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## HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

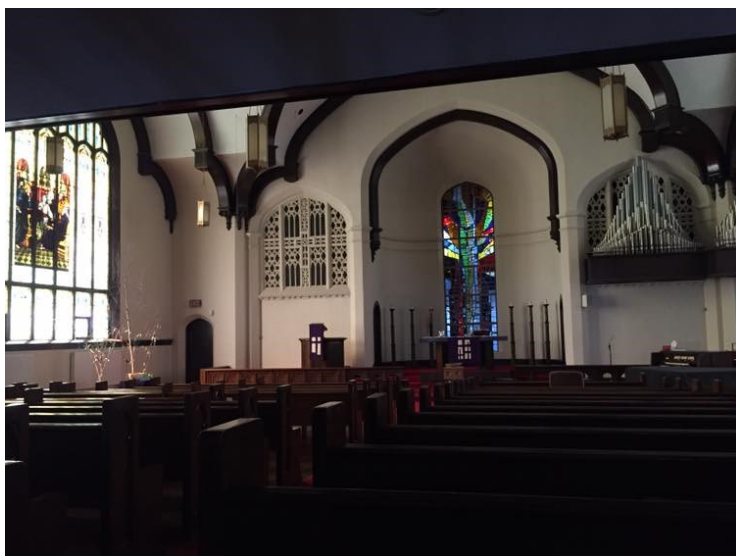
Taking a moment to reflect.

Being a custodian in this building for more than 25 years I am used to being here when the space is empty and the building is quiet. Used to cleaning after the day's activities are done or prepping space to look good for Sunday worship. Many times when I've been here, I've taken a brief moment to sit in a pew, admire the beautiful stained glass, reflect and give thanks.

Today feels a bit different, as I'm sitting here at a time when the pews are typically full, a time when the choir is singing, a time when the pastors are preaching, but today there is silence, a stillness as the sun peeks in through the glass.

The silence, though, is only in this space. Those who normally sit in these pews, sing from the hymnals, and preach from the pulpit are still doing that. They have found a new way, a different way, a temporary way, until they can fill this space again. Proof that faith is not in the space where you practice it, but in the heart of those who have it, who believe it. Wishing all of you a blessed day keep the faith.

—Kathy Ekwall, Weekend Custodian



### APRIL 5 (PALM SUNDAY) WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Physical distance does not mean disengagement. God has given us creative capacities for such a time as this. To view the worship service from Palm Sunday, April 5 (recorded, not live), type this link into your browser: [vimeo.com/404006916](https://vimeo.com/404006916). If you have access to email and are not receiving our weekly worship video, contact the church office ([htoffice@htlcmpls.org](mailto:htoffice@htlcmpls.org)) to update your information.

## EASTER SUNDAY

### READINGS

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-18

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Videos will be emailed for each of the following days of **Holy Week**. Join us as we journey together:

### *Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday*

We begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us.

### *Friday, April 10—Good Friday*

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. His year, congregants offer laments for Indigenous land loss (David Berg), COVID-19 (Melanie McRae), unintended pregnancy (Anonymous), pandemic racism (Keith and Libby Olstad), and the ecological destruction of the border wall (Marianna Hefte). Immanuel Davis (flute) and Kathe Jarka (cello) will share their gifts of music. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us.

### *Saturday, April 11—Vigil of Easter*

Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the church. The liturgy is multifaceted, rich, and playful. Twelve readings are appointed, not all of which are read each year, but as a whole they lift up some of the greatest moments of the history of God's salvific work. This year, we hear: Creation sung by Ann Schrooten; Deliverance at the Red Sea told by Rob and Sharon Englund; The Valley of Dry Bones told by Scott and Stephanie Cole; and Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace told by John and Kay Buzza.

### *Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday*

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather online for a festival worship service with Holy Communion to celebrate this good news. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

## GENEROSITY

Donations to the Coronavirus Assistance Fund and to the church's General Fund can be mailed to the church (2730 E. 31st St., Minneapolis, 55406) or given electronically through our website ([htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)). We extend warm thanks to all who have made special gifts to support the ministry during this time!

# PARISH INFORMATION

## CONCERNING PEOPLE

The funeral for **Marge Torgerson** will be held at a later date, when it is once again safe to gather. Cards for the family may be sent to the church office.

## EASTER VIDEO, HELP REQUESTED

Sunday, April 12, is Easter, and to enliven our online worship we are looking for households to send in a short clip (<5 seconds) of themselves shouting, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Please email your clips by 5:00 p.m., Wed., April 8, to Pastor Ingrid (ingridrasmussen@htlcmpls.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Pastor Ingrid will host a Zoom call each Tuesday from 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. Zoom allows participants to click a link and be connected by video, or to call in and participate by telephone. This conversation will allow participants to see and share with one another. The time will close with prayer. Log on to [zoom.us/j/177693681](https://zoom.us/j/177693681) (password 634717), or call (312) 626-6799 and follow the prompts (meeting ID 177 693 681, password 634717).

Pastor Angela will hold "shelter-in-place office hours" each week on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Need to connect with a human voice? Having a tough day? Have a joke to share? Always wanted to ask a question about worship or about God? Give her a call for a one-on-one conversation at (612) 248-9121. No appointment necessary. Just dial.

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## PARISH EVENTS April 12-18, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Second Sunday Suppers ZOOM Call
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m.-noon	Office Hours (Pastor Angela)
	12:00 p.m.	ZOOM Call with Pastor Ingrid
<b>Thursday</b>	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Office Hours (Pastor Angela)

## NEED A ZOOM MEETING?

Holy Trinity now has Zoom licenses that church committees, working groups, and social groups can use for your meetings and gatherings. If you have a meeting that you would like to hold via a Zoom meeting, simply follow this process: Contact Pam Wetterlund (651-398-7980 or [pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pwetterlund@htlcmpls.org)) and inform her of the day, time, meeting/topic, and expected number of participants. She will set up a Zoom meeting and email you a link that you can email out to everyone you want to include.

## SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER

The Second Sunday Supper group is moving online! You are invited to join them at 5:00 p.m. on Easter for some face-to-face time. You can email Donna Scott ([drscott989@gmail.com](mailto:drscott989@gmail.com)) to get a link in your inbox. Or you can log on to [zoom.us/j/781155484](https://zoom.us/j/781155484) (password 228018) from your computer. OR you can call 1-312-626-6799 from your telephone and follow the prompts (meeting ID 781 155 484; password 228018).

## STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

The Stepping Out in Faith Working Group met for the first time. Stepping Out in Faith is the initiative to discern how to steward the extraordinary gift that the congregation received from the sale of Trinity Apartments. After reviewing applications, the Council appointed the following members to serve: Nicki Hines (chair), ZoeAna Martinez, Mike Nevergall, Libby Olstad, Tina Russell, Mark Symchych, Randy Nelson, and both pastors. Look for more information from this group in the coming weeks!