

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

THE GOOD NEWS

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It has certainly been an interesting few weeks. Isn't "interesting" a great word? It can mean full of adventure. It can mean full of horror. It can simply mean different. I'm leaning toward the last two. I really don't like this physical distancing. I don't like having the church building closed. I very much don't like home schooling. I find virtual worship strange. I miss not being with you. I miss preaching and not having you react to my dad jokes. I can't see if you're smiling or looking perplexed. I can't tell if you're asleep. (You know if I'm talking about you.) Mostly, I miss sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with you. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is a prayer called "A Spiritual Communion". At the time of Communion, you can join the reader in saying this prayer asking for the Grace of Communion to be given to those unable to physically receive the Body and Blood. There are a couple of things about virtual worship that are pretty cool. One is that with all the daily offerings, more of us are worshipping more often. We're getting to see more of the diocesan clergy in a worship setting. More people are experiencing our services, especially Sunday Eucharist than would normally. We had over 500 "engagements" (meaning watching the live stream for at least a few minutes) this past Sunday. There were people from all over the country seeing Holy Trinity, most for the first time. I do feel bad that Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will all be live streamed and not held in a packed church. We will make the best of it. Palm Sunday: We're going to put out palm fronds by the back parish hall/choir room door on Friday. Feel free to drive by and get enough for your family. Our service will begin at 10:30 through Facebook Live and will include the blessing of the palms, a chance to sing All Glory Laud and Honor, and the Passion Narrative I had planned on doing Stations of the Cross on Wednesday. But have decided to link us to one of the other churches better suited for this service. Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:00pm. While we won't physically wash feet, we will represent the servanthood of Christ and all Christians. We will celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper, the reserving of the Sacrament and the stripping of the Altar. Of course, all virtually. Good Friday service will be at noon. I am really looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection Easter morning at 10:30. Beginning Saturday morning, the cross we traditionally flower will be in the parking lot. You are invited to bring cut flowers and placing them in the cross's frame. This will be front and center at the Easter Eucharist. We're also going to try something new and unique. If we can (due to travel restrictions, or technical problems) we're going to offer a "drive-in" Easter celebration. Drive your car to the church parking lot, tune your radio to a specific frequency and join your friends in singing hymns, hearing the Easter story and be in community, all while safely ensconced in your car. This does not replace the 10:30 Eucharist and there will not be Communion. It's just a time to get out of the house and be at the church. This could very easily be canceled by the CDC and other agencies, so watch your email. I am beyond proud of how this congregation has pulled together in this "interesting" time. The buildings are closed, but Church is alive and well. Fr. Bob

Palm Sunday Readings:
Sunday
April 5th

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11

At this time
all in-person
worship is
cancelled.
Please join us
every Sunday at
10:30 am
Live on facebook!

PLEASE NOTE

Please note - Our staff has Part time hours and are working remotely as well. If you need assistance please call the Parish office 683.4207.
Thank you!

Prayer List

THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT: Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.

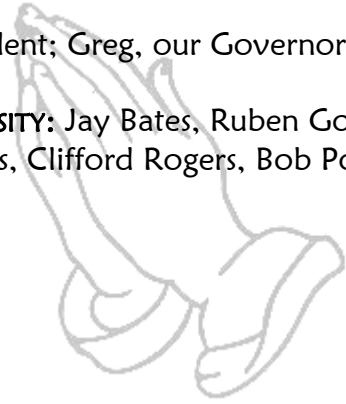
FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Barbara Jowell, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Clifford Rogers, Bob Poer, Kathryn, Rayna Kennedy, & Mark Hale.

For all those in quarantine, or affected by COVID-19.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

Expectant Families: Trisha & Cody Seth, Destiny & Donnie

Births: Anna Ellis Scarborough



2nd-Liza Philpy

**3rd-Don Floyd, Jim Newman,
Jim Murphy, Jr.**

**4th-Madeline Gesell, Natalie
Spangher, Nicholas Spangher**

7th-Steve Levander, Carrie Hawkins

10th-Amelia Clark

11th-Sharon Floyd

12th-Carol Evans

15th-Oren Albright

**17th-Francis Schammel,
Susan Blakemore**

21st-Mary Lou Cassidy

23rd-Amanda Byrom

26th-Bryan Riggs

27th-Natalie McCary



Jubilee Center Update!

Thank you for your support. At the last pantry, we contributed 54 pounds of food and it was both distributed and appreciated.

The Jubilee board has decided to close the Jubilee Center indefinitely due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Food cannot be deposited in the Jubilee food drop, and West Texas food bank is not accepting food at this time. They are in need of monetary donations.

We thank you for your support and will let you know when Jubilee is up and running again.

Online Daily Office led by clergy from the
Diocese of Northwest Texas

Morning Prayer at 9:00am

Noonday Prayer at 12:00pm

Online Morning Prayer (Monday through Friday)

- 8:00am at All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock, Texas
- Online Morning Prayer (Monday through Friday) 8:30am at Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene, Texas
- Online Sunday Eucharists and Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am Sunday Eucharist at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Midland, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at St. Paul's-on-the-Plains in Lubbock, Texas (prelude begins at 10:20)
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lubbock, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Morning Prayer at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Pampa, Texas
- 10:30am Sunday Eucharist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, Texas

Spiritual Communion

(This prayer will be read aloud during our Live stream services)

In union, O Lord,
with your faithful people at every altar of
your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being
celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
And since I cannot receive you today in the
Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my
heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace,
Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Upcoming Meeting: Vestry Zoom Meeting

Tuesday

April 20th at 6:00 pm



April 9th - Maundy Thursday
Live at 7:00 pm

April 10th - Good Friday
Live at 12:00 pm

April 12th - Easter Sunday
Live at 10:30 am

Beloveds,

Due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis, Bishop Mayer has instructed the clergy to suspend public worship for the next few weeks. In addition, all gatherings of more than 10 people have been canceled.

This doesn't mean that we can't worship together. We'll just do it differently. Until we can do otherwise, we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist using Facebook Live. We will broadcast live at 10:30 on Sunday. Once the service is over, it will be available on Facebook as a stored video. This can all be found on the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity page (@holyltrinitymidland or <https://fb.me/HolyTrinityMidland> .

If you do not have Facebook, you can get on our website and hit the Facebook button and it will take you straight to our link.

Whenever and however you watch the service, I would suggest having a Book of Common Prayer with you. I will announce page numbers.

Keep the Faith, Stay home and wash your hands. Bob+



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1412 West Illinois Ave
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Sunday - April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday
10:30 am Rite II - Live Stream Service

Monday - April 6, 2020

Tuesday - April 7, 2020

Wednesday - April 8, 2020

Thursday - April 9, 2020

Friday - April 10, 2020

“Sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ with all people.”

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

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