

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

A blessed Easter to you all! I pray that the resurrection of Jesus has filled you with amazement and wonder.

In Mark's version of the resurrection, when the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus with spices.

On their way, they wondered who would roll the heavy stone away but when they arrived, they were alarmed to see a young man in a white robe, sitting inside.

Upon seeing the women, he told them not to be alarmed and that the one they were looking for, Jesus of Nazareth, had been raised. He showed them the place they laid him and told them to go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of them to Galilee; where they will see him, just as he said.

What caught my attention in this version is the next sentence, "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

These women had lived through the suffering and death of Jesus and they couldn't comprehend his resurrection. The

combination of terror and amazement seized them.

The definition of seized is to take hold suddenly and forcibly. When Mary, Mary, and Salome saw and heard the young man dressed in a white robe with no body of Jesus, terror and amazement suddenly and forcibly took hold of them.

Something supernatural had occurred, they could feel it. But what did it mean? Could it really be true? Is Jesus *really* alive? Who is this man and why is he inside the tomb? Is he actually going to Galilee and will we really see him there?

These women and all those who traveled with Jesus for three years had seen him do miraculous things. But *this*? It was too much to comprehend. And yet...he always had more to reveal.

Each of us have our own experiences of loss and death. Whether it be the death of a loved one, loss of physical and/or mental aptitude, loss of friendship or family, loss of a job or something that changes how we view the world, Jesus is with us. And more will be revealed. Alleluia.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue



Birthdays

Janet Hool
Elizabeth Moulthrop
Susan Fraser
Cecilia Keeler
Amy Salazar
Ellie Hartley
Donald Middleton
Cathy Rex
Ashley Suchodolski
Amy Denay
Terry O'Hare
Emilee Sabourin
Joyce MacGregor
James Hoyle
Maureen Leibrand
Steven Anderson

Anniversaries

Bruce and Cindy Sherbeck
Chris and Elise Shannon



THANK YOU'S

John Allen who helped at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our apologies for not including him last month.

Tod Meisel who framed and hung photos of Bob Sabourin and Bob Reif, previous Music Directors. They are on the wall near the organ.

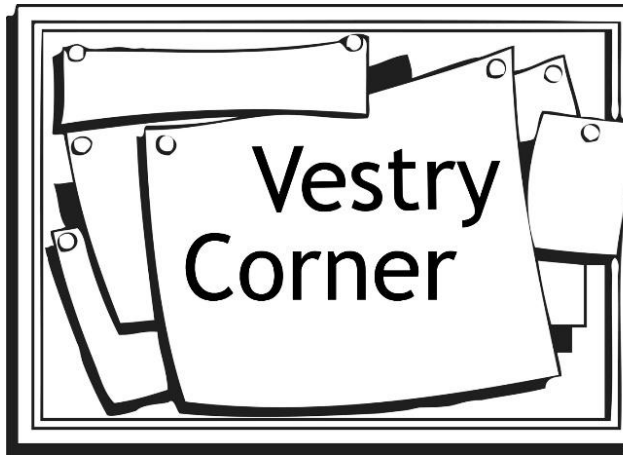
All who helped put on the Chili Dinner, cooks, bakers, setup, cleanup, table clearers, servers, dishwashers and eaters!

Denise Middleton who baked for days and days to make our St. Patrick's Day sale so successful.

Alex Hunsberger, Michelle Hunsberger, Cathie Leibrand, Mickie Leibrand, Alex & Joyce MacGregor, Aiden Middleton, Denise Middleton, Haley Middleton, Ann Moseley, and Ann Shea for working the St. Patrick's Day sale.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Music of Holy Week concert was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the events of Holy Week—from Palm Sunday to Easter—with song. Thanks to all who attended.



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! trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or 989-892-5813. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, May 7 from 5-7pm, Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

At the first regular monthly meeting after the Annual Meeting, the Vestry updates the following:

- * Vestry Norms for the year
- * Vestry Liaisons – see bulletin board
- * Vestry Call List

Vestry Members also rotate who will open and close the building for Sunday and other worship services



Sunday Funday - April 7th - thanks to Mickie and Cathie for hosting



We have new flooring in the kitchen!

We have new carpet in the side chapel, up the steps and into the vesting area!

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD



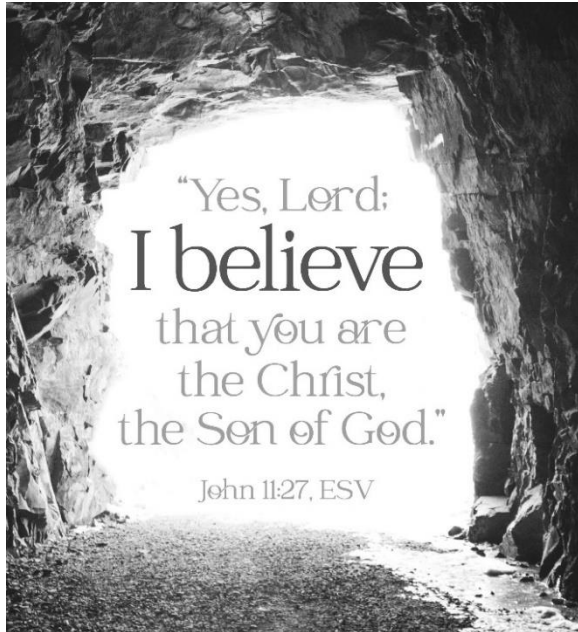
April 9. 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at Roma's, 1209 Broadway St, Bay City. All are invited!

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

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

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

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.



Did You Know?

Trinity's reredos (altar screen) or carvings behind the High Altar were most likely done by several people. It is reasonable to assume that with each of the three middle panels and two side sculpted figures each being made from one large block of wood, that an apprentice or some apprentices carved away the bulk of the wood that needed to be chiseled away and then the master carver (in this case Alois Lang), executed all the fine details. This year is the 100th anniversary of the reredos.

The Historical Guild



PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call the office at 989-892-5813



REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

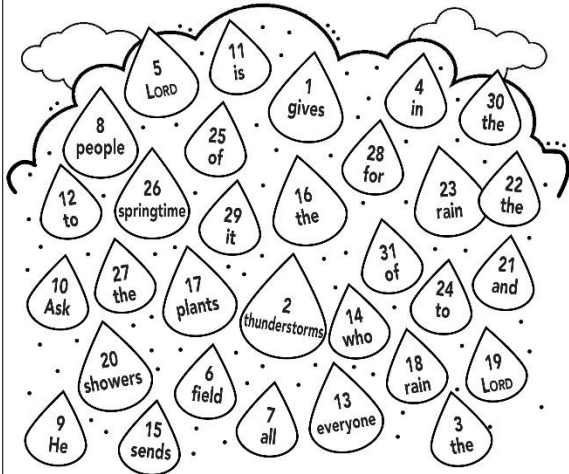
Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

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.

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18 _____

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4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____

29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____

_____ 27 _____ 2 _____

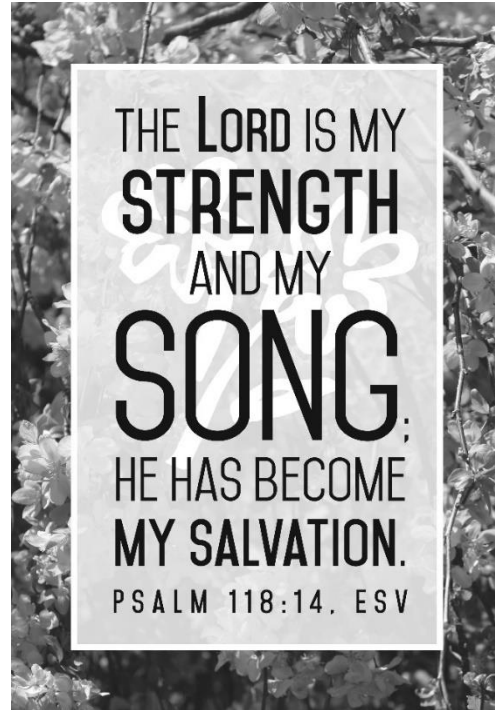
9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23 _____

12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25 _____

30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays:

Worship @ 10am

FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Band practice at 11 am

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

Thursdays:

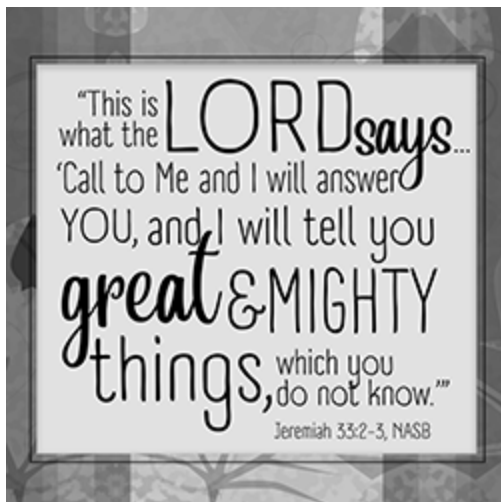
Fun & Games 1pm

Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 8pm



Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

The Supper at Emmaus

St. Luke's Gospel (Luke 24:13-32) tells us of one of the earliest appearances of Jesus after His crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb.

Cleopas and another disciple were on their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were saddened about all the things that had happened - Jesus' crucifixion and death. And then this stranger joins them in their seven-mile walk home. Jesus, whom they were kept from recognizing, explains all the things the Messiah must go through from Moses and the Law, the prophets and psalms, and how *all* that had been written about Him must be fulfilled.

Upon reaching their destination, the "stranger" seemed to want to go farther and the two disciples pressed Him to stay and have supper with them. Then, they realized why their hearts had been burning within them when He had explained the scriptures to them - this *stranger* was none other than the resurrected Lord Himself; and now they instantly recognized Him when at the table, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then, as mysteriously as He joined their journey and now revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread, He vanished.

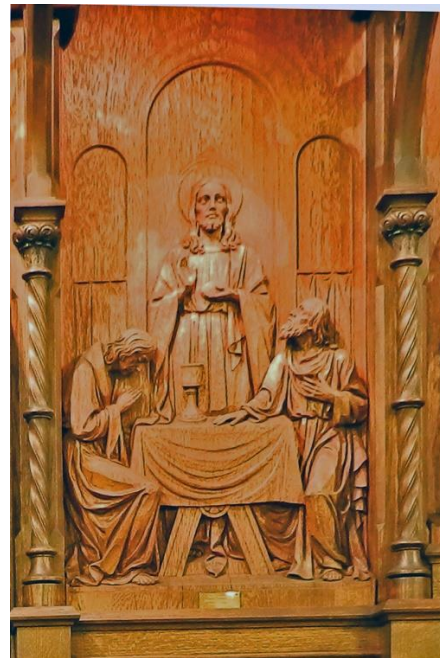
The manifestation of Jesus in the Supper at Emmaus dramatically shows us that Christ is revealed in "the breaking of the bread." His explaining of the scriptures also reminds us that He is revealed in His holy word. And, just as He walked alongside those two disciples centuries ago, He walks alongside us today in our journeys too.

Today, our souls and bodies are clothed and nourished in that most unique and

sacred meal that memorializes the Last Supper, and by the very One who revealed Himself at the Supper at Emmaus. Though not visible to earthly eyes, He is still as ever real and living as when the disciples and apostles had seen Him in His resurrected body.

"Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,
By His word, His flesh to be;
Wine His sacred Blood He maketh;
Though the senses fail to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery."

Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling
St. Thomas Aquinas, 13th century;
The Hymnal 1982; # 331, vs. 4.



"The Supper at Emmaus" (panel to our left of the Crucifixion scene); *Reredos* (altar screen) above the High Altar. Executed in oak in high-relief carving by Bavarian-born artisan, Alois Lang, 1924.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

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

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open
2:30PM – Meal served

OFFICE HOURS

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MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

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