

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

The tomb where Jesus was laid was empty except for the burial linens and the disciples were holed up in the upper room frightened by what the authorities may do to them, too.

The one on whom they based their lives, hopes and dreams was destroyed and there was nothing but emptiness, deep grief and hopelessness...and now this. What can it all mean?

Jesus came to them in the locked room and said, "Peace be with you". He showed them his hands and side and once again said, "Peace be with you". He came to them a week later when they were still locked in the upper room. And, you guessed it, he said, "Peace be with you". He didn't scold them for being frightened, he wasn't irritated that they were still afraid, he simply came to them in the locked room and offered them his peace.

Each of us has our own locked room in which we hide. Whatever your locked room may be, Jesus comes and offers you his peace. Maybe it's your actual home and you are afraid of leaving that you may get Covid. Maybe your locked room is inside your head with thoughts that don't serve you well. Maybe your locked room is the emotional distress you've experienced through abuse or violence. No matter what your "locked room" may be, Jesus comes and offers you his peace.

One of the ways we experience God's peace is through the support of our faith community. Easter was especially joyous as we were reunited with so many. And we know that some are not yet ready to be out. Just as Jesus

comes to each of us, we offer that same love and compassion to one another no matter where we are on the comfort level of being out and about.

Your Vestry and I are acutely aware of how important it is that we gather to reacquaint and reestablish our friendships with one another. The Social Planning Team has begun meeting again and will be setting regular times for us to do just that. Ann Shea is heading this group up and would love to hear your ideas and/or to join the team!

The Vestry and I have set aside Saturday, May 14 as a special day for us to all gather in the Parish Hall from 9:30am-1:30pm to share our experiences at Trinity and our hopes for the future. We're calling it "Revealing the Heart of Trinity Day" and we will use this information to update our mission statement. Lunch will be provided and we encourage everyone to join in! Child care will be provided for our younger members.

Maybe you have an idea that you would like to sponsor. That's exactly what's happening on "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday" on May 22! Patrick Gray, Rich Sayyae and John & Mary Allen are sponsoring this wonderful event by providing a fabulous brunch after church.

We continue to be deeply grateful to the Nancy Moulthrop Trust and its executor for the generous gift of the refurbishment and cleaning of Trinity's organ. Our celebration with wonderful organ music will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 4pm. All are most cordially invited to attend. It will be live streamed.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

A Thank You Note from Bishop Singh

Dear Rev. Sue, Archie, Don & the Saints of Trinity, Bay City!

It was a joy to visit with you & get a sense of who you are & who you are striving to be. Thank you for your faithfulness through the Pandemic! I hope & pray that you will get going on a plan on youth ministry as soon as you can. I pray for you & wish you a Holy Lent!

With affection, +Prince Singh 03/14/22

THANK YOU

Rayechel Berger, Patrick Winningham, Nick Schmelter, Jim Gladstone, Trinity's Senior Choir and Exultate Deo for the wonderful evensong in memory of Bob Sabourin.

The Altar Guild for doing such a marvelous job providing us with all the beautiful arranging for Holy Week and Easter and for all the changes regarding communion.

All who attended Palms & Pizza. We made over 100 palm crosses!

Helen Moller (mother of Anne Moseley) for donating a beautiful counted cross stitch work of the Nativity.

Terry Oliver, Bruce Sherbeck and Chris Kolka who cleaned up, cleared leaves & trash and mowed our lawn before the Easter season.

Patrick Winningham and Valley Lutheran High School for the very generous donation of food collected for our Emergency Food Pantry.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of the Rev. Nancy Steele who died on April 5, 2022.

Paul Serresseque on the death of his mother Patricia Serresseque who died April 18, 2022.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION/RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

We will be having a class with St. Alban's for those desiring to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or to renew their baptismal vows on October 16. Please speak with Rev. Sue if you are interested.

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to like our Facebook page and YouTube channel and then share them on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!

SPECIAL MAY DATES

- Tuesday, May 10, 12:30pm St. Elizabeth's Guild at Castaways
- Saturday, May 14, 9:30am-1:30pm, Revealing the Heart of Trinity
- Sunday, May 15, Organ Re-dedication/Recital at 4:00pm
- Sunday, May 22, Bring a Friend to Church Day with a special brunch
- Sunday, May 22, Blue UTO (United Thank Offering) Box ingathering
- Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26 Evensong at 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 15 at 4pm we will have our Organ Celebration

BLUE UTO BOX SUNDAY

May 22 will be our ingathering for the Blue UTO (United Thank Offering) boxes.

UPDATE ON TRINITY'S COVID PROTOCOLS

- Masks are welcome but not required
- Contact tracing continues for groups
- Passing of the Peace will be done at a distance
- Hand sanitize before communion
- Wine is now available in individual glass chalices
- Online worship continues

- Additional information can be found at www.eastmich.org/coronavirus

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. 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.

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).

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.

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.



Anniversaries

Rob & Amy Salazar
 Janice & David Waldman
 Dale & Carla Maxim
 Dave and Pat Maxim
 Tony & Tracey Krzysik

Birthdays

Dan Keeler
 Sam Keeler
 Barbara Meisel
 Preston Krzysik
 Ann Shea
 Bobby Salazar
 Stephanie Moulthrop
 Colton Causley
 Cathy LaBerge
 Christopher Kolka
 Roberta Hunter

BOBBIE HUNTER UPDATE

Our sister-in-Christ, Bobbie has moved to be closer to her daughter in Ann Arbor. Her mailing address will be sent to our members via email and snail mail.

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

The Prodigal Son

The *Parable of the Prodigal Son* is one of the parables of Jesus and is found in Luke 15:11-32. A parable is usually a brief story that illustrates a moral or religious lesson. This well-known parable is also known as *The Parable of the Two Brothers*, *The Parable of the Lost Son*, *The Parable of the Loving Father*, or *The Parable of the Forgiving Father*. Jesus shares the parable with His disciples, the Pharisees and others.

In the story, a father has two sons. The younger son asks for his portion of inheritance from his father, who grants his son's request. This son, however, is prodigal (i.e. wasteful and extravagant), thus squandering his fortune and eventually becoming destitute. As a consequence, he now must return home where he begs his father to accept him back as a servant. To the son's surprise, he is not scorned by his father but is welcomed back with celebration and a feast. Envious, the older son refuses to participate in the festivities because he was always faithful and never reckless. The father tells the older son: "You are ever with me, and all that I have is yours, but the younger brother was lost and now he is found."

The Prodigal Son is the third and final parable of a cycle on redemption, and follows the *Parable of the Lost Sheep* and the *Parable of the Lost Coin*. It is read on the fourth Sunday of Lent in Year C of the

readings from the Revised Common Lectionary.

In essence, the parable is an allegory of God's mercy, grace and desire for a relationship with all people – the lost, the self-righteous, and all sorts of condition of humanity.



The Parable of the Prodigal Son found on the eastern nave wall. "He Was Lost and Is Found" Luke 15:24 - Scheurmann and Steggall Families Memorial Window. Willet Studios; Philadelphia, PA.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



Bishop Singh and Reverend Sue along with most of the vestry.



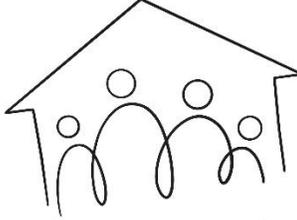
The flowering of the Easter Cross.



A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



1. _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
2. ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
4. ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
6. ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
8. ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
9. ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
10. _ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

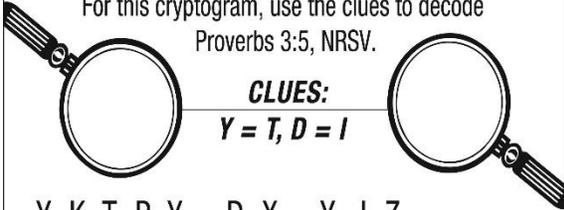
_ _ono_ your _ _ather and _ _our mo_h_r,
 so t_at y_u may _i_e l_ng in t_e land
 the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter; 2. family; 3. father; 4. home; 5. honor; 6. love; 7. mother; 8. obey; 9. respect; 10. sons; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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

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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.

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

WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

FOOD OF FAITH 2:30 P.M. on Sundays

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