

This Week @ Trinity

May 7, 2020

The Dean's Corner: Generosity in a Time of Need

I have good news to share: thanks to your generous response to our invitation to support Trinity's Easter offering, we are far closer to our usual level of giving than just a few weeks ago. As we wrote before, our Easter Offering typically brings in about \$10,000 for hunger and outreach ministries. Because we did not gather in person on Easter Sunday our giving for this was down about 75%.



The people of Trinity have responded! Since then Easter offerings have flowed in steadily, and we have now received more than \$8,600 to support neighbors in need. This will support feeding ministries and other outreach ministries vital to members of our community. It will also help us to offer support for those impacted by COVID-19, starting with purchasing supplies for reusable face masks that will outfit those who attend Trinity's hunger ministries, Trinity congregation members, diocesan partners and Hospice of the Western Reserve.

If you haven't made an Easter donation yet and are able to do so, I hope you'll prayerfully consider it. The need is great, and your gift allows Trinity to put God's love into action. You can donate at any time through Trinity's website using the button below. Thank you so much for generosity, even the midst of uncertain times!

Living with the Logjam



View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, May 7. You can find more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.

This Sunday, May 10

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Click here for this week's scripture](#)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on YouTube and Trinity's homepage

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach

The Rev. Adrienne Koch will celebrate

[Download the service bulletin here](#)

Visit Trinity's [YouTube page](#) or [website](#) to watch and participate in this service. This service is prerecorded. That means that you can view the service at 10:00 a.m., or at any time thereafter, and not miss a thing.

Do You Need and/or Can You Sew Facemasks?

As the greater Cleveland area slowly reopens its doors for communal gathering, Trinity Cathedral wants to assure that the congregation feels safe and has appropriate protection against the transmission of COVID-19. Seven volunteers have been sewing to create enough facemasks to outfit Trinity members in need with the hopes of donating leftovers to Hospice of the Western Reserve. The team is led by Janice Cochrac from St. Hubert's Episcopal Church in Kirtland Hills. She works on a sewing team at Trinity that sews quilts, aprons, blankets and pajamas for Marion-Sterling School and the Cleveland Clinic.

If you are in need of a facemask, please visit trinitycleveland.org/face-mask-order-form. Once the first batch of masks has been created, Trinity will offer a “blessing of the masks” day where Trinity members can drive through the parking lot to receive a blessed mask from clergy. For those unable to attend the drive-through day, masks will be mailed or hand-delivered.

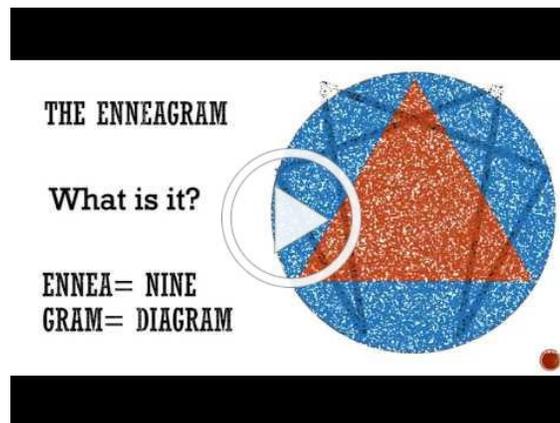
If you would like to donate your time for mask delivery, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org. Also contact the Rev. Koch if you would like to sew or donate fabric, elastic, or thread to this project.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join other Trinity members for Virtual Coffee Hour (via Zoom) this Sunday morning, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 p.m. This will be the time we will hold our coffee hours going forward, as long as we're still worshipping at home. Bring your coffee or tea and visit with old and new friends prior to the 10:00 a.m. worship webcast. Associate for Congregational Life Ginger Bitikofer and others will host the scheduled coffee hours. Contact Ginger Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning to get a weblink for Sunday's coffee hour. This week's link is the same as last week. Get in touch with Ginger if you need the link or for any questions at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0407.

Experience the Restorative Enneagram

Beginning May 17, the Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead a multi-week in-depth exploration of the enneagram. This course will take place every other Sunday through September 6 at 11:15 a.m. Please contact the Rev. Koch for the access link and/or more information. In the meantime, enjoy watching her forum presentation from January of this year.



Keep Your Pledge Current During Shutdown

Even though our building is closed, we still rely on our members' timely pledge payments to continue to operate in these uncertain times. Send pledge checks to Rita Asbury at the cathedral (2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115). You can also [make pledge payments online](#).

If you don't have a pledge, and you wish to make an offering to the church, you can send checks to Rita Asbury at the above address, or use our online giving portal to [make a donation or a recurring gift](#)

Thank you to all of our supporters!

The adult formation committee offers spiritual formation content for home use each week. The current theme is “The Fruits of the Spirit.” This week, the focus is on love.

Poem: Love Again Blues, by Langston Hughes

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

beads are an important spiritual practice in many faiths. Catholics pray a rosary that traditionally has 59 beads organized into 5 sets of ten beads called decades and



using a prayer by the same name. Buddhists pray a mala that contains 108 beads. Our Anglican tradition uses 33 strung beads. Holding the beads in your hand as you pray helps keep a rhythm and a focus to your prayer. You can use any prayer you want, usually the same prayer or devotion is repeated with each bead, or several prayers repeated in a pattern. You can also use one of your own favorite prayers or mantras, Bible verse, psalm, or prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. The idea is to keep a rhythm and go deeper into your meditation.

A complete guide is available on the Diocese of Ohio’s website: bit.ly/AnglicanBeads. You can also create your own beads using this video: youtube.com/watch?v=wfmSDE3iXvY.

Zoom Bible Study: Philippians

This four-part series begins this Sunday, May 10 at 11:15 a.m. Contact Janet Lechleitner at janetlech@gmail.com for the access link and/or more information.

Join Dean Owens for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Take part in the discussion as Dean Owens leads Bible study each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., using the Lectio Divina method. You don't have to have participated in previous weeks' discussions to join in. If you're interested, contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org for the Zoom login information.

Youth Catechesis

Trinity's Youth Catechesis class will meet every other Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. via Zoom, now through mid-August, for relationship-building, reflection, discussion and teachings around some of the most essential parts of what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Church today. Topics include church history, theology, evangelism, spiritual practices, liturgy, and social justice, and their implications on the individual and community journey to following Christ. The class will also include a few multi-generational sessions with parallel Catechesis groups, and a spiritual mentorship element.

Participants are also expected to be involved in weekly Youth Group on Sunday nights. Open to youth in grades 9-12. Contact class facilitator, the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, asutterisch@dohio.org to ask questions or to register.

Adult Catechesis (Inquirers') Class

Are you interested in finding out more about the Episcopal Church, with a goal of perhaps being confirmed, received or baptized into the Church? The clergy of the Cathedral are forming a small group for this purpose. The class will begin meeting on Zoom next week and will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. with an occasional Wednesday meeting, in conjunction with the youth catechesis class. Discussion topics include spirituality, religion, Episcopal history, scripture and theology. To find out more or to register, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch, akoch@trinitycleveland.org, no later than May 13th.



Do You Know Someone Who's Graduating?

We are collecting the names of high school and college graduates in our congregation to recognize at our May 17 worship

service. Please forward graduates' names to Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

A Place at the Table

Our Sunday lunch ministry, called A Place at the Table, has continued without a break during Trinity's building closure. We have shifted to take-out meals, and are using several sources (Café Ah-Roma, Subway, and Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry) to provide bag or box lunches for 55-75 guests each week. One staff member and one volunteer greet and serve our guests each Sunday. We are grateful that one of our community partners, Park Synagogue, through their mitzvah program, has provided a cloth face mask for each of our guests. We hope to provide each guest with a second mask, in the future.

Seeking Children's and Youth Staff

Trinity is hiring two part-time coordinator positions working with our children and youth. These positions will support families with young children and families with youth grades 6-12.

You can view the job descriptions for the [Children's Ministry Coordinator](#) and [Youth Program Coordinator](#). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

Sunday School

The Rev. Jo Owens is leading Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m for kids in preschool through 5th grade. Please contact her at jdnowens@gmail.com for more information and for the Zoom link to participate.

In Case You Missed It: Daily Devotions

During this time of uncertainty, we're interested in the ways you worship, pray and stay spiritually sound. Member Brian Smith leads us in noonday prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. He shows us that we can all fit prayer into our lives, even in the time it takes you to heat up lunch. Watch Brian's video below, where he conducts a brief service including chant, prayers, readings and a psalm. If you'd like to record a daily devotion for Trinity Online, please email akoch@teinitycleveland.org for details on how to submit.



Trinity Youth Group & Compline

Join the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation for the diocese, at 7:15 p.m. every Sunday night for youth group, which includes grades 6–12.. It will include community, games, and prizes, followed by diocesan compline. You can join in at <https://Zoom.us/j/2167742230>.

Compline welcomes students grades 6 and up (including college students!) It takes place at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday at the same Zoom link.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd's Picks – Choral Evensong – October 2, 2019

Each week, we'll be highlighting a different choral evensong service and/or

concert from years past. Music Director Todd Wilson will provide commentary on all of his *Todd's Picks* selections.

[Listen to the service here](#)

"This spring Evensong was sung just a year ago on May 1, 2019, by the Trinity Chamber Singers, The Rev. Kelly Aughenbaugh was homilist as we commemorated Saints Philip and James.

The choral introit is Josef Rheinberger's *Abendlied* (Evening Song). The Responses are set to gorgeous music by Los Angeles composer James Buonemani.

The canticles are sung to Stanford's famous setting in A major, and the anthem is Vaughan Williams' inspired setting of "Valiant-for-Truth," the text from Pilgrims' Progress by John Bunyan.

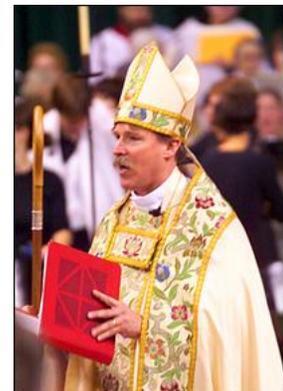
I hope you will enjoy this service as we continue to experience "virtual Evensong" and look forward to the time when we can meet again in person for these services which mean so much to many of us.

Todd Wilson

In the Diocese

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hollingsworth Regarding COVID-19 Pandemic

Bishop Hollingsworth has written a letter regarding the phased opening of Ohio businesses and the status of Episcopal church worship in the diocese.

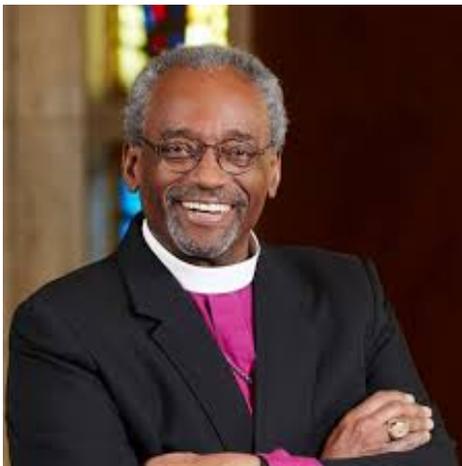


[Read the Bishop's Letter Here](#)

Helpful Resources for Individuals, Families and Congregations During the Pandemic

The diocese has provided a [list of curated resources](#) which is available for individuals, families, and congregations during the coronavirus pandemic.

In the Episcopal Church



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Word to the Church: What Would Love Do?

"In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, we are now at another one of those threshold moments when important and significant decisions must be made on all levels of our global community for the good and the well-being of the entire human family. In this moment, I would ask you to allow me to share with you a Word to the Church: What Would Love Do?"

[Watch Bishop Curry's video message or read the transcript.](#)

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Shares 'Habits of Grace'

In the adjustments to life that the coronavirus pandemic has brought about, a new vlog by Presiding Bishop Curry has been added to The Episcopal Church

website. You can view it at episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace. As we learn how to do our part to slow the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing, a new meditation will be posted each Monday from now through May.

Submit Your News for Publication

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *This Week @ Trinity*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the June Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., May 22. You can read the current issue of [Cathedral Connections online](#), or pick up a printed copy available throughout the Cathedral. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

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