are you good at articulating messages from scripture? Maybe you are being called into ministry as a lay preacher. Are you drawn to healing? Maybe you are being called into healing ministry. Do you enjoy working with technology? Maybe you are being called into ministry to run the sound board and/or video feed on an occasional Sunday.

What need do you see? What, if any, vision do you see for meeting that need? Maybe it’s one piece of a situation. Spread the word. I’ve seen Trinity jump in with both feet when a need has been raised. When we see a need, communicate it and act on it we live into the dance of the Spirit. This is Church.

In Christ’s love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU

Tracey Krzysik for her many years of directing Trinity's Bell Choir. She resigned in May.

Kolby Miller, CEO of Medstar EMS & Mobile Healthcare, for donating new AED pads and to Kylene Sutter for replacing them.

Patrick Winningham for securing a second grant from Thrivent which will cover the cost of lawn games and other items for the Blessing of the Wheels.

Archie Duncan for purchasing items to put together the technology control center. Garden Guild and all the many workers who planted flowers around Trinity on Pentecost.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sean Brady for being inducted into the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution).

Emily Gray for being inducted into the National Honor Society.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Do you like to work behind the scenes to help make our worship service uplifting to all? Please contact Archie Duncan if you would like to learn be a part of a rotation of people to work the audio and/or visual technology during our worship. He's offering training to all interested parties.

RE-ENTRY CONTINUED

We continue to wear masks when in the building but are no longer required to wear them when outside. We are also able to have coffee hour as long as we each bring our own food. Groups have been meeting at Trinity while contact tracing continues. You can find all information for all phases of the PLAN FOR RE-ENTRY FOR GREAT LAKES EPISCOPALIANS at www.eastmich.org/coronavirus. Our building use will be for scheduled events only at this time and appointments can still be made to meet with Rev. Sue.

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

It is understood that when out in public there is the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and we trust that each household will make the best decision for themselves as to attend worship in-person or online. Trinity's space is quite large and we have implemented safety measures above the diocesan requirements. Highlights of our return:

- Masks are required at all times covering nose and mouth.
- The only entry will be through the sliding glass doors.
- Temperatures will be taken and each household will be checked in for contact tracing.
- The offering plate will be on a table as you enter church for you to place your offering – it will not be passed.
- Communion offered is bread only.
- On-line worship continues.

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.

BLESSING OF THE WHEELS, TOWER CHIMES AND MORE!

Come join us on **Sunday, June 6 from 3-4pm** as we Bless the Wheels! Bring your bicycle, motorcycle, stroller, skates, etc. to the Grant St. green area. Patrick Winningham will play the Deagan Tower Chimes at 3:00pm. The Blessing of the Wheels will be at 3:30pm. We will also provide sidewalk chalk and lawn games for children of all ages throughout! All donations will go toward Friends of Music.

EXPANDING THE COLUMBARIUM

We will be expanding our columbarium as all the niches in our current columbarium are in use or reserved. The expansion will be in the Memorial Chapel between the columbarium and the front door. All memorial plaques will be lovingly and respectfully honored.

To date, we have received advance payment for two of the 55 new niches. If you would like to reserve a niche to assist in covering the cost to build this addition, please contact Rev. Sue at revsuerich@gmail.com or 989-326-0469. The fee is \$800. Payment plans are available.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to one of our prayer lists, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call 989-326-0469 (cell).

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org, click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.



June Birthdays

Quinnlyn Lang
Jean Meisel
Craig Hool

Katy Iannacchione
Sarah Willard
Stacie Miller
Rita Meilstrup
Anne Trahan
Jennifer Jones
Dawn Brady

June Anniversaries

Allen & Judy Laskowski
Donald & Mary K Freel
Stacie & Chuck Miller
Donald & Denise Middleton
Michael Rapson & Diane Rapson-
Gabil



July Birthdays

Ted Alvarez
Mary Jane Elliot
Rita Laetz
Corbyn Lang
Nicole Causley
Susan Beckert
Bruce Sherbeck
Jeanette Luebs
Isabella Salazar

July Anniversaries

Steven & Patti Anderson
Jeff & Kristi Pennex
Jon & Debra Walker
Fred & Joyce Cook

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In the past two months this fund has assisted 13 people with temporary housing. The need remains great. Please give as you are able.

**Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now**

Spirit, Soul, Body

While the Christian Church celebrates Trinity Sunday, reminding us of how God is revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we now look at another “trinity,” or as some theologians call it - the “Trinity of Man.” That is, we humans are triune creatures too: spirit, soul, body. As God is three Persons but one Being and had no beginning, humans are God’s creatures, each of us one person, but made of three parts.

We look first at St Paul’s words in his letter to the Thessalonians where he writes:

“May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely: and may your spirit, soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Thess 5:23)

The “spirit” is the pneuma, or inner person and is made for communion or relationship with God. It is different from the “soul.” This is where our spirit can make room for God’s Holy Spirit giving us God’s peace and revelation. Our spirit becomes truly alive when we become Christian.

The “soul,” or psyche, is the self, emotions, intellect, will and conscience. The self includes our identity, personality and character. Our emotions include our feelings and passions. The intellect is our mind and thoughts, while the will is our will and desires. Finally, conscience is our sense of right from wrong.

The “body,” or soma, is our physical part that has five senses: taste, touch, sight, sound, hearing.

Our triune being is reflected in the liturgy of the Church in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). In the 1928 BCP the response to the priest’s “The Lord be with you” is “And with thy spirit.” The beautiful words in the 1928 Prayer Book when receiving Holy Communion are: “Body of our Lord

Jesus Christ given for thee preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life...” and “Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed for you preserve thy body and soul ...” (BPC; pp. 82-83).

May we, spirit, soul and body, be kept sound and blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood preserve our bodies and souls unto everlasting life.



In Mary’s “Song of Joy,” or Magnificat, she says: “My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.” (Luke 1:46-47) Here, Mary, the virgin mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, makes a distinction between “soul” and “spirit.” With her physical “body”

she lifts her hands in praise of God.

The Magnificat. Moulthrop memorial window. Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA. 1953 (?). Western nave wall; Trinity Episcopal Church.

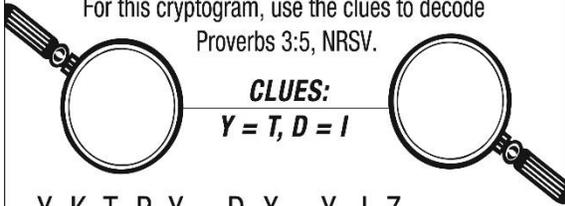
Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

May 23rd was Pentecost Sunday where Matthew flew the Holy Spirit kite. Service was followed by the planting of the flowers around the church by volunteer parishioners.



Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode
Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.



CLUES:
Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



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