



TRINITY TALK

March 2021

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Palm Sunday—March 28 - Liturgy of the Palms—Passion Narrative by Youth—Zoom 9:00am

SEE JEANNIE'S ARTICLE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Friendly Center Food Drive

Food insecurity continues to be a severe challenge for many of Friendly Center's client families. Responding again to Orange's premier family resource center's need for non-perishable food supplies, your Outreach team will hold a FEED THE NEED food drive **beginning March 14th.**



You may bring your contributions to drive-thru Communion between 12 and 1PM Sunday, March 14 or from 11-1PM Tuesday, March 16th and 11-1PM Wednesday, March 17. Outreach team members will be there to receive your gifts. (PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ITEMS ARE FAMILY SIZE):

- Rice and dried beans
- Pastas and sauces
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Shelf-stable milk
- Cereals and oatmeal
- Stuffing and dried potatoes
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned tuna and meats

Outreach will delivery Trinity's FEED THE NEED contributions to Friendly Center on Thursday March 18th.

Will Trinity match the 650 pounds of food donated last October? We'll let you know!



**LENTEN
MEDITATION
BOOKLETS**

The 2021 ERD meditations are available online to [download](#). Supporters are also invited to [sign up](#) to receive the daily meditations in English and Spanish by email. Unlike previous years, the meditations are only available online, not as printed booklets.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

We will be distributing Palms, the Sunday before (March 21) when you come to the church for communion - and you'll also be able to pick them up in the office during Holy Week between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

From our Rector

.....*The Rev. Jeannie Martz*

If there's one thing we've all learned in these months of pandemic, it's the ongoing need for flexibility, creativity, and patience – not to mention a good sense of humor.

As we journey through Lent and approach Holy Week, these qualities are still necessary. Normally at this time, we'd be starting to list our worship opportunities coming up during Holy Week, and there wouldn't be a lot of variation from services in previous years. This year, however, is different.

What *is* the same, of course, is that Holy Week is still Holy Week and spiritually, we will still walk with Jesus to the cross and beyond. What isn't the same at this point is exactly what Holy Week 2021 will look like and how we'll experience it – and when we'll be able to let you know!

The Bishop's Council of Advice met yesterday afternoon online, and a primary topic of conversation was whether or not our current guidelines on reopening for in-person worship and on sacramental practices need to be revised. The various task forces involved, my own included, are going to be addressing this question in the coming weeks. While the State of California's tier system will still determine the Diocesan position on whether or not limited indoor worship can go forward, I will be very interested in any adjustments that **might** be made to our procedures for Holy Communion. (Or might not.)

In the meantime, I believe that the restrictions on communal singing will stay in place for now.

All this being said, here's what we have planned for Holy Week at this point:

Palm Sunday: on Sunday, March 21 – the Sunday **before** Palm Sunday, we'll be handing out **unblessed** palms at drive through Communion. Palms can also be picked up at the office Monday through Friday during the following week between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Stick the palms in the fridge to keep them fresh during the week, and then on Palm Sunday we'll have our online Spiritual Eucharist at 9 a.m. that will include the Liturgy of the Palms as well as the Passion reading. Drive through Communion will follow from noon – 1 p.m.

Monday in Holy Week: the Lenten Book Study will finish the week before, so this night will be open as it usually is.

Tuesday in Holy Week: usually the night of our much-loved Taize service, the format for this evening's worship is still under discussion. Flexibility! We'll let you know.

Wednesday in Holy Week: usually open, we plan to have Compline this evening at 7 p.m. as we are having on the Wednesday evenings throughout Lent.

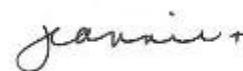
Maundy Thursday: normally a solemn evening that includes foot washing, the rededication of the Altar Guild, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar, this too is still being discussed. At the very least, we will have a Spiritual Eucharist online – and perhaps more. Creativity! We'll let you know.

Good Friday: again I'm going to start with "at the very least" – at the very least, we will have the Good Friday liturgy online at noon and at 7 p.m. Sitting together in silence on Zoom from noon – 3 p.m. didn't seem like such a good idea (sense of humor), but we may come up with an appropriate variation on that theme, so stay tuned.

Holy Saturday: ah, the Great Vigil of Easter! Normally our first service of Easter, followed by a party at the back of the church, this year the Diocese is going to be offering an online Vigil beginning at 8 p.m. More information will be available as we get closer, but this is a "for sure" service.

Easter Sunday: 9 a.m. worship online for sure, followed by drive through Communion at the church from noon – 1 p.m. Beyond that, I have no clue, other than THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! Total patience required here!

Thank you all for your ongoing support and presence. We appreciate you very much!





PARISH DINE OUT

Handmade bread without preservatives, hand tossed salads, paninis, soups, and sandwiches. This is what Panera Bread offers. Come join us on **Thursday March 25 from 4-8 pm**. Enjoy good food, while helping Outreach meet their 2021 goals.

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LENTEN PROGRAM - REMINDER

Continuing Monday, March 01, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., will be the third installment of a six-week study of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's book Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times. The book is available through Amazon (and you can help Trinity through Amazon Smile!).

The zoom link for the Monday study will be sent out from the office the PREVIOUS AFTERNOON.

SPRING AHEAD

It's that time of year again! Yes, the dreaded "spring forward." While we love the longer days, we are not so crazy about the loss of an hour of sleep! Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead before going to bed on **Saturday March 13th**.



Christian Education

To help our Trinity families have a holy Lent, we are sending out weekly emails with suggestions on ways to deepen faith. The focus is on extending Jesus' love and kindness as we prepare for Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of prayer and actions to demonstrate our love and gratitude for Jesus. The activities we are presenting will carry a family through the Lenten season and to Easter.

Here are a few of the ideas shared. We offer them to you as well!

Make a "PRAYER PAIL" you can use any type of pail, box or bag. Encourage everyone in your family to write on a slip of paper (or get help writing) a person's name who needs prayers. As many people that come to mind. Each day pull out a slip and pray for that person.

Create a "GRATITUDE JOURNAL" use a notebook and write down what each person is thankful for each day. You can also use 'post-it' notes and make a gratitude wall.

"CROSS CANDLE" set up six tea light candles in the shape of a cross (4 vertical and 3 horizontal). Light a new candle on Sunday evening and say a prayer.