The Dean's Easter Message:
Mary, Why Do You Weep?

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When we go through times of suffering and loss, Easter is not often what comes to mind. Rather, we recall the bitterness and grief of Good Friday. We find comfort in knowing that Jesus suffered as we do, in remembering that grief can be transfigured through Jesus’ own walk to the cross. What’s more, our faith teaches us that though our suffering is real it is a passage and not a destination: even in the darkest of nights we reach out towards Easter. We often say, “sometimes we have to go through Good Friday to get to Easter morning.”

Read the dean’s entire message here

Recovering an Ancient Treasure
Video Reflections from Dean Owens
This Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday
Click here for this week's scripture
10:00 a.m. Livestream Service of Holy Eucharist – trinitycleveland.org
and facebook.com/trinitycleve

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., presiding
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching
The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join Trinity friends at 9 a.m. for virtual coffee hour before the Easter Sunday
Holy Week Worship Services

Trinity will host several online worship services from today through April 4. Links are provided below.

Tonight, Maundy Thursday, April 1
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Eucharist
trinitycleveland.org & facebook.com/trinitycleve

Good Friday, April 2
11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
trinitycleveland.org & facebook.com/trinitycleve
12:00 p.m. Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
trinitycleveland.org & facebook.com/trinitycleve
Please note, the Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Solemn Liturgy will be two separate events on these sites
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Concert
Organ music played by Todd Wilson and Nicole Keller
Traditional hymns, chants and spirituals sung by soloists from the Cathedral Choir
trinitycleveland.org & facebook.com/trinitycleve
Full program details available at musicandartattrinity.org/seasonal-evening-concerts.html

Holy Saturday, April 3
8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
trinitycleveland.org & facebook.com/trinitycleve

Personal Prayer Time and Stations of the Cross

There's still time to visit Trinity's 2021 Stations of the Cross exhibit at the cathedral this Saturday, April 3, when the cathedral will be open from 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m.

No reservations or appointments are necessary. You will need to wear a mask, observe social distancing and stay home if you don't feel well. Free parking.

The stations are a series of fourteen designs representing successive incidents during Jesus’ progress from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial. Each of these stations have been created by a social justice ministry at Trinity such as A Place At The Table, the LGBTQ+ outreach team and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. You'll be able to walk from station to station to experience Jesus' path through the eyes of these ministries.

For those unable to view the stations of the cross in person, you can view the video below. The stations video will be shown in advance of the Good Friday virtual service at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 2: trinitycleveland.org and facebook.com/trinitycleve.

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Nominating Committee Announces Election Slate

The Nominating Committee has prepared the following slate of candidates for Vestry, Cathedral Council and 2022 Nominating Committee.

**Vestry - Elect 4**
- For re-election
  - Paul Herrgesell
  - Janet Lechleitner

**First term**
- Mark Biddlestone
- Cynthia Ries*
- Jeff Spiess

**Cathedral Council**
- 3-year term - Elect 4
  - CJ Bromfield
  - Bill DiTirro
  - Carol Gallagher
  - Katy Marcy

**2022 Nominating Committee**
Voting will be conducted by mail and drop-off up to the day of the Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 2. Per the congregational bylaws, any additional write-in candidates must be presented to the nominating committee with the support of 10%, or 34 members, of those eligible to vote by April 18th. For further information please contact Martin Hermes, chair of this year's nominating committee or Ginger Bitikofer. Look for more ballots and candidate bios to be sent out in mid-April.

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**Going Deeper**

During Holy Week, you are invited to spend some time with Station XIII from the Visio Divina Bible Study, Jesus' Body Is Entombed.

**Read:** So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. Matthew 27:59-61

**Reflect:** The Mary's had to be tired and discouraged. They were probably feeling like it was the lowest point of their journey to date. The only thing they could think to do was go to where the Lord was (even if only his body) and sit and wait. When we seem to be at our lowest ebb, do we run around aimlessly like hamsters in a cage or do we sit and wait on God to show us what to do next?
Pray: In this time of waiting, O God, may we be as faithful as the two Mary's who waited at your tomb. Help us to trust in your love and to believe that you will show us what we need to do next. Amen.

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**Easter Offering to Benefit Trinity Hunger and Outreach Ministries**

This year’s Easter offering will help support Trinity's hunger & outreach ministries such as *A Place At The Table* (APATT), the Marion-Sterling Partnership and the Urban Farm. Your gifts will enable us to share your blessings with those Clevelanders who are most in need. You can donate online here, or mail your check to Trinity (please mark your gift “Easter Offering” in the memo line).

A new way to give is via text message. Text "EASTER" to (216) 238-5171 and you’ll be able to donate with a credit or debit card.

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**Good Friday Offering to Benefit Episcopal Church in the Middle East**

In accordance with the wishes of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Trinity's Good Friday offering will be designated to providing assistance for the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Initially gathered 99 years ago, this offering continues to support churches, medical programs and schools in the region today. For more information, read the press release from the Episcopal News Service. If you mail an offering, please specify that it is for Good Friday. You can give online here – please specify "Good Friday" in the comments.
Answer BJ and Adrienne's *Trinity Question of the Week*

BJ and Adrienne launched their *third Trinity Question of the Week* on Tuesday. Have you had a chance to respond? Look for a new question each week starting on Tuesday. You can find and respond to all of the questions on our website.

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**Green Bible Study Starts Soon**

Is God green? Did Jesus have anything to say about the environment? With over 1,000 references to the earth in the Bible, the message is clear. All of God's creation; nature, animals and humanity are inextricably linked to one another. As creation cares for us, we too are called to care for creation and engage in the work of healing and sustaining it. Utilizing *The Green Bible* as a guide, this class will help us to discover how caring for the earth is both a lifestyle and a calling. The Rev. Adrienne Koch will lead this four-week class from Sunday, April 11 to Sunday, May 16 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. No class will be held April 25 and May 2. Visit us02web.zoom.us/j/88936065052 using the passcode 310077.

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**The Trinity Forum – Earth Day Guest Jeff Opperman**

Dean Owens will welcome Jeff Opperman to The Trinity Forum on Sunday, April 25 at 10 a.m. Jeff is the global lead scientist for freshwater for the Worldwide Wildlife Fund (WWF). This involves working across WWF's network and with external partners to direct research that can strengthen conservation strategies and to integrate science into freshwater programs and projects. He will discuss the effect of COVID-19 on our communities and regions, the state of freshwater in northeast Ohio and the role of the environment in popular culture.

Also, save the date of Sunday, May 23, which is Pentecost Sunday, when
Dean Owens will welcome the Rev. Robert Fisher, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church Lafayette Square in Washington D.C. Long known as "the church of the Presidents," it garnered international attention during the *Black Lives Matter* protests in May and June of 2020.

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**Rooted in Faith**

The spring bulbs that we "rooted in faith" last fall have emerged as beautiful spring flowers, at our members' homes and in the Trinity garden (planted by Trinity's youth and children). Thanks to those who sent pictures. Like these bulbs and last fall's stewardship campaign, if we stay rooted in our faith, Trinity will grow and thrive for years to come.

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**Youth & Children's Ministries**

There will be no youth group or Sunday school gatherings this week in celebration of Easter. Both will resume on April 11. Youth group will move its gathering time from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the remainder of April. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Smoot (ssmoot@trinitycleveland.org) or Delaney Ryan (dryan@trinitycleveland.org).

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**Easter Monday**
Trinity's virtual offices will be closed on Monday, April 5 for Easter Monday. The staff will return on Tuesday, April 6.

Music & Art at Trinity

BrownBag Concert Series

After taking a break for Holy Week, the BrownBag concert series will resume on Wednesday, April 14 with the Dancing Wheels ensemble, a dance group uniting the talents of dancers both with and without disabilities. Make sure to tune in at 12 p.m. on that day. You can watch the performance at facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral or trinitycleveland.org.

On April 28, Trinity welcomes the Salzedo Harp Duo, featuring Nancy Lendrim, principal harpist of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra and Jody Guinn, principal harpist of the Akron Symphony Orchestra. That concert is sponsored by the Ashly Whitmer Correa Foundation.

This year's series concludes with a three part Brahms-fest on May 5, 12 and 19. All concerts start at 12 noon. Music will feature the organ chorale preludes, sonatas for violin and piano, and love song waltzes sung by the Cathedral Choir.

In the Diocese
Visit Bellwether Farm for a Fishing Derby and Fish Fry on April 24. Bring your own fishing gear and barbless hooks for a day of catch and release fishing fun featuring prizes. Enjoy a fish fry of Swai and a farm-to-table salad. Please note this event is outdoors, weather dependent, and subject to being rescheduled. Tickets are required and are $5.

It's spring again and time to start our veggie seeds at Bellwether Farm. Each year, thousands of seeds are started that grow into the veggies we all love to eat. Sign up to volunteer for a 1.5 hour planting slot. Seeding dates are Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17. Only one slot is required for an individual, household, or pod.

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**In the Episcopal Church**

**An Easter Message From**

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

When I get to heaven — and I know it may sound presumptuous for me to say it, but I live by grace and believe in amazing grace — when I get to heaven, I certainly want to see the Lord. But I want to see dear members of family and friends, those who have gone on before, the many people I want to sit down and have some conversation with. Of all the biblical people, aside from the Lord himself, when I get to heaven, I want to meet Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, who was one of the people, one of the women, who followed the way and teachings of Jesus and who probably provided much of the funding for his movement. Mary Magdalene, who with some of the other women and only one of the male disciples, stood with his mother, Mary, at the cross as he died. Mary Magdalene, who, even after he died, on that Easter morning, got up with some of the other women early in the morning, before the day had begun, in the dark, got up to perform the rituals of love to anoint the body of Jesus in his grave.
A Statement From the Deputies of Color of the General Convention

The Deputies of Color of the General Convention (Asian Caucus, Black Caucus, Indigenous Caucus, and Latinx Caucus) express deep concern and sadness for the increased racial violence against the Asian and Pacific Islander population. Read their entire statement here.

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 May Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., April 23. You can read the current issue of Cathedral Connections online, please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.

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