

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Lent - Easter - April, 2007

Greetings,

We're about to enter Holy Week, a time of emotional ups and downs, knowing that in the end there will be joy and fulfillment. If only we could approach life knowing that, although the road ahead of us will have twists and turns, the outcome will be one of joy and fulfillment.

We've all been in a place and time where that certainty did not exist. A time when seeing beyond the pain and hurt was near impossible. We wonder, as Jesus may have, if this cup can be removed from us.

The cup of life offers us burdens and joys. How we approach what is in our cup is often how we determine the extent of our burdens or joys.

During this Lenten season, I truly hope that we have all taken the time to examine how we approach life.

I have attempted to stop allowing myself to become annoyed with some of the little things that present themselves to me. The little incident with the BMW that crossed into my lane and cut me off, or that person checking out at the grocery store who just decided they needed to run back and "get one more thing" use up a good deal of my energy with my reaction to them.

I have a control issue. I'm sure that will come of great surprise to all of you. It's important to me that "I" don't let things get out of control around me. Hah! Thank God I still have the capacity to learn.

We really have control only over our own actions. We minimize the stress we create by taking responsibility only for our own actions. I have begun to make a concerted effort not to focus on the details that really have little to no significance.

I've tried to slow down, literally, in the sense that my gas pedal in my car needs some serious adjustment, but also to slow down in my day-to-day activities. It's amazing how much more time one has when one doesn't focus on the time.

I've consciously tried not to worry too much especially about things of which I have no control.

There are so many twists and turns in life that will automatically cause us to worry; it seems ludicrous to waste the effort on such small details.

I don't believe the details caused Jesus to worry. It was clear to Jesus that worrying about the wrong things drains our spirituality blocking the experience of a relationship with God.

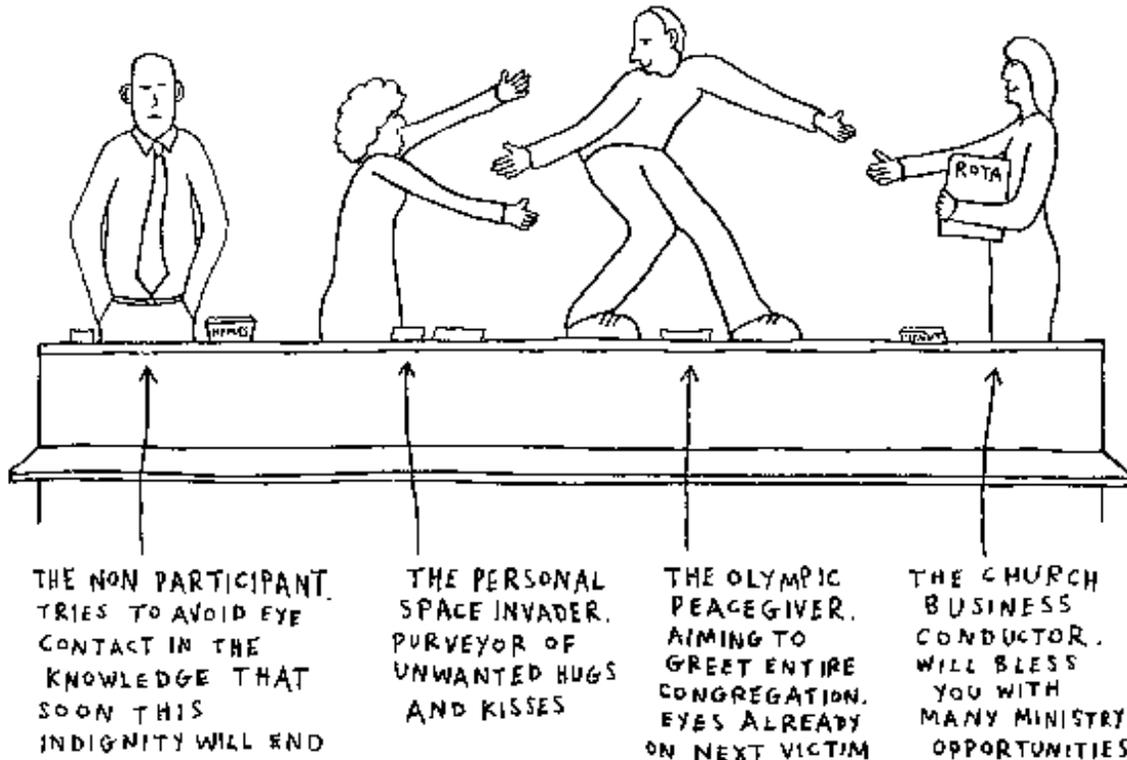
On Palm Sunday, and through Holy Week, we will experience again the journey that Jesus took from the gates of Jerusalem to the cross where he was crucified, to the joy of Easter morning.

And from there we will go on, just as those before us have gone. We all still have the capacity to learn and to unlearn. Let us learn that we are the people of God, doing the work of God and that the real work, the real burdens have already been taken care of by one man who humbly entered a city on a donkey.

God's Peace, Mother Hollywood

THE PEACE

THIS IS A TIME DURING THE SERVICE WHICH IS SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE TO BE NICE TO ONE ANOTHER. DIFFERENT PEOPLE SHARE THE PEACE IN DIFFERENT WAYS:



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Opportunity for Mission

The vestry has recommended that Trinity support at least one youth and possibly an adult to attend a mission trip from June 23rd through the 30th to Clincho, Virginia. This will be the sixth year that Fthr. Gunn, from St. Stephens and his wife have gone on this trip. The youth will stay in a community center in Virginia's coal rich Dickenson County. The conditions in the area are impoverished and the needs are extraordinary. The Center was founded by an Episcopal Deaconess with a specific mission to meet the needs of the area residents. After her death, a Lutheran Minister along with local individuals, continued the mission along with local individuals. Individuals who attend this trip will be assigned duties according to skill and ability. The tasks will include anything

from general household repairs to building projects or painting. Chris Bailey is interested in attending this mission. If anyone would like to donate, please talk to Mother Trula or any vestry member.

Ecumenical Bible School

There will be an Ecumenical Vacation Bible School held at Waverly Glen from July 30th to August 3rd. There are over one hundred children currently interested in attending, including a few of Trinity's young ones. The programs will be in the evening from 6 pm to 8 pm. The theme is the Great Bible Reef. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this project talk to Mother Trula.



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Lent - Easter

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Trinity Prayer Cycle 4/1 John, Barbara and Shelly Strange; 4/8 Ann Zulkosky, Hana Henty; 4/15 Jake, Joanne, Nicole and Greg Armstrong; 4/22 Kathy, Kevin, Alexandra and Jonathan Ayres; 4/29 Ralph, Bonnie, Rose, Jeffrey, Chris and Justin Bailey

Holy Week and Easter at Trinity *Join the journey.*

Kajo Keji, 4/1 The Kiri Archdeaconry and the congregation of Adire ; 4/8 The Congregation at Aire; 4/15 The Congregation at Ajire; 4/22 The Congregation at Bamure; 4/29 The Congregation at Koiba

<p>1 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5 7 Maundy Thursday observance at Christ Church, Towanda, with Bishop Paul</p>	<p>6 7 Good Friday Liturgy</p>  <p><i>Sarah Catlin Draper</i></p>	<p>7 7 Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter <i>Jan Beck, Jr. Kelly Murray</i></p>
<p>8 The Sunday of the Resurrection - Easter Day</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Rachel Cama-Lekx</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Christophany <i>Dianne Catlin</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Springtime Retreat <i>John Gurney</i></p>
<p>15 Easter 2</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets <i>David Bean</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Catherine Gurney Stanley</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Jim Patterson Stephen Paul</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Easter 3</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 St. Mark</p> <p>Clergy Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Easter 4</p> <p>9:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Music for Two Pianos, 3 p.m. Church of the Redeemer</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Mark Hollywood</i></p>	<p><i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle</i> 4/1 St. Mark's, Moscow The Rev. Earl P. Trygar, Sr.; 4/8 Grace Church, Allentown The Rev. Patrick L. Malloy, rector; 4/15 St. John's, Hamlin, Edward Erb; 4/22 Grace, Kingston, Geoffrey Howson; 4/29 St. Peter's, Hazleton, and St. James, Drifton, Jeffrey Funk.</p>		<p><i>Anglicans Around the World</i> 4/1 Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; 4/8 The Diocese of Natal in South Africa; 4/15 The Diocese of New Hampshire; 4/22 The Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada; 4/29 The Diocese of Nnewi, Church of Nigeria</p>		

April at a glance

April 1 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 5 - Maundy Thursday. We will worship at Christ Church, Towanda. Bishop Paul is preacher and celebrant.

April 6 - Good Friday. Liturgy for the day will be at 7 p.m.

April 7 - Holy Saturday - The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7 p.m.

April 8 - The Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day: Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

April 15 - Vestry meets after coffee hour

April 29 - Charlotte Cook and Katherine Allen Music for Two Pianos, 3 p.m., Church of the Redeemer.

A warm welcome to our newest Acolyte, Chris Bailey, who began serving March 18. Boys and girls are invited to be part of this very important part of our worship; talk to Mother Trula if you are interested.

Home and hospital visits and communion
Please call the church office, or Mother Trula if you would like a visit or communion brought to you at home. And please let us know if you are hospitalized!

Free at last

Just a reminder, all areas of the Parish Hall are now smoke free.

The Episcopal Church in the news:

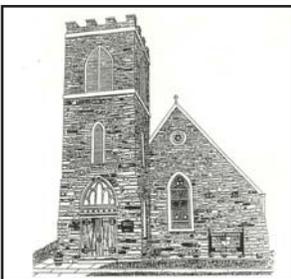
The Rev. Jan Nunley, Deputy Director for Communication of the national church has created a unique web space where you can access all the news about the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church and also find out what is truth and what is rumor. It's a wonderful resource:
www.episcopalchurch.typepad.com:80/episcope

Don't forget to sign up to host a coffee hour!

There is an Easter flower sign up sheet on the back table. Deadline is Good Friday.

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