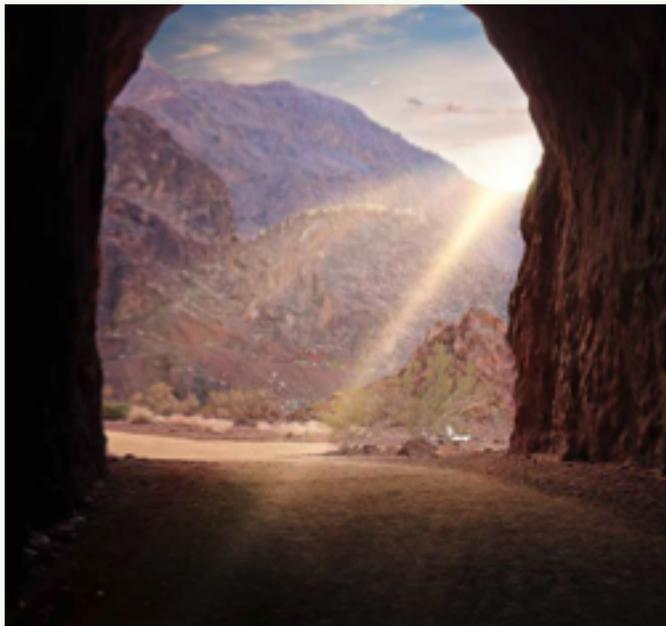




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A Time of Challenge and Change.

From the Bishops

Grace and peace, dear people of God, as we enter a new stage of our life together in response to the coronavirus and in the context of the new life that is promised to us in the resurrection of Jesus. To paraphrase the words of St. Paul: Now may our God and Father, and the Lord Jesus, direct our way.... And may the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all. I Thess. 3:12

On May 15th, our Bishops published guidelines for an eventual re-opening of churches. The timetable will be very much driven by Federal and State actions. Many of our parishioners have asked about resuming onsite services, communion, drive through church and so on. Vestry and Clergy continue to discuss scenarios, however, regardless of what you might see in the news or reported online, we have to look to

the Diocese of North Carolina for governance. The 21 page document outlines 4 stages of re-opening. Our summary is for the first two stages only as the "back to normal" may not materialize until a vaccine is made available.

Here are the first two stages:

Stage One: Coping with Crisis - until at least July 1st

- Live streaming or recording to continue through ALL stages.
- up to 6 participants in service.
- No communion wine
- Bread only to serve participants

Stage Two: Turning the corner - tentatively July 1st

- Signage - concerning symptoms must be displayed
- Indoor - 6ft distance - maximum of 25 including worship team with adequate ventilation, no singing
- Outdoor - 6ft distance - Maximum of 35 including worship team
- No communion
- Sign-in Required
- Temperature taking
- Bring own prayer book and order of service
- Masks must be worn
- Drive-in services are not allowed.

We will keep you posted as things develop and improve but for now, we are required to continue as we have. Thank you for your continued faith, patience and support!

Sonnet Sequence

with Todd Truffin



Last year, my MFA mentor Jeanne Murray Walker published a book of sonnets that moves through themes of creation, personal connection, death, and the silence beyond death that is God. We, too, follow this path in the Church calendar: the Advent and Birth of Jesus, his life on earth, his death and resurrection, and then his ascension that leaves us in a kind of silence as we await the Holy Spirit. Walker's poem "Poinsettia" connects Advent to Pentecost as a Christmas poinsettia goes through a death and rebirth to be crowned with tongues of red flowers.

Poinsettia

The scarlet petals were floppy as felt hats
by March, and falling into piles across the rug,
so I cut the plastic pot to free its roots
and laid it by the compost in the mud.
Busy that spring, I didn't notice how
it waited out the months, night after night
in wind, in grueling rain and a late snow,
inclining from the compost into light,
its new leaves firming, blossomless and thick,
like a novice of a strange order.
As mornings warmed, it grew strong and quick
to shade the lost plants I'd abandoned there,
finally ringing red, like church bells, on the hour.
And who knows now which twig will next flower?

Last month, we saw an Italian sonnet whose logical structure leads to a problem/solution or observation/comment structure. Walker's poem is an English sonnet: three groups of four lines with alternating rhyme followed by two rhyming lines at the end. English sonnets are suited to a progression of images or observations ending in a pithy conclusion.

Walker plays with the form a little by separating the first four lines from the rest of the poem, and her rhymes in those first four lines are quite a stretch. Nevertheless, the poem progresses through a journey. The poem starts in March as the Christmas poinsettia reaches the end of its blooming, the petals "floppy as felt hats" and "falling into piles." The gardener buries the plant "by the compost" and moves on with life.

The second four lines trace an unseen resurrection. Out of sight, the plant suffers a "grueling" set of trials—wind, rain, "a late snow." Through all of these trials, the plant is "inclining from the compost into light." The discarded plant reaches through trials to the light.

The third group of four lines illustrates the plant's resurging vitality until "as mornings warmed," the plant not only thrives itself but also aids other "abandoned plants." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus quotes Isaiah speaking about the abandoned stone that will be made the cornerstone of a new building. Here, the discarded plant not only survives but triumphs through trials with "ringing red" flowers. As Pentecost features tongues of fire crowning the heads of Jesus' followers, "Poinsettia" ends with a mystery: we do not know where life will next spring forth from the discarded twigs.

Jeanne Murray Walker, *Pilgrim, You Find the Path by Walking*, 2019.

Stay at Home continues with loving changes - Deacon Bob

I want to thank everyone for their kind expressions of caring thoughts and prayers around my Mom's death. Cyn and I felt touched by the healing power of prayer feeling the warmth of those who shared our spirit. We realize that through those prayers, we have the courage to carry on.



Just as the Outreach Committee carried on when they voted to carry on Trinity's work with our partner organizations, we see the need in our society complicated by the pandemic and reach out through the six organizations to help those hurt most by the coronavirus and the oppression of our society.

They were also thinking of the future when they took a new look at an old way of giving. While we know that some people are in dire need of assistance, some people are blessed with funds they would like to donate during this pandemic.

Mother Susan and Donna suggested that an ongoing opportunity for people to be able to donate to assist folks through the pandemic might be a good idea. What we had in mind is a fund people can donate directly into, and Outreach can disperse the funds to the groups we are currently donating to. This would be over and above what the Vestry has designated for outreach in the budget.

We could possibly even allocate a percentage of the funds be available to go to the Priest's Discretionary Fund. This would allow Mother Susan to assist folks who may come directly to the Church for assistance.

People could designate on their check memo line the organization they want their check to go to.

Any money from this fund that is not dispersed at the end of the year could be given to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund as an addition to our end of the year disbursement. This would avoid any conflict with Outreach doing fundraising, since we have agreed not to do so this year. We will be meeting in the near future to figure out how all this may work here at Trinity.

Just as the Diocese carries on as we look to a future with masks and social distancing as a way of life. We see outdoor services to make things safe for everyone as life opens up and begins a period of moving out in the world.

We see sharing the bread of life in a new way that reminds us that all that we do keeps others safe from the pain of this disease that will be present in our world for some time. We see Zoom, Facetime and other communication apps helping us to share with those we care about as well as being part of our social network at church and work.

Just as the world carries on, we see people caring for people in new and creative ways. As businesses open up and eateries and social areas return to the new normal, we learn that forcing our will on anyone gives way to caring for everyone as we try to fulfill Christ's command to "Love one another" during this pandemic.

**God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them from their distress.**

**Most merciful and triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.**

**We place before you the disease present in
our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.
Amen.**

- from Janet Fedders, Minister Provincial TSSF

ON-LINE GIVING

Thanks to everyone who has continued to financially support Trinity by sending checks in the mail and making pledge payments and donations online using a credit card.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL! As much as we appreciate it, it is risky to do so and we would encourage you to write a check or use the online portal.

The online portal is completely secure and is instant. Your information is available to only one person who records and credits your household with the pledge payment.

Please continue to consider supporting Trinity until we are able to meet and worship together at our beautiful church.

Look for this button on the main webpage or click this button NOW!

Giving Online



Grades 1 thru 6

Lessons are now available online at
<https://www.trinityfuquay.org/sunday-school>



Online Adult Forum with Robert A. Rubin PhD.



The Middle Way: Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, from the Romans to present day.

LIVE weekly half hour interactive adult forum - Wednesdays at 7.00pm

-powered by ZOOM

Catchup and [watch Episode 1,2, 3 and 4](#)

How to join Robert on Zoom:

1. Email robert.rubin@mac.com and register your interest.
2. Download "*Zoom client for meetings*" and install [-HERE](#)
3. You will receive an invitation and link to the forum.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all!

6/3 Mary Giro
5/5 Monty Reichert
6/15 Amy Heartfeld
6/15 Ellen Hamilton
6/26 Karen Teague
6/27 John Cizek



If we missed your birthday or have the wrong date, please email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

Trinity Book & Puzzle Exchange grows



Bob Williams reports that Karen Teague's little library was a great idea and has grown to 31 books and 3 puzzles...

"About two or three weeks ago, it was announced that a table had been set up in the parish hall, to be used as a lending library for books and jigsaw puzzles. A few days later, I went over to see what was there. I saw about 15 books and 2-3 puzzles. I brought, and left, seven more books. I brought two books home that other parishioners had offered to share.

I have now returned those two, and highly recommend both. The

Secret Life of Bees is a novel set in a small South Carolina town in

1964. It is about lost love, yearned-for love, and finding new love. It also has tidbits about beekeeping, and how those facts are related to human relationships.

Helping Yourself Grow Old is a series of anecdotes written by an 88-year-old Christian woman. She reflects on her life, her family and friends, and how she intends to live her future."

Do you have a book report or recommendation? Please share it with the Trinitarian and email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org.

Federal Paycheck Protection Program

Many of you will know that the Coronavirus prompted Congress to approve a bailout/stimulus package to help businesses and organizations through these difficult times. The basic composition of the package is a loan for 2.5 months of salary that can be forgiven if 80% is used for payroll. The loan then becomes a grant where it qualifies to be approved. The opportunity included non-profit organizations and churches. Trinity applied and was approved for a loan of \$ 6,800.00 in May 2020 which we hope will be forgiven after the 8 week period. It provides Trinity with flexibility and opportunity to continue doing the work we do in our community and at large. If you have any questions on this, please feel to email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

From the Anglican Digest

Guided to Places We Would Rather Not Go To:

The pandemic has caused many changes in our daily lives, including the cancellation of face-to-face worship services. The spiritual life is a life in which we are led to hard places, places we would rather not go to. For Jesus and St. Peter, it was to the cross. For the other disciples, it meant a lot of suffering. It is being in love—so fully and so totally in love that we go to places we would rather not go to.

Living in this time of the virus we are called to live into social distancing and physical distancing. We are all being asked to do things that we would rather not do— things that cut into our desire to be personally present with each other. We are called to carry the cross of dying to our take-for-granted practices of going to work and to school, and gathering as a community of faith in our church building to be fed at God's Table.

But we are going to places we would rather not go to because are in love with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. And so, out of self-sacrifice, we are willing to go to the place of distancing from each other. And we do so in the hope that no one of us gives or receives the virus to another member of our faith family or to anyone else in the larger community.

This time of trouble shall pass. And we can look forward with joy to the day when we gather in person again as the family in Christ.

Submitted by Bob Williams



Thanks to everyone for continuing to contribute to the well-being of the church. This is Frank Bowles on Friday May 23rd cutting the grass. Also spotted on weekdays: Bobby Norris and Ray Sadler cutting the grass! Many of you contribute in so many different ways and a big "thank you" on behalf of the Clergy, Vestry and Parishioners!

Become a ZOOMer

On Sunday May 31st we are planning a parish wide virtual coffee hour at 1pm

Its a great way to connect, catch up, and share information about the past 6+ weeks and what the next 6+ weeks might look like.

This will be a ZOOM meeting. New to Zoom? Click below for instructions to install. The invitation will be in next week's bulletin email.

[Install ZOOM for Windows](#)

[Install ZOOM for MAC](#)

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS ONLINE

Starts Sunday, May 31, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA is offering a diocesan-wide confirmation course for youth who will be in grades 9-12 in the school year 2020/2021. Candidates for confirmation must be baptized members of an Episcopal congregation within the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. This seven-unit offering begins Sunday, May 31 at 7pm, and will meet weekly on subsequent Sunday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. There will be a mix of videos to watch, online weekly meetings to attend, and one-on-one sessions with an adult mentor.

Participants must attend six of the seven weeks and complete on their own any missed information. The sessions will be led by Leah Dail, assistant youth missionary and Amy Campbell, children's and family missionary. Congregational clergy, youth leaders and youth mentors will be included in this hybrid confirmation offering.

This is a unique formation opportunity for youth to enjoy with other youth from across the Diocese. If you or a young person you know is interested, **please complete this interest form**, and they will be in touch with additional course information.

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