

**Rooted in History, Grounded in Galveston,**

# The Parish Messenger

March 18, 2018  
Lent and Easter

## Trinity Episcopal Church

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### *From the Rector*

#### Becoming Beloved Community

In these past weeks and months, we have been talking about the beloved community that Jesus calls us to be—in Sunday School, in sermons, and in newsletter articles like this one! We are imagining ways in which we might partner with St. Vincent's House, and others, on this journey. This is the big Holy Week/Easter Messenger where I usually say: come to these fabulous services. All that information is further on, but I desire to write/speak about Bill and I, and our journey into a beloved community.

As many of you know, Bill's parents were members of Trinity, Galveston before he was born. He is the middle of three adopted children, but the oldest died tragically and was buried from Trinity Church before the next two were actually adopted. I have the Sunday School picture taken in about 1939 outside Eaton Hall that includes Bill's brother, Jimmy Kennard. Their Mom kept it her entire life.

After that loss, the faith community—the beloved community—became life and peace and healing for our family. As a baby, then a preschooler, Bill learned the name of Jesus right here. He learned the story of our Savior, and heard the word "Christian" here at Trinity for the very first time. He absorbed the whole idea of discipleship and came to understand that "Episcopalians" tend to worship and serve in a unique way. This congregation formed him, and we are so privileged to be back here contributing to the formation of another generation. Could we ever repay you? No.

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The Reverend Susan Kennard, M.Div.

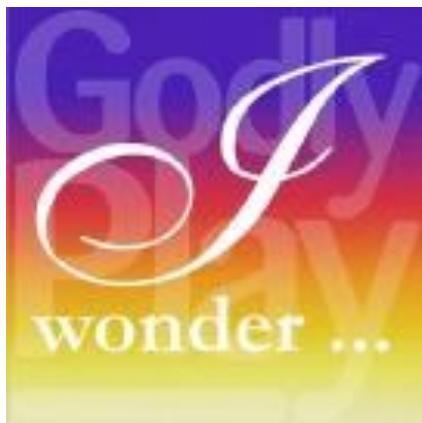
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**Adult Formation:** next Sunday at **9:15am** — the last of a 6-wk Lenten study is a facilitated exegesis and reflection on “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.” We meet in Trinity School’s Moody Hall.



#### **GODLY PLAY** –Children's Sunday School / Nursery

Bring your children & friends 10:15am

Church starts 10:30am; Parents go and enjoy!

The children will have a lesson, enjoy snacks & crafts,  
and return to you in the Service at the Peace!

(Nursery staffed 8:00am - 12 noon)

**Can YOU teach or help any Sunday this Fall?**

Email me your availability ~ [dalvarado@trinitygalv.org](mailto:dalvarado@trinitygalv.org)

**You will receive more than you give!**



#### **Calling all Graduates**

Traditionally we honor our high school graduates at the 10:30 am service on a Sunday close to the end of the school year. If you or someone in your household is a member of Trinity and will be graduating high school or college, please contact the church office to provide the graduate's full name. We would also like to know whether they're going college, to a special job, or in the military? We will list the names of our Trinity School graduates.

Please provide the information by the end of April to allow time for monogramming the books and collecting the information for the leaflet.



The next Newcomer's Dinner is at  
is at 6:30 o'clock on Sunday, April 29, 2018



Three opportunities for **Holy Baptism**:

3/31 at 6pm on Gulf of Mexico by Murdoch's

4/8 at 10:30am at Church

5/27 at 10:30, Bishop Doyle presiding

Join us for

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 pm  
in the Kelso Library. We're using a new program:

#### **Matthew: A 12-Week Study**

Part of Knowing the Bible series

All women are welcome; childcare is provided.  
Contact Danielle Alvarado at: [dalvarado@trinitygalv.org](mailto:dalvarado@trinitygalv.org)  
to join the group.



## Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday Services

8:00 am – Rite I Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am – Rite II Holy Eucharist, Live Donkey, Music and choir  
5:30 pm – Rite II Holy Eucharist

## Monday – March 26

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Tuesday – March 27

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Wednesday – March 28

7:00 pm – Tenebrae and Holy Eucharist Rite II

## Maundy Thursday – March 29

6:00 pm – Agape Meal in DOWNSTAIRS EATON HALL  
7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Liturgy  
(with foot washing) in Sanctuary

## Good Friday – March 30

11:00 am – Stations of the Cross outside, involves some walking  
12 Noon – Good Friday Liturgy in the sanctuary  
6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross on the cloister (accessible)

## Saturday - March 31

6:00 pm – Great Vigil of Easter on the beach  
(on 21<sup>st</sup> East of Murdoch's)  
Baptism in the Gulf of Mexico  
(anyone is welcome to be Baptized –  
Please contact the church office 409-765-6317)  
Holy Eucharist Rite II – Make S'mores

## Easter Sunday – April 1

8:00 am – Rite I Holy Eucharist - organ only  
10:00 am – Easter egg hunt, Children's Flowering of the Cross  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II – Music and choir  
5:30 pm – Come as you are!

### Missing Something?

Our collection of umbrellas is multiplying. Please check the Narthex, vesting rooms, Sacristy and church office to retrieve your lost items. We also have a lovely white lady's cardigan that was

### Agape Meal/Love Feast

Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Restored Downstairs Eaton Hall

The Agape Meal originated in the first century, and was described in various writings by the earliest followers of Jesus. It was distinct from a service of Holy Communion, but involved actual meal fellowship as believers of all ages gathered around the table.

Our Agape Meal is a celebration of many things. It is alcohol-free, and hence child friendly. It will be our



first meal fellowship in over two years in that sacred space. Look for beauty all around you—decorations, lighting, beautiful food—all provided. Expect quiet music and a short reading from Scripture. Expect to embrace the beautiful people that make up our community. We welcome the fellowship of St. Augustine of Hippo, who are without clergy presence this evening. And at 7:00, we move quietly and very joyfully into the church for the traditional Maundy Thursday services.

## Holy Week at Trinity Church – A Chance to Walk with Jesus

Please plan to attend some or all of the liturgies of the Holy Week at Trinity from Palm Sunday through Easter Day. By celebrating them in community, we make them present today and learn again, in a new way, the reality of our Risen Lord alive in our midst. Please see schedule on p.3.

**Palm Sunday:** Our celebration of Holy Week begins next Sunday, March 25 as we remember and make present the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. All four Gospels recount this triumphant entry that Sunday morning so long ago, but made present to us on this day. As you receive your palms, I hope you will consider that you are part of that vast crowd. How will you journey with Jesus this week? Let the palm remind you to praise him with your prayerful presence during the sacred ***Triduum*** (the Great Three liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). According to Mark 11:11, Jesus returned that evening to Bethany, a suburb of Jerusalem. Perhaps he stayed with his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. *Pray with Jesus as he considers the difficult days ahead of him.*

**Monday of Holy Week:** According to Matthew 21, Mark 11, and Luke 19, Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and, seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple. John's Gospel also records that he rebuked the

unbelief of the crowds. Mark 11:19 records that he returned to Bethany that night. *Pray with Jesus as he is zealous to purify us.*

**Tuesday of Holy Week:** According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did the day before. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively, using parables and other forms. There is the parable of the vineyard (cf Mt 21:33-46) and the parable of the wedding banquet, (cf Mt. 22:1). There is also the teaching on paying taxes (cf Mt 22:15) and the rebuke of the Sadducees who deny the resurrection (cf Mt. 22:23). There is also the fearful prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem if the inhabitants do not come to faith in him. He warns that not one stone will be left on another (cf Mt 24). *Continue to pray with Jesus and listen carefully to his final teachings just before his passion.*

**Wednesday of Holy Week:** Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" because it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over. For this he was paid 30 pieces of silver (cf Mt. 26:14). Jesus likely spent the day in Bethany. In the evening, Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus with costly perfumed oil. Judas objects

### *From the Rector, continued from page 1.*

This is the sanctuary of my own first beloved parish community—Good Shepherd in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. I was born in Houston, but when I was an infant we moved back to my parents' home territory of New England. This inner city congregation was almost entirely African American, and it was in the midst of that Christian fellowship that I first heard the name of Jesus spoken out loud. From them, I learned the story of our Savior. From them I absorbed the whole idea of discipleship, and got a full dose of how Episcopalians understand ministry. Could I ever repay the faithful members of that fellowship? No.

When we speak about Beloved Community, we are specifically thinking and praying about our bond with the "others" who are among us, and about reconciliation of races and tribes and nations. I am so grateful that it was "the others" who showed me the way of Christ—that the way of the Cross is the way of life—and that I am uniquely and forever loved by God. In this most holy season of all, may we be that voice of love and life and resurrection power in every single encounter with another! Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Faithfully,

Susan Kennard+  
Proud 11<sup>th</sup> Rector of Trinity Church



### Towards Becoming Beloved Community:

The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community was the focus of our Adult Sunday School last Fall. A small group of parishioners is now discerning ways to live into this, using the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' Missional Voices.



## Trinity Episcopal School

Galveston, Texas

**The mission of Trinity Episcopal School is to nurture children in a God-centered environment, filling hearts and minds with a passion for learning, a strong moral foundation, a commitment to social responsibility, and respect for all people.**

Dear Trinity Families and Friends,

Interview with God - by: Author Unknown

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time," I said.

God smiled and said "My time is eternity. It is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

I asked, "What surprises you most about mankind?"

God thought for a few moments and then answered "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.

That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived"

God placed my hands in His and we were silent for a while. Then I asked,

"As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but whom they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis.

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

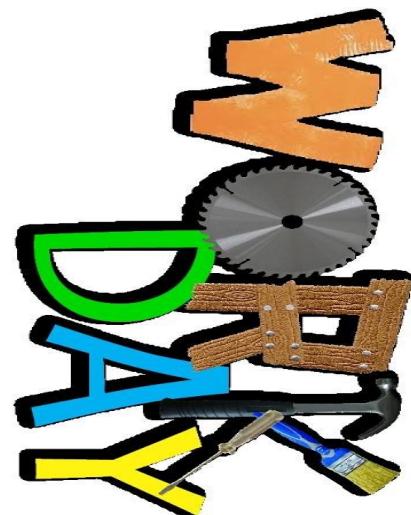
To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them... and likes them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying my visit with God.

I thanked Him for His time and for all that He has done for my family and me.



## CAMPUS WORKDAY

**March 24, 2018**

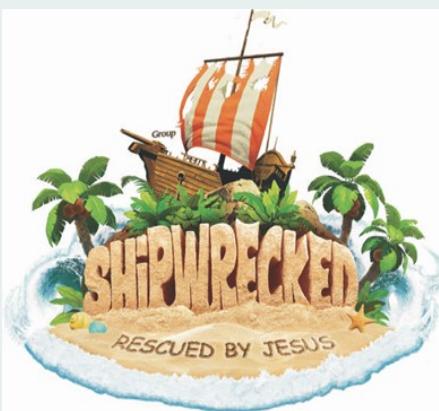
**9:00am - 12:00 noon**

All families and all ages are welcome.

Don't be shy - we have opportunities for everyone to participate.

Refreshments will be provided.

# SUMMER CAMP



**THE DATES ARE SET**  
for our **2018 Vacation Bible School!** Monday through Friday, 9:00am to Noon, June 4-8th

This year's theme is **Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus.**

VBS is open to children from age 4 through rising 5th grade. The \$10 registration fee includes daily snacks, science gizmos and games, water day, songs, stories, making new friends and learning the Word of God! Registration begins Easter Sunday!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** It takes over 50 volunteers to put on our VBS, so junior and senior high students and adults are encouraged to help out. Youth volunteers must also register, but not pay a fee.

Please contact Danielle Alvarado for more information.

## ALL THINGS CHILDREN (Family Time) in Holy Week!

### Save the Dates!

#### This Sunday, GODLY PLAY

Bring your children at 10:15am to Godly Play

We will continue the **Easter Series** teaching a Lesson in the Chapel, Craft & Snack Ages 4 through 5th grade, And return to their families at The Peace

**Join us for worship Sunday, March 25, for Palm Sunday!** 10:30am service Children, Meet us on the steps of the church at 10:15am, to receive a palm frond and participate in the procession! Join (Shirley) the Donkey, as she walks down the aisle, reminding us of Jesus' journey.

Godly Play in the Children's Chapel, after the procession. We will join our families in the service at The Peace, in time for Holy Communion

**\*\* Please bring filled (stickers, candy, treats) plastic eggs anytime in Lent, for our Egg Hunt on Easter Morning\*\***

**Wednesday in Holy Week: the night Judas Iscariot began negotiations with the authorities to betray Jesus.**

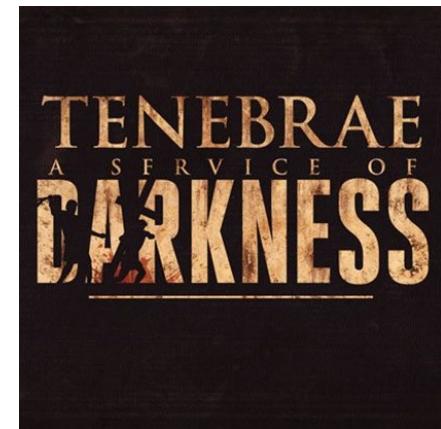
**Tenebrae:** This Service symbolizes the descent of the world into darkness - such descent to be completed with the "kiss of betrayal" on the following night, Holy Thursday.

We will need five to seven children/youth to extinguish the candles (as the world "descends into the darkness") following each reading and Psalm chant. The Service will conclude with the Eucharist.

#### **Maundy Thursday – March 29**

6:00 pm – Agape Meal in DOWNSTAIRS EATON HALL

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Liturgy for adults, (with foot washing) in Sanctuary  
Children's Lesson in Children's Chapel  
Child Care available for the littles



**9:45am** Gather on the Front Stairs of the Church for **Pictures!**

Followed by... **Easter Egg Hunt** with our littlest ones are going first.

**Bring Your Easter Baskets!**

**10:30am** **Holy Eucharist**

\* Have all children bring **fresh cut flowers or greenery**, as they will **join in the procession**, and "flower the cross," during the first hymn. (extra flowers will be available)

There WILL BE Godly Play/Children's Sunday School during the service, ages 4 through 5th grade.

**\*At the Peace, all children will come to the back into the Church.**

With the Offertory, they will present their handmade crosses (provided) to the Glory of God, at the altar.

**Childcare is available each Sunday, for the 8:00am & 10:30am Services, for the littlest ones, if needed.**

**For information on ALL of these, please contact Danielle Alvarado, our director of Children's Ministries at [dalvarado@trinitygalv.org](mailto:dalvarado@trinitygalv.org) or 409-762-8199.**

"Think about it!" as Dr. Yei would say: An Anglo female Episcopal priest, a male Black/African Episcopal priest and a male Taiwanese Presbyterian minister, officiating at a mainline traditional church in the South!

The Reverend Dr. John Yei (far right in photo), an ordained Minister in the Presbyterian Church and Professor of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, northern VA was our Lenten speaker on March 7 at Trinity Church. Dr. Yei is one of the world's foremost experts on the Gospel according to John.

He gave us his take on what it means to be created in the image of God, using Paul's Letter to the Romans.



On March 24, many Episcopalians are joining the **March For Our Lives** across the country. The march in Washington, D.C. was established by Parkland, FL students where the latest mass shooting took place on Valentine's Day. Others around the country will march in solidarity with the students and their families to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end the epidemic of mass school shootings. The following locations in the Diocese of Texas where fellow Episcopalians are gathering places and times for local marches.

Below are just some of the locations within our diocese where marches will be taking place on that day:

Houston	Christ Church Cathedral	8:30am
Houston	Tranquility Park	9:00am
Tyler	Tyler Public Library	9:30am
Tyler	Downtown Tyler/Square	10:00am
Austin	Parking Lot at West 3rd St & San Antonio St./City Hall	11:30am
		12:00noon

A group from our parish is planning to attend the March at Tranquility Park at 9:00am, gathering at Christ Church Cathedral at 8:30am. Car Pooling seems like a good idea. If you're interested in going to the March and/or would like to car pool, please contact Father Ed Thompson at the parish office and Gretchen Lindquist (713-862-3130).

## EASTER MUSIC DONATIONS

Trinity prides itself on hosting the area's finest musicians and soloists at Easter time and, as a result, our Easter services are always memorable family events. Donations in honor or memory of loved ones maintain this tradition year after year.



If you would like to make a donation for Easter music, please make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and write **"Easter Music"** on the memo line so that your contribution will be properly recorded.

Your contribution and dedications must be received **in the Church office by Monday, March 26, 2018** to be included in the service leaflets. See the insert in the Sunday bulletin to complete your donation.

Easter lilies and other floral decorations are always an integral part of our beautiful Easter services. Donations in honor or memory of loved ones maintain this tradition year after year.



If you would like to make a contribution for Easter flowers, please make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and write **"Easter Flowers"** on the memo line so that your contribution will be properly recorded.

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Join us for the last of

2018 Lenten Services, Lectures and Dinners:

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MADE  
IN THE IMAGE OF GOD?**



**March 21st: Network of Biblical Storytellers (International) member, Kathy Culmer, at St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church, 1410 41st Street, Galveston 77550.**

**Each of our distinguished speakers will share from their own perspective about what it means to be made in God's image.**

**We begin with worship at 6:00 p.m., followed by a light dinner provided by the hosting congregation, and at approximately 7:15 p.m. our speaker begins. We will finish by 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday.**

**Please come and worship, learn, and welcome our honored guests.**

