



# TRINITY TIMES

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## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

During Holy Week, which begins on the Fifth of April, we will once again employ the liturgies and worship services that mark this particular time of the Christian year. We will wave palms, strip the altar, carry a wooden crucifix, mark the stations of Jesus' terrible way to the cross, and finally celebrate with his disciples as the resurrection is made known and the Christ made complete.



For those who have worshipped in the sacramental tradition all of their lives, this holiest of weeks causes us to experience anew the familiar rituals. For those new to the sacramental life, it is an opportunity to explore with deeper intention the inevitable pilgrim's path that leads from the frustration and despair of the crucifixion to the joy and marvel of resurrection and reunion. For all, it is a reminder that journeys of faith are not limited to the Israelites in the wilderness or pilgrims on their way to medieval Canterbury; it is something that can be known even within the boundaries of Lakeville.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Cyril, who was one of the most important of the early church's theologians, served as the bishop of Jerusalem. As Christianity had now become "tolerated" in the Roman Empire, and as growing affluence and infrastructure enabled greater travel, Easter pilgrimages to the Holy See were becoming more and more common. Unfortunately, this also meant that large numbers of people arriving in Jerusalem, ostensibly for holy reasons, and were getting into more and more mischief. Imagine a combination of Woodstock and Mardi Gras.

It is highly likely that Cyril instituted the liturgical forms for the days of Holy Week so that the pilgrims would not only be distracted from less pious pursuits, but so that they may be engaged in the holiness of the place and season, and thus reminded of

the purpose of their pilgrimage. These Jerusalem practices became popular and were spread to other churches throughout the Empire by the returning pilgrims. In time, a collection of liturgies meant not only to heighten the importance of a season but to control boisterous mobs became those services which marked for all worshippers everywhere the high point of the Christian year.

While our seasonal passions may not be as unruly as a collection of 4<sup>th</sup> century pilgrims, the lasting importance of the liturgies of Holy Week is such that even those with a tangential acquaintance with routine worship find themselves in the place of welcome, hospitality and re-birth. In that, as in everything offered in our tradition, we hope that all who worship find some aid, comfort, and companionship on whatever pilgrimage they manifest.

*Father Rob*

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT TRINITY

**Sunday, April 5**

8 and 10:30 -Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, April 9**

**7 pm**—Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist

**Friday, April 10**

**12 noon –3 pm** Church open for Meditation and Prayer

**7 pm**—Good Friday Liturgy and Solemn Collects, Liturgy of the Cross

**Saturday, April 11**

**7 pm**—Great Vigil of Easter  
Lighting of the New Fire  
Service of Light  
First Eucharist of Easter

**Sunday, April 12**

**8 am** Holy Eucharist with Music  
**10:30 am** Festive Eucharist

**12 noon**—coffee hour and Easter Egg hunt

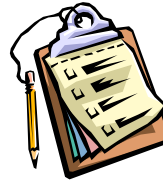
### EASTER EGG DYEING



All Trinity youngsters, oldsters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and godchildren are invited to dye Easter eggs from 10-11 am on Saturday, April 11 in the Sunday School room. This always popular event will keep your kitchen clean and your dog from sporting an interesting new coat...

Please advise Geoff Brown (geoff@betweenthelakes.com or 860-824-0640) if you will be participating so that we will have enough eggs for all!

### NOTES FROM THE VESTRY



Issues around Buildings and Grounds have figured prominently in recent Vestry meetings. The inoperative water heater in the rectory has been replaced and the B&G chair has been asked to proceed with the repairs to the well housing as mandated by the state. The tree threatening the church building has been removed, and the committee studying the configuration of the prayer garden was to meet in late March. Discussion of how to strengthen our shaky altar railing was also addressed.

Assistant treasurer Al Dorf reported that with the receipt of some recent pledges, the pledge portion of the budget should be met this year.

### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!



Spring clean up day is scheduled for April 25 (snow, sleet, ice, typhoon date is May 2).

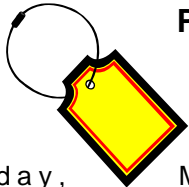
We'll begin with doughnuts and coffee at 9 am and then work on beautifying our grounds and repairing the damage caused by this past winter's storms.

Bring a rake, shovel, broom, gloves and

whatever else you think might be useful!  
Questions? Judy Brown at 860-824-0640  
has the answers!

## VICAR'S FORUM

After our Lenten hiatus and book group discussion, the popular Vicar's Forums will resume in May with a return to the discussion of recent archaeological discoveries and how they inform our faith today. Check the Vicar's blog and the Trinity weekly update for further information as it is disseminated.



## PLANNING AHEAD...

The annual Memorial Day Giant Tag and Bake Sale is planned for Saturday, May 23 from 10-2. Ginny Dildine and Trudy Washburn need your help to sort, set up and sell the huge variety of ...well...stuff!

If your spring cleaning is yielding all sorts of previously loved but now displaced art work, bric-a-brac, bed and bath linens, kitchen items, costume jewelry, toys, books, CDs, DVDs and furniture, consider bringing it to Trinity the week of May 17 for selling at our big event. Please, no clothes, shoes, pocketbooks or luggage!

Remember the Tag Sale Motto: If it belongs at the Transfer Station (aka the Dump), please take it there directly! Only items that you would be willing to have in your own home are appropriate to offer for sale to others for theirs.

Alice Tweed will be managing the bake sale portion of the day. Sandwiches, pies, cakes, cookies, candy and preserves are all welcome! Let Alice know that you'll be helping out and save her having to call you...



The Annual Memorial Day Picnic will be held on Saturday May 23 at 6 pm. Chefs Al Dorf and John Lloyd will be flipping the steaks while the rest of us will supply the sides, salads and desserts.

## SIMNEL CAKES AT TRINITY



On Laetare Sunday (also known as Refreshment, Mothering or Rose Sunday), Father Rob asked Trudy Washburn how long she had been baking the Simnel cakes for Trinity. Trudy has kindly written us the

following story:

Father Rob's question of how many years we have been enjoying Simnel cake on Mothering Sunday during Lent sparked many memories.

It was discussed during the coffee hour as we ate this year's cake with some parishioners recalling that they have been eating Simnel cake for 20 or 30 years!

Father Newton Howden was our pastor and he approached me to make this cake and have daffodils (Lenten lilies) on the altar.

It was to be round—only one layer—unleavened and filled with currants and citrons with other dried candied fruit in it. The top was to be decorated with a yellow cross in the middle, a dried sheaf of wheat on one side and the Trinity sign on the other. Around the cake were to be clusters of purple grapes.

I could bake the cake but not do all that decorating! A neighbor who did wedding cakes agreed to help me.

The Saturday came, the cake was baked and the neighbor could not come. Not knowing what to do, my husband suggested going to Bristol for our daughter-in-law, who also baked wedding cakes to order. She agreed to come, having the necessary icing colors, including the purple, if he could come and get her as her husband was at work. She spent the entire afternoon, fussing over those grapes and the top decorations and charged \$15.00 for her supplies and effort.

The cake was a beautiful, instant success and being the first time Mothering Sunday was observed in this area, the *Lakeville*

*Journal* sent a photographer to take a picture of it being served to the congregation and to get the story of the Simnel cake tradition.

At the next ECW meeting, amid praise, I submitted the \$15.00 bill and the ladies were horrified. Fifteen dollars *for a cake*? We would never be able to afford it next year. When Father Howden learned of the dissent, he suggested sifted sugar on top would do, and we never had purple grapes and wheat sheaves again.

Several years later, a group of us were at the church when the phone rang and a voice asked for me. A former parishioner, who had moved to Arizona, wanted to start the tradition at her new church and needed the recipe from me.

It would be lovely to think that our Trinity tradition has become another church's tradition across the country.

*Thanks, Trudy! This is a wonderful story that will be enjoyed not only by Trinity parishioners but others as well.*

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