



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

**In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
until the destroying storms pass by.**

(Psalm 57:1b)

What a week! What a month! What a fast-moving storm is this season of pandemic in which we find ourselves. We think that the news can't get worse, and then it does.

It's so easy to get caught up in fear and panic. And yet, we have each other, we have our friends and family, and we have our Lord Jesus Christ.

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.

(Matthew 23:37b)

Let's try to take a few moments every day, no matter how we feel, to sit down quietly and take some deep breaths. We want to be thankful for all we have, physically and spiritually. We want to be in prayer for those who are without homes, or without healthcare, or without work, and so many others who need our prayers. As you sit and breathe, other people for whom we should pray will come to your mind and your heart.

This Sunday, and for Sundays in the near future, we will livestream our service. Beginning this Sunday we will use the Holy Eucharist service that many of us are more familiar with, rather than the Morning Prayer that we used last Sunday. So, please join us online for our livestream service. It will begin at 10:30 AM. And one does not have to be a member of Facebook in order to see the Eucharist. You can find information about how to join us on our website and on our Trinity Facebook page.

Also, on a more practical matter, the salaries of our important employees depend upon your donations being made on a timely basis. I know for many of you there are financial matters that you must attend to in your lives first, but if it is possible to continue your pledge payments or plate donations, I encourage you to please do so. You can send a check. You can direct your bank to send a check. There is a "donate" button on our weekly Trinity Update, and Geoff Brown is also exploring how to utilize other payment services that you may already use, such as Venmo and Paypal.

All of this is so new and unknown to all of us. No one of us has been in this situation before and so we're all trying on new ways to be Church and to be in community.

Let us pray, taking words from the Forward Movement's Morning Resolve:

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, and self seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the habit of holy silence. In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

With hope and faith and love,

Pastor Heidi