

## **Rector's Report for April 2026 Vestry Meeting**

A recap of events/activities/goings-on since the report for our March vestry meeting.

**Adult formation:** We wrapped up our 5 week Lenten Series on psalms on 3/25, with good feedback about people feeling more engaged in this part of the scriptures that we read every week, but don't often spend time taking them apart. // We've started taking signups for Episcopal 101 classes, which will begin in mid-May (we're shifting to a late Spring class in order to prepare for the bishop's visit in September). // Sarah and I continue to meet with our Austin Story Project cohort, and make plans for conducting three 6-week story groups before October (which is when we next attend the Austin Story Project conference).

**Children/Youth/Young Adult:** There was great participation by the CGS children in flowering the Easter cross on Easter Sunday, followed by a great session with Art from the Heart, who do their program in lieu of Sunday school on Easter Sunday morning. Following the 10am service, kids of all ages joined in an Easter egg hunt (or, for the older kids, an Easter scavenger hunt). // The Thriving Communities cohort met to talk about ideas for our project plans, using the Lilly Foundation grant money that will be coming to us later this year.

**Pastoral Care/Newcomers:** Over the past month, I met with 5 people for pastoral care and/or newcomer visits. // Invitations have gone out for the next Newcomer Brunch, to be held at the rectory on May 16.

**Worship:** The past month has been about all things Holy Week - best week of the year!! 7 services in the space of a week...and it was glorious, including wonderful music, dramatic palms, beautiful flower arrangements, a full-to-packed sanctuary, four baptisms (a baby, an adult, and two teens), a festive post-vigil reception, a visit by the Easter Bunny, and incredible hours of work by volunteers, staff, and clergy. // Along with all that, I spent time with a woman to plan her husband's memorial service - she's not a Trinity parishioner, but discovered Trinity through the Blue Christmas service held in December, just a week or so after her husband's death. // I've also met with a couple whose wedding I'll be doing (offsite) in late May - the daughter and soon-to-be son-in-law of Sarah McCarter!

**Leadership/Financial things:** The Legacy Giving Committee met again to continue our plans for host an event in early/mid May to recognize current Legacy Circle members, and to encourage others to include Trinity in their estate planning. The group will also be planning an all-church education event around estate planning and planned giving, date TBD. // Parish Council met after Easter, with a focus on planning the

upcoming Ministry Fair on Sunday, May 3. // The Invite/Welcome/Connect group also met after Easter, to check in about various projects.

**Broader church and community:** On Tuesday of Holy Week, I traveled with Sarah Thomas and John Draper to the cathedral in Los Angeles for the annual clergy vow renewal.

**Personal:** Something that was NOT on my Holy Week BINGO card was a plumbing issue at the rectory. After receiving an alert from the SB water department about excessive water usage at odd hours, I discovered that the water supply pipe coming into my house had developed a severe leak. Thanks to Brian Bargiel for helping me turn off the water main at the curb, and to Lewis Plumbing for coming to do the repairs before noon on Thursday. All is well now. // Earlier this week, I returned from some vacation time with my brother and sister-in-law (the office was closed for the week after Easter). We met in Phoenix - our flights landed within about 15 minutes of one another - and then traveled to Saguaro National Park (near Tucson), then up to Sedona for a couple of days, then to the Grand Canyon, where we explored the rim trail and did a big hike on the Bright Angel Trail. Temps ranged from the mid-90s in Tucson to the low 30s in Grand Canyon. Fun to experience such extremes!

Respectfully submitted,  
April 18, 2026  
Elizabeth+

## **Associate Rector Report, April 2026 Vestry Mtg.**

Much of the work of April was getting ready for Holy Week! Many thanks go out to the many people who made it such an incredible week for the community. Highlights for me were watching the group of young adults/elders/newcomers who did a great job serving as footwashing hosts at Maundy Thursday; listening to the readers read the Passion at Good Friday; listening to vestry member Michelle Petty speak the words of creation in Genesis at the Easter Vigil; watching the children flower the cross on Easter morning. Plus many more!

### **Parish Council**

We gathered for our monthly meeting and welcomed new members Brian Bargiel (in his role as JOC co-chair) and Jeffrey Krutzsch (Worship Chair). We spent our time in spiritual formation and planned the upcoming ministry fair on May 3.

### **Justice and Outreach Council (JOC)**

JOC will be having a meeting on Sunday 4/19. This will be the first meeting with Brian and Ralph leading together as co-chairs. We are making room for new members and will spend some time thanking the members who have served for a long time. Special thanks go out to Jennifer Bergquist, Jean Davis, and Anita Perez Ferguson who have given countless hours and energy to the JOC for many years. Thankfully, they are attending the meeting on Sunday and we will give thanks and receive their blessings for our work going forward. We will also be focusing on Ministry Fair which is coming up on May 3rd.

**Supper Club** is going well. We had a wonderful meal with the Vera Cruz Village residents on April 16th. This continues to be a great ministry to bring in new parishioners as well as regulars.

### **Hospitality Council**

Isao and Georgi did a terrific job organizing the hospitality for the many services of Holy Week. They are getting ready for their table at Ministry Fair where they will invite new members for the Coffee Hour Helpers and Hospitality Helpers.

### **Adult Formation**

I am in the process of inviting people to the first **story circle** that I hope to lead on Friday mornings in May. Elizabeth and I are getting ready for another round of **Episcopal 101** for 5 Sundays in May as well.

### **Pastoral Care**

I meet with many parishioners to offer pastoral care at home, in my office, in the hospital, and at coffee shops. The Bouquet Blessings ministry is back in action now that we are in Eastertide. A group of prayer shawls is waiting to be blessed and we will do so on May 3. Helping Hands continues to offer meal trains from time to time. A small group of lay eucharistic visitors bring Communion to people in their homes.

### **Compline**

Compline went great on April 12th with storyteller Shannon Saleh. About 80 people were in attendance.

**Sacraments**

I presided at a memorial service for the mother of a former parishioner on Saturday April 18th (Sylvia Salazar Simpson). I am working with one couple in preparation for their wedding in September. I baptized two teenage parishioners (Josie and Carlina Drabik) at the Easter Vigil.

**Newcomers**

I am on the steering committee for our Invite/Welcome/Connect ministry. We continue to take steps improving our systems for inviting, welcoming, and integrating newcomers.

**Larger Community**

Elizabeth, John and I traveled down to LA for the clergy renewal of vows service on the Tuesday of Holy Week. I attended the local No Kings rally at Alameda Park which was great preparation for Palm Sunday.

**Personal**

It was wonderful having the week off after Holy Week! I traveled up to Big Sur for 2 days of solo time then picked up Maddie at SFO (she was arriving from London on her break) and we drove up to spend some time with my parents in northern California. She is home for the week now and returns to London on April 18th. So special to have this time with her.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

## Senior Warden Report April 2026

Looking back over the last month, our life at Trinity has been joyous and full. The five-act journey of Holy Week was deeply meaningful, with many opportunities to deepen our understanding of Christ's journey and our relationship with the Divine and each other. From the joyous procession of Palm Sunday to serving one another on Maundy Thursday, from the austerity and depths of Good Friday to the emerging light of the Easter Vigil, and the open joyfulness and beauty of Easter Sunday, our clergy and lay ministers provided us with a rich tapestry of experience. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, set up, clean up, serve, and simply participate in our life together. I will add an additional personal note of gratitude for the Trinity choir, whose presence and effort added a beautiful dimension to Holy Week.

The Invite, Welcome, Connect steering committee continues to reflect on how we can continue to deepen our relationships with one another before, during, and after worship. If you are reading this, please consider reaching out to someone new the next time you pass the peace or enjoy some time on the Labyrinth during coffee hour. It might be just the thing that person needs in their life at that moment.

The Justice and Outreach Council meets this week after a brief hiatus, and we are saying farewell to some long-serving members. Anita Ferguson, Jean Davis, and Jennifer Berquist have carried the torch for JOC for many years and we are grateful for all they have done to serve Trinity and our larger community. We will do our best to model the service they have embodied.

By the time you read this, a new web-based form for reporting issues about our buildings and grounds may be up on [trinitysb.org](http://trinitysb.org). If you see something that needs to be fixed, spruced up, or otherwise get some attention, let us know.

Planning for Trinity's Ministry Faire is in full swing, with all aspects of the Parish Council to be represented on the labyrinth on May 3. This will be a great opportunity for those ministries which often operate quietly in the background to show off their work to the parish. It's also a wonderful opportunity for newcomers and new-ish comers to find a group that they "vibe" with and explore ways to deepen their connection with other humans at Trinity. Long-time members can explore fresh opportunities and start something new. Please come and find out more!

Blessings, Brian Bargiel, Sr. Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN  
REPORT TO VESTRY

April, 2026

On Tuesday, 14 April, I attended a meeting of our Executive Committee. Also in attendance were; Sarah McCarter, Clerk; (by Zoom) Keith Cobell, Treasurer; and Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector.

We had a productive meeting with good discussion. It was primarily focused on the agenda for our upcoming Vestry meeting. However, we did spend a little time talking about Holy Week.

We agreed that it was a great Holy Week. Call me weird but the highlight for me was Easter Sunday. I really enjoy the Easter Sunday service. Seeing all the unfamiliar faces in the pews for the 8:00 service makes me proud of who and what we are and also proud that we are “here” for those people.

With the help of our Senior Warden we have established on the Trinity a contact link that will allow people to report issues about our campus to the Junior Warden and the Building and Grounds Committee. Notice of it will be in the upcoming weeks’ Newsletter.

Chris Mollkoy, the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, has put out the word to get an organizational meeting scheduled in the upcoming weeks. I look forward to attending the meeting. The most important task will be to consider what projects need most attention in the upcoming year.

Respectfully,  
Michael Neal Arnold  
JuniorWarden

## Treasurer's Report to the Vestry April 22, 2026

### Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Snapshot: March 2026

Income and Expenses	Actual	Budget
Income	73,932.23	113,000.00
Expenses	97,883.02	101,022.92
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(23,950.79)</b>	<b>11,977.08</b>

### Notes

- **We're in strong financial shape through Q1.** Year-to-date income of \$382,449 is 2.5% ahead of budget, while expenses of \$268,876 are 2.5% under budget. That puts our YTD net at \$113,574 - nearly \$17,000 ahead of where we planned to be at this point in the year. Thank you for your faithful giving!
- **March pledge income was light - but that's normal.** March pledge receipts came in at \$64,588 against a \$105,000 budget. This reflects the natural variability of monthly giving and does not signal a problem - our YTD pledge total of \$286,319 is essentially on track with the annual budget pace. If you've fallen behind on your pledge, spring is a great time to catch up.
- **Investment Accounts Declined in March.** Our Schwab investment portfolios - which hold endowment and restricted funds totaling approximately \$3.15M - decreased in market value during March, reflecting broader market conditions. Total assets stand at \$3.96M. These investment funds are long-term in nature and are managed accordingly.
- **A Word on the Plant Maintenance Budget.** Plant Maintenance came in well under budget for March at 55.8% - but don't read too much into it. The annual commercial insurance premium (~\$37,000) was due April 1, and the invoice arrived too late to process in March, so it will hit in April instead. Once posted, Plant Maintenance will normalize. Thanks to Cami for flagging this proactively, which is a good sign of clean financial management.
- **Bottom line for the community.** Trinity is in excellent financial health through the first quarter of 2026 - income is ahead of plan, expenses are under control, and your generosity is making it possible.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Cobell, Treasurer.  
April 14, 2026

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