

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

I don't know about you, but I feel like I've been on a roller coaster with all the uncertainties and changes this past year. Everything from stay-at-home orders and businesses, schools and church being closed and reopened and back again...and more.

As a teenager and young adult, I loved riding all kinds of roller coasters and would ride them as much as I could.

I love the anticipation going up that first hill and hearing the "click, click, click" of the ascent. When in the first car, the anticipation continued over the first hump until the rest of the cars caught up and then...wham! we were off and flying.

Ups & downs, twists & turns, the force of the energy was magnificent. I would raise my arms as high and for as long as possible to add a further element of excitement. Then, as the ride came to its conclusion, the brakes came on in full force bringing us safely to our final destination.

Safety measures are critical when riding a roller coaster. One relies heavily on the bars remaining securely locked for the duration of the ride and on the cars remaining on the track.

In the last twelve months we've experienced stops & starts, ups & downs, twists & turns. Unlike roller coasters in an amusement park, we haven't known what's coming next or how it will end or when we can safely dine in public or hug one another again.

One's anticipation throughout this year may not have been one of excitement, it may have been more like anxiety or dread with separation, loneliness, illness and death looming ever present. Each piece of new information brought about changes with the lessening or tightening of restrictions. And I don't personally know of anyone who embraced this ride with their arms up in the air for the fun of it – although maybe those who are involved in the research aspect felt this way.

Although sometimes it feels like this ride is coming to its conclusion, the brakes of restriction and caution on our freedom to live as we are accustomed are still part of our reality.

What about the safety measures that keep us secure during this ride? During the ups, what has cushioned and secured you in your seat? During the downs, what bar has kept you from being flung into the air uncontrollably? And what about the car in which you're riding, who or what is keeping your car stabilized?

In whom or in what have you been placing your trust to get through this time? Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit - maybe the Trinity working through scientists, legislators and/or religious leaders? As we each look back my hope is that we can identify the safety measures that have kept us safe even when having experienced danger.

Where have you seen God's hand at work? In the devastation of a pandemic, in the severe weather that destroyed dams and homes, in the unrest in our society, in the violence born out of fear and hatred of those who look and

believe differently than themselves, in the midst of those dying alone, God has been present. Can you see God in the midst of these things?

It is Holy Week. Jesus came and lived among us that we may know and experience God's love for All. He is calling us to love God and our neighbor as ourselves and to live in the hope of the resurrection. He knew what was coming during the roller coaster of his last week and yet he pursued.

All the disciples knew was that the one in whom they put all their hope was unjustly arrested, convicted, tortured and died. There was nothing but emptiness. For what must have been a lifetime huddled in a locked room for three days, the disciples were in the most drastic roller coaster ride of their lives. And Jesus prevailed.

Our hope is in the One who lived, died and was resurrected for each person ever created. In Jesus lives the example of loving God and loving one's neighbor so much that he was willing to sacrifice himself so that all may know the love of God.

The faithful followers of Jesus 2,000 years ago were devastated...but that wasn't the end of the ride. Jesus was raised from the dead! And the lives of his followers on that roller coaster continued with ups & downs, twists & turns, stops & starts, triumphs & failures, injustice & mercy, death and resurrection.

As faithful followers of Jesus today, we are experiencing the same things as those 2,000 years ago but in our own context. God's story is not over, the roller coaster ride continues but we have hope in the one who has walked this path on his own, who overcame all adversity, and who joins us in our journey today.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

## **THANK YOU**

Valley Lutheran High School for loaning us a new sound board and microphone per teachers Patrick Wunningham and his friend, Paul.

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Dawn Brady, Faith Culler and Bruce Sherbeck for putting together a fun St. Patrick's Day Zoom Sunday School session.

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Jan Waldman and Katharine Freel for coordinating the Easter baskets.

## **OUR SYMPATHIES**

To Rayechel Berger on the death of her grandmother, Delores Penney, who died February 26, 2021.

To John Allen on the death of his father, William Allen, who died March 4, 2021.

To Pat Maxim on the death of her nephew, Lance Kuch, who died March 11, 2021.

### PLANS FOR RE-ENTRY

On Monday, March 15, a communication was sent granting all Episcopalians in Michigan the option to **return to in-person worship beginning Palm Sunday, March 28** and your Vestry and Rev. Sue concur. A copy of this was sent over email, posted on Facebook and mailed to those who don't have email. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please call the office and leave a message. Those making the decision regarding re-entry to our Episcopal Churches in Michigan track the data using the [Harvard Global Health Risk Levels map](#).

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 attending 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:

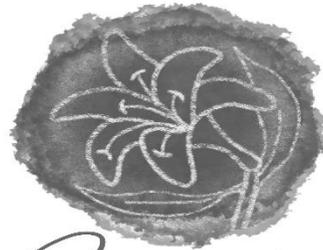
- Masks are required at all times covering nose and mouth.
- The only entry will be through the sliding glass doors.
- Temperatures will be taken and each household will be checked in for contact tracing.
- We are not requiring pre-registration.
- The offering plate will be on a table as you enter church 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.

### 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 one 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](mailto:revsuerich@gmail.com) or 989-326-0469. The fee is \$800. Payment plans are available.



## Easter SUNDAY

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7pm
- Good Friday, April 2 at noon
- Easter Vigil (pre-recorded), April 3 at 5pm
- Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10am

### WORSHIP ONLINE

Facebook and YouTube live stream: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City  
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday 11:30am Morning Prayer  
Daily 9:00pm Compline

### MAKE SURE TO:

- Subscribe to our YouTube channel
- Like our Facebook page
- Facebook share our services

### **PRAYER LIST UPDATES**

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

### **RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE**

Under the advisement of Mary K Freel and Shelley Whitehead, co-chairs of the upcoming rummage sale, it was decided to postpone our rummage sale until the first weekend of June 2022 when we will be able to join with the Center Avenue Neighborhood Association's rummage sale. As uncertain as things remain with COVID-19 we decided this was the best plan.

All donations need to be in good-to-excellent condition, must work and be easily carried by one person. Recommended items include: sporting equipment (golf, fishing, camping, soccer, baseball, exercise, etc.), decorative items (lamps, artwork, mirrors, etc.), jewelry, vintage clothing only, kitchen, dishes, china, tools, games, puzzles, exercise equipment, lawn furniture, small appliances, antiques. Items not being sold include: books, big furniture, computers, electronics, TVs, bed linens, clothing (vintage clothing accepted).

All items will be priced to sell. If you have larger items you would like to donate, you may provide us with a picture(s) to be placed on a board with information about each item and your contact information. Donations will be made to Trinity and you and the buyer will work out how/when they'll pick it up at your home.

Smaller items may be stored in the church downstairs. As you are home and looking at all your items, please be thinking about and saving any nice items that would help Trinity raise money to support our ministries.

### **VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE**

Can't gather together with your family or other group? You may use Trinity's Zoom account to do so, just let Rev. Sue know!

[revsuerich@gmail.com](mailto:revsuerich@gmail.com) or [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or 989-892-5813 or 989-326-0469.

### **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](http://www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org), click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.

### **RESOURCES FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

- Mental Health Hotline 10am-2pm daily. 888-733-7753
- Disaster Distress Hotline. 800-985-5990
- Free mindfulness meditation website. [www.headspace.com/mi](http://www.headspace.com/mi)
- Free digital lessons focused on developing social, emotional and well-being skills, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. [www.michiganvirtual.org/michigancares](http://www.michiganvirtual.org/michigancares)
- Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4
- Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE

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

Angels in the Life of Jesus

Though Jesus is God and angels were created by Him, they played a large role in His life when He came down from heaven and condescended to become human. In coming into the world to save His human creation from sin and death, He took upon two natures: Though He was always truly God and had no beginning, He now became truly human in every way, except sin.

Angels are especially present at the beginning of Jesus' earthly life. To prepare the world for His becoming flesh, God sent an angel to a young virgin to let her know that she was chosen to bear the only begotten Son of God. Mary said "yes" to the archangel Gabriel's announcement (Lk 1:26-38). Later, in a dream, an angel told Joseph, to whom Mary was betrothed, to not be afraid to take her as his wife for the Child to be born was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:20). When the Child was born, an angel announced to the simple shepherds that the Savior was born. Suddenly, a multitude of angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth..." (Lk 2:8-12). Later, an angel warned Joseph in a dream to "take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt" as Herod the King sought to destroy the Child. Then, again in a dream, God sent an angel to inform Joseph that it was safe to return to the land of Israel (Matt 2:13-20).

After Jesus' infancy, Scripture does not record any information on His early years other than Him listening to the teachers and asking questions in the Temple when He was twelve. It is when He is grown and about to begin His public ministry that we again encounter angels and their activity in Christ's life. We hear of Jesus being baptized by His cousin John. Immediately upon His baptism Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. There, when the three temptations Christ endured were over, St. Matthew tells us that angels came and ministered to Him (Matt 4:11). Jesus spent the next three years healing people, ministering to

them and teaching them about the Kingdom. During all this time Scripture is again silent of any angelic activity until after the Last Supper, when Jesus retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane. There, kneeling, He prayed asking His Father to "let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done," and an angel appeared to Him (Lk 22:42-43).



Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here, an angel from heaven appeared to Him and holds the cup of suffering and death, comforting and strengthening Him for His journey to the cross. Border detail from the Baptism of Our Lord Window; Western nave wall of Trinity Church. Created by Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA; 1951.

Because Jesus did not refuse the cup of suffering and death, we now are privileged to sip from the "cup of salvation" and have life eternal. Though Jesus could have called upon His Father to send more than twelve legions of angels to spare Himself of His painful death, for our sake He did not (Matt 26:52). Later, an angel rolled away the stone at His tomb. As two angels were present and the fearful women were told of Christ's Resurrection, may we hear the echo of their good news (Matt 28:5-6). Finally, two angels were present at Christ's return to heaven and accompanied Him at His Ascension (Acts 1:10). Now, we wait with joy for His coming in glory when He comes again with His holy angels and saints.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**Birthdays**

- Janet Hool
- Elizabeth Moulthrop
- Cecilia Keeler
- Susan (Iannacchione) Adams Fraser
- Phyllis Capp
- Robert Sabourin
- Amy Salazar
- Ellie Hartley
- Donald Middleton
- Cathy Rex
- Ashley Suchodolski
- Thomas Anderson
- Amy Denay
- Terry O'Hare
- Emilee Sabourin
- Joyce MacGregor
- James Hoyle
- Maureen Leibrand
- Steven Anderson

**Anniversaries**

- Bruce and Cindy Sherbeck
- Chris and Elise Shannon

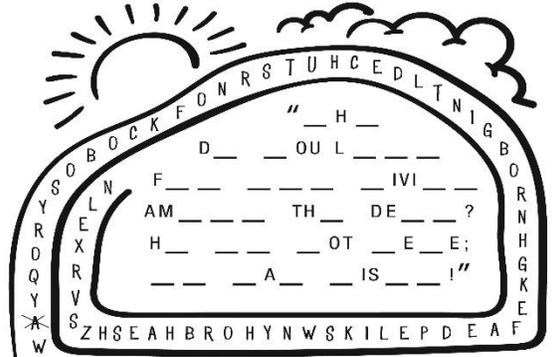


## EASTER MORNING

### message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

*Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.*



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



## A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

