

# THE CHIMES *May* 2017

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Dear Trinity Community,

Happy Easter!!! Alleluia, Alleluia!! The Lord is risen!!

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter we've shared. It is a gift to worship the risen Christ with you!

The earth's spring is bursting forth all kinds of new life and it reminds us of the ways that, out of death, God brings new life. For those who lived and walked with Jesus 2,000 years ago those three days of sheer emptiness and hopelessness were changed to unbelievable hope and joy upon his resurrection.

In our life as a community of faith we have celebrated the lives of many of our loved ones this past year and the hole of their presence remains. We worship a God whose hope comes out of the depths of fear, emptiness and hopelessness to bring us new life in ways that we couldn't have imagined.

As May 1 arrives, I am reminded that this will mark our first full year of ministry together. I am grateful for the beautiful ways you serve God as we travel this journey of faith. God continues to do a new thing in us and through us.

There is much forward movement at Trinity and we press on to faithfully follow the Way Jesus leads. One of our most important tasks as Christians is to discern the needs of our surrounding community and then identify

where our gifts overlap. It is from this place that Ministry happens.

I invite you to notice the needs around us and respond so that those in our neighborhood can recognize the love of God in all we say and do. And may we be bold in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and that through him all things are possible...even that the dead shall be raised to new life!

The Lord is risen indeed!! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

*Rev. Sue*

***Diocesan Confirmation  
2:00pm May 13, 2017  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Saginaw***

On Saturday, May 13 several members of our congregation will be confirmed.

Madden Brady

Kurt Carlstrom

Bruce Eckhart

Yvonne Eckhart

Martin Nelson Haag-Hipel

Alex Hunsberger

Let's show our support to these confirmands by attending this special event!

*Presiding Bishop  
Michael B. Curry's  
Easter 2017 Message*

It's taken me some years to realize it, but Jesus didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. He wasn't on vacation. He wasn't just hanging out in town. Jesus was in Jerusalem on purpose. He arrived in Jerusalem about the time of the Passover when pilgrims were in the city. When people's hopes and expectations for the dawn of freedom that Moses had promised in the first Passover might suddenly be realized for them in their time.

Jesus arranged his entrance into Jerusalem to send a message. He entered the city, having come in on one side of the city, the scholars tell us, at just about the same time that Pontius Pilate made his entrance on the exact opposite side of the city. Pilate, coming forth on a warhorse. Pilate, with soldiers around him. Pilate, with the insignias of Rome's Empire. Pilate, representing the Caesars who claimed to be son of god. Pilate, who had conquered through Rome the people of Jerusalem. Pilate, representing the Empire that had taken away their freedom. Pilate, who represented the Empire that would maintain the colonial status of the Jewish people by brute force and violence.

Jesus entered the city on the other side, not on a warhorse, but on a donkey, recalling the words of Zechariah: *Behold your King comes to you; Triumphant and victorious is He; Humble and riding on a donkey.* Jesus entered the city at the same time as Pilate to show them, and to show us, that God has another way. That violence is not the way.

That hatred is not the way. That brute force and brutality are not the way.

Jesus came to show us there is another way. The way of unselfish, sacrificial love. That's why he entered Jerusalem. That's why he went to the cross. It was the power of that love poured out from the throne of God, which even after the horror of the crucifixion would raise him from death to life.

God came among us in the person of Jesus to start a movement. A movement to change the face of the earth. A movement to change us who dwell upon the earth. A movement to change the creation from the nightmare that is often made of it into the dream that God intends for it.

He didn't just happen to be in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. He went to Jerusalem for a reason. To send a message. That not even the titanic powers of death can stop the love of God. On that Easter morning, he rose from the dead, and proclaimed love wins.

So you have a blessed Easter. Go forth to be people of the Resurrection. Follow in the way of Jesus. Don't be ashamed to love. Don't be ashamed to follow Jesus. Have a blessed Easter. And bless the world. Amen.

*Blessings*

Dear Friends,

The writer of Ecclesiastes says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Over the past sixteen years, I have been privileged to serve at least three “seasons” with you — five years as Missioner and two seasons across almost eleven years as your bishop. Now is the time for me to enter a new season of ministry and for you to enter your own new season as well.

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On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called me to join his staff as Bishop for Pastoral Development. This new ministry will allow me to continue serving the church with my passion for discerning the intersection of vocation and location — the imaginative and Spirit-filled discovery of the right persons in the right place at the right time for the ministry that God is calling us to engage. As Bishop for Pastoral Development, I will minister with and on behalf of the Presiding Bishop as chaplain to bishops and their families, facilitator of elections and transitions of bishops, overseer of the disciplinary and reconciliation processes with bishops and dioceses, and collaborator with the formation ministry of the College for Bishops.

Your faithfulness and willingness to explore creative ministry possibilities have reinforced for me the fundamental importance of holy and healthy relationships, trust in one another, and the value and reward of taking a risk for Jesus. I will carry these values with me as I enter this

next season and will go forth in the sure and certain hope that you are with me always. I can think of no better companions along the way. Please know also that I will hold you always in my own heart and prayers.

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Ann, Ian, Dae and Josh join me in giving thanks for the welcome, love and support you have shown us over the past sixteen years. We look forward to seeing you in the weeks to come and celebrating our mutual sharing of life and ministry. Plans are being made for an opportunity to gather as a diocesan family with more details to be shared as those plans unfold. I remain your bishop through the end of June, even while we begin the process of blessing one another along the way.

Your Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Diocesan Staff are already actively engaged in establishing frameworks for engaging you in decisions about the immediate transition and future possibilities. I ask that you pray for them, work with them, and remain open to the Spirit’s guidance. God has blessed us all in our past seasons together; those blessings will most assuredly continue.

Peace,



The Right Reverend Todd Ousley  
II Bishop  
The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the announcement of Bishop Todd Ousley's resignation, and as we begin to celebrate the past ten years of ministry with our bishop, the Standing Committee and I would like to offer a word about the transition.

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The Diocese of Eastern Michigan is an innovative and resilient branch of the Jesus Movement. The ministry of the diocese and our great congregations continues without pause. We have a fine group of leaders on our Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, as well as the support of an outstanding diocesan staff. Our history is one of meeting challenges with creativity and flexibility and we will continue doing this over the next several months.

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On June 30th, Bishop Ousley will officially resign his jurisdiction as bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. At that point, the Standing Committee will become the Ecclesiastical Authority. This shifts all authority and responsibility of the bishop to that canonical body, except those responsibilities reserved for a bishop such as ordinations and confirmation.

The Standing Committee and I are in contact with the Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews, Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Care of the Episcopal Church, who supports dioceses in transition. As we work to formalize the transition plan,

we will keep you informed of developments through regular email communications as well as through the new Transition page of our diocesan website.

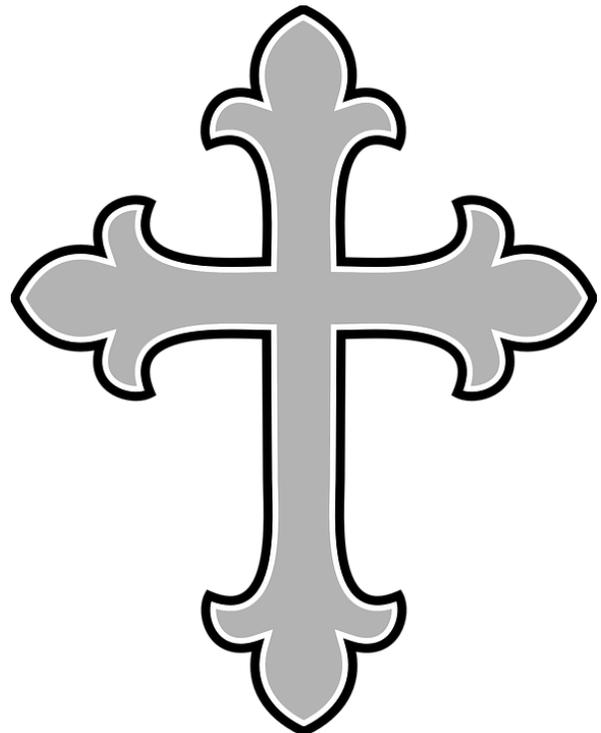
In addition, please save the date for a celebration of Bishop Ousley's sixteen years of combined service as congregational developer and bishop, to take place the evening of June 4th, the Feast of Pentecost. We will let you know more about this soon.

We ask your prayers of support as we take on this important work.

God's blessings and peace,



The Rev. Daniel S. Scheid  
President of the Standing Committee  
The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan



## **THANK YOU**

to the Altar Guild for all of their work during Lent and especially the extra work required for the funeral on April 3, 2017.

to Tod Meisel for editing the CD and for providing the equipment to play the recording for the Hal Peterson funeral.

to all of our singers who were able to sing for the Peterson and Borrello funerals.

to the Trinity Choir for the very special music during Lent and Holy Week. The choir sang 24 hymns, 11 Psalms, six anthems and three mass settings for Holy Week services. Their commitment to keeping holy time by their attendance at all Holy Week services is much appreciated.

to Ann Trahan for taking pictures for a new directory.

to all who turned up to polish the brass on Good Friday.

to Roberta Hunter, Jeanette Luebs, Cathie and Mickie Leibrand, the Middleton family and Emilee Sabourin for hosting coffer hours in April.

to all who contributed to the lamb/beef dinner. To those who mowed the lawn, baked, cooked, served, collected money, cleaned up, provided music or just came to the dinner to support our efforts. THANK YOU! We will soon have some lovely new flatware.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to Adrien Victoria Lang and Martin Nelson Haag-Hipel who were baptized by Rev. Sue at our Easter Vigil.

## **SYMPATHIES**

to the family and friends of Kathie Borrello.

## **FRIENDS OF MUSIC**

Evensong this month (for Eastertide) is at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2017. It will be sung by the Trinity Choir and several guests who love to join us from these services. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are by French composer Charles Gounod (1818-1893). The choir sang a mass setting by him for Christmas Eve and are enjoying the canticle settings set in the same style. The anthem is "Blessed Be the God and Father" by S. S. Wesley (1810-1878). It is one of the favorite Easter anthems in the repertoire.

Other participants include Rev. Sue, officiant, and Nicholas Schmelter, organist. Friends of Music will host a reception in the Guild Room following the service.

## **GUEST FLUTE PLAYER**

Lauren Rongo will be playing for the Opening Voluntary, a Chorister anthem and an anthem with the Senior Choir on Sunday, May 7, 2017. She is not new to Trinity. Lauren was a student of Walter Cramer before heading off to MSU for her music degree. She did a lot of playing at Trinity during her high school years. She has played in the Saginaw Symphony and is still active in the Bay Concert Band and Eddy Band.

## **MASS SETTING**

The choir is working on a new mass setting by composer Craig Phillips. Dr. Phillips is the organist and Director of music at All Saints' Church in Beverly Hills, CA. The setting was commissioned by the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in honor of our 25th Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III.

## **AGO HYMN FESTIVAL**

The Saginaw Valley Chapter of The American Guild of Organists will present their annual hymn festival on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan. Rev. Andreas Teich and Rev. Stephen Starke have created the program based on American folk

hymns.

Participants include, Pastor Teich from Messiah Lutheran, Bay City and Pastor Starke from St. Johns Amelith Lutheran, in Bay City, narrators; Nicholas Schmelter from First Presbyterian Church, Caro, organist; and members of Exultate Deo Chamber Choir, leaders of song.

Hymn tunes include Beach Spring (“Oh, How Good and Truly Pleasant”), Foundation (“How Firm a Foundation:”), Hamburg (“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”), Nettleton (“Risen Lord, We Gather Round You” and “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”), Solid Rock (“My Hope is Built On Nothing Less”), Toplady (“Rock of Ages”), Webb (“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”), Wondrous Love (“What Wondrous Love is This”) and Woodworth (“Just As I Am”).

Teich and Starke will provide information about the tunes, composers texts and poets and They will offer instructions on how each hymn will be sung. Pastor Starke is the author of 175 hymns. Teich is a member of The Hymn Society of the United States and Canada.

Organ music for the event will include “Wondrous Love” (Variations on a Shape-note Hymn) by Samuel Barber, “Partita on an Early American Folk Hymn” by Franklin Ashdown and “Variations on Amazing Grace” by Gwyneth Walker.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 501 S Catherine. Barrier free access is available off of the church parking lot on the south side of the building. For more information call 989-893-4444.

### MAY CHORAL MUSIC

- 7 Easter 4 A  
Loving Shepherd of thy sheep  
Philip Ledger  
  
With a Shepherds Care  
James Chepponis  
  
Thy Word is Like a Garden Lord

- Carl Schalk  
14 Easter 5 A  
The King’s Highway  
David McKay Williams  
  
21 Easter 6 A  
O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song  
Peter Aston  
  
Evensong  
  
Blessed Be the God and Father  
S. S. Wesley  
  
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis  
Charles Gounod  
  
28 Easter 7 A  
The Seven Joys of Mary  
Stephen King

### CHORISTER TEXT for May 7, 2017

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers  
bright and fair;

And everyone who seeks may pluck a lovely  
cluster there.

Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine; and jewels  
rich and rare

Are hidden in its mighty depths for every  
searcher there.

Thy Word is like a starry host: a thousand rays of  
light

Are seen to guide the traveler and make his  
pathway bright.

Thy Word is like an armory, where soldiers may  
repair;

And find, for life’s long battle day, all needful  
weapons there.

Oh, may I love Thy precious Word, may I explore  
the mine,

May its fragrant flowers glean, may light upon  
me shine!

Oh, may I find my armor there! Thy Word my  
trusty sword,

I’ll learn to fight with every foe the battle of the  
Lord.

Edward Hodder, published 1863

## Symbols of the Resurrection in Trinity Church

In Christianity, the pomegranate's red seeds depict the blood of Jesus. The seeds bursting forth are likened to Christ bursting forth from the tomb. Thus, the pomegranate is a symbol of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Its seeds are also said to represent eternal life.



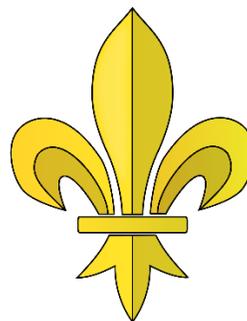
Detail from the super frontal; originally hung during different liturgical seasons at the front of the High Altar in the main church, many years ago it was framed, protective Plexiglas added, and it was placed behind the altar in Trinity's Chapel; late 19<sup>th</sup> century; work of Jennie Ives Warren.

The Phoenix rising from its ashes was an ancient myth in many cultures. The bird was said to set itself on fire and then rise from its ashes. It has been a symbol of the historic fact of Christ's bodily resurrection since the early centuries of the Christian church.



Border detail from the Baptism of Our Lord window. Willet Studios, Philadelphia, PA. 1951. Young Memorial Window; western nave wall.

The Fleur-de-Lys, or lily flower, is a rich symbol with many meanings in Christianity. It symbolizes Mary's purity when the Holy Spirit descended upon her at the Annunciation, and Jesus' purity. With its three petals held together with a horizontal band, it symbolizes the Three Persons in One God. Since the early centuries of the church it has also been a symbol of Christ's resurrection with the middle petal symbolizing Christ bursting forth from the now-empty tomb portals depicted by the two side petals.



The fleur-de-lys is found in a stained glass window in the Parish Hall in the Historical Guild corner. Most of the window was made in the silver stain technique and dates from the early 1880's when the "Stone Chapel" was built. Silver stain, also known as yellow stain, is used to create yellow, brown or amber shading when painting on glass and was often applied to clear glass. The technique dates from the early 1300s.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**St Elizabeth's Guild** will meet for lunch on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Duece's Char House at 432 Tuscola Rd at 12:30. All are welcome and look forward to seeing you.

There is one opening for **altar flowers** this month, on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office if you are interested in contributing to this.



- 06 Meisel, Barbara
- 10 Krzysik, Preston
- 16 Salazar, Bobby
- 17 Burdick, Mary Jo
- 17 Moulthrop, Stephanie
- 19 Causley, Colton
- 23 LaBerge, Cathy
- 24 Kolka, Christopher
- 25 Hunter, Roberta



- 06 Salazar, Rob & Amy
- 07 Waldman, Janice & David
- 16 Maxim, Dale & Carla
- 23 Maxim, Dave and Pat
- 29 Krzysik, Tony & Tracey

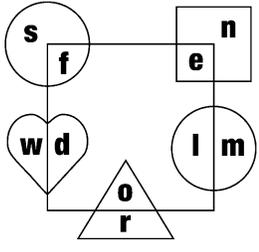


## GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.  
What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

*Directions:*  
To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.





"Consider how the wild \_\_\_\_\_  
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even \_\_\_\_\_  
in all his splendor was \_\_\_\_\_  
like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

**WORSHIP**

Sunday – 10:00 AM - With Music  
Wednesday – 11:30 AM - Without Music

**Food of Faith** 2:30 P.M.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM– 4:45 PM  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 – 1:15 PM  
Friday - Closed

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