

# The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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## LENT CONTINUES



We are about half way through Lent already. This church season encourages us to pay attention to our spiritual lives. We have changed several parts of our worship in order to focus our attention on the role Jesus plays in salvation history. Because Eucharistic Prayer A gives special attention to Jesus' sacrificial death, we use it throughout Lent. We change the service music to Healey Willan's *Missa Sancta Magdalena*. This includes the *Kyrie eleison* (in place of the *Gloria in excelsis*), *Sanctus* (in the usual spot), and *Agnus Dei* (at the breaking of the bread). The words are a little different than you'll see in the prayer book, so turn to it in the front of the hymnal (the S-numbers for each will be listed in the bulletin) and sing along. The Prayers of the People will follow Form IV, allowing a period of silence after each petition.

For many years we have knelt as a congregation for the confession and Eucharistic Prayer during Lent to emphasize our solidarity during this time of fasting and prayer, even as we stand together during Easter season to emphasize our solidarity in celebrating Jesus resurrection. Kneeling is an appropriate posture for those who are penitent involves the entire body in prayer in a different way than does sitting (as is the custom in many Protestant churches) or standing (as is the custom in Orthodox churches). While I do like the added spiritual dimension kneeling offers, my knees have begun to protest; therefore I limit my kneeling. As standing is also an appropriate posture for prayer; choose to stand or kneel as best suits you.

-Fran Stanford-



## HOLY WEEK

### **The Sunday of the Passion:**

#### **Palm Sunday, March 20**

8 & 10 AM The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10 AM Mystery Walk—  
Children's Stations of the Cross

#### **Monday in Holy Week, March 21**

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

#### **Tuesday in Holy Week, March 22**

6:30 PM Quiet Prayer

#### **Wednesday in Holy Week, March 23**

6:30 PM Quiet Prayer

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 24**

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Eucharist  
Stripping of the altar

#### **Good Friday, March 25**

7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy  
with communion from Reserved Sacrament

#### **Easter Day, March 27**

8 AM First Eucharist of Easter  
10 AM Festival Holy Eucharist  
11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt



# FRANFARE

Dear friends,

As prep for our Lenten Study Series *Holy Week in Word and Art*, I have listened to professors from the Chandler School of Theology read and discuss scripture, and have studied various artistic depictions of the events leading up to Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection. This two-fold approach has encouraged me to consider various aspects of these very familiar stories in new ways. By asking why a particular artist portrayed the events as he did (yes, so far all the artists have been male), I have considered aspects I had overlooked.

That has led me to consider how often my expectations, what I know or believe, have influenced what I actually hear or see. I remember a time in medical school when I realized that I could not look at a person's hands and not plot where I would insert an IV. I might not even notice the arthritic knuckles or the skin lesions because my focus was only on the veins. Once a professor chastised me because I failed to notice a colleague had only one contact in, because I had not looked at him closely enough to see he had one blue and one green eye.

Our beliefs often fall prey to the same limited vision. We learned such-and-such when we were children and refuse to re-examine it once we have grown into adulthood. Either we are afraid to lose our child-like faith, or we are afraid of the truths we might have to accept if we look too closely at what we believe. The statement - *Don't confuse me with the facts* — is only partly said in jest. We truly do not want to do the hard work of growing our faith.

Yet what person would choose to hold onto a child's belief in fairies or elves or S.C. or the Easter Bunny? (OK, drop the Easter Bunny from that list). Nor do we want to continue to do math on our fingers, or long division (does anyone still know how?) once we learn how to use a calculator. We expect our children to learn new things, to utilize cause-and-effect thinking as opposed to magical thinking; so why are we so resistant to growing up in faith? Few of us would want to remain adolescent in body, yet we cling to pre-adolescent faith because we don't want to grow up.

I believe fear of the unknown holds us back from becoming fully mature spiritual adults. For people of faith, faith shapes how we understand the world and everything we do. We are afraid of how that might change if we allow our faith to grow, because growth means change. Who would willingly engage in a whole scale reconstruction of their world and their lives without a good reason to do so? Unless we have some assurance that life will be at least as good on the other side of this radical change, we are unwilling to do the hard work of growing up spiritually.

Lent give us the opportunity to examine our faith, our spiritual lives and determine where we have growing-up to do. Then Jesus calls us to lay down our lives, pick up that cross, and follow him.

May Lent bless you with spiritual growth.

Fran+



## LENTEN OFFERING

Our Lenten Offering will once again go to St. Etienne's School in Haiti. Our contributions will continue to help provide tuition, uniforms, and books to the children in Haiti, so that they can advance their education, thus opening the door for new hopes and new opportunities. Those who use envelopes for their regular pledge contributions will note that there are two envelopes for each Sunday of Lent - one is the regular white envelope and one is blue and says "Lent" on it. Offerings in the blue envelopes; checks payable to Trinity with "Haiti" written in the memo line; or cash contributions (in plain envelopes with "Haiti" written on the outside of the envelope) received during the season of Lent will be designated to help the children in Haiti. Thank you!

*Gail Landers+*

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
No hands but yours; No feet but yours;  
Yours are the eyes through which  
Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth;  
Yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good;  
And yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.*

*-St. Teresa of Avila-*



### TOUR ST. DEMETRIOS ORTHODOX CHURCH

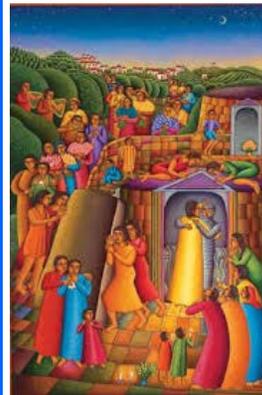
As a special addition to our Lenten Study series we have arranged for a tour of St.



Demetrios Orthodox Church on Cub Hill RD. The Greek Orthodox understand worship from a different perspective than most Western denominations. Rather than a word-centered approach (scriptures, preaching, prayers) typical of

Protestants, Anglicans and to a lesser extent Roman Catholics, the Orthodox utilize a more sensual approach. One aspect with which most of us are at least peripherally acquainted is the use of icons. This "right-brain" approach fits in well with our Lenten series *Holy Week in Word and Art*. On March 13, following a shortened program at Trinity, we will visit St Demetrios for a guided tour. For those who wish to meet us there, please arrive at St. Demetrios, 2504 Cub Hill RD, Baltimore MD 21234, at 12:30. For those wishing to carpool from Trinity, we plan to leave by 12:15. For more information, please speak with Dr. Fran.

### LENTEN STUDY SERIES



We have gotten off to a great start in this year's Lenten Study series, *Holy Week in Word and Art*. There is still time to join the group at 11:30 each Sunday for a presentation using DVD and Powerpoint as we examine the scriptures and various artistic

depictions of the events of Holy Week and Easter. Our goal is to engage the right brain, the emotions, the imaginative parts of ourselves in order to more deeply experience the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. You don't need to make all the sessions to benefit and no preparation is required – just jump right in! As a special treat, we will tour St. Demetrios, a local Greek Orthodox church (see separate article) on March 13 at 12:30pm in order to learn a different way to strengthen the non-literal portion of our spirits.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Since the early first centuries, Christians have marked the events of Holy Week and Easter by following in the footsteps of Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem. As early as the third century, pilgrims returning from the Holy Land reported this practice in their

journals. In time, those unable to make the trip to the Holy Land recreated the experience in their own towns and cities. This practice gradually evolved into a devotional practice referred to as *Stations of the Cross*, or *The Way of the Cross*. There are fourteen stations marking episodes from the time of Jesus' arrest, to the placement of his body in the stone tomb. Nine of these stations have their origins in the scriptural account of Jesus' passion, the other five come from pious legends that arose during the Middle Ages. *Stations* can involve walking from one location to the next, sometimes marked by plaques on the wall of a church or a simple cross set into the ground along a path, or the service can be read in place in a church. At each station, a short scripture is read, a reflection given, and a prayer response made. The service typically ends with the Lord's prayer. Trinity will hold a service of Stations of the Cross on the Monday of Holy Week, **March 21, at 6:30 pm**. Come and walk the way of the cross with us.

- Fran Stanford -

## FAMILY SUNDAY

Our custom of Family Sunday on the first Sunday of the month continues in March with special participation by our Sunday School children. In addition to singing a song they have practiced in Sunday School, they will participate in a Melodramatic Presentation of the gospel lesson, the Parable of the Prodigal Son.



## MYSTERY WALK



One way to ensure our children understand that Easter is NOT about chicks, bunnies and candy is to attend a Mystery Walk. A Mystery Walk is a child-friendly Stations of the Cross (sometimes

called Way of the Cross), that is, a devotional practice where one moves from location to location recounting Jesus' journey from his arrest to his death on the cross. At each station, the child receives a token to help remember that event. For example, at the station where Jesus takes up his cross, the children receive pocket crosses, and at the station where Jesus is laid in the tomb, each one receives a stone. Unlike the traditional Stations of the Cross, we end the Mystery Walk with a Resurrection Station. This helps the children complete the story, and remember the reason we celebrate Easter.

This year the Mystery Walk will take place on Palm Sunday, March 20, during Sunday School. Plan for your children to be there, and if you can assist, please contact Dr. Fran.

-Fran Stanford-

## EASTER FLOWERS

Trinity traditionally uses a variety of spring flowers to decorate the altar and windows for Easter. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one who has died, or in thanksgiving for blessings in your life, please use the form found in the bulletins beginning **March 6**, or in the church office, or by calling the church office.



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

On Palm Sunday the decorations include sprays of palms wired to the altar cross and to the processional crosses. This job takes two people and volunteers are needed. Wiring the palms requires strength and balance to work on the step ladder and to lift the altar cross. It also requires patience. In the past this job has taken about two hours. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.



## CAROLYN LOWERY HAS A NEW ADDRESS

Carolyn Lowery is now a resident at Arden Courts, Towson. She would love to receive visitors and mail. Please address her mail:

Virginia Carolyn Lowery  
Arden Courts  
8101 Bellona Ave  
Towson MD 21204



"Try to be rainbow in someone's cloud."



-Maya Angelou, *Rainbow in the Cloud*

## Nursery News



If you love to read, Henry will love YOU forever! Volunteer to help in the nursery with Henry and our smallest members! Even if you can commit to one Sunday every few months, it would be a wonderful help! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact Chrissy Cook at [cookfamily0310@aol.com](mailto:cookfamily0310@aol.com) for more information!

## TRINITY RECYCLES



Trinity Church and Trinity Church Day School recycle paper, plastic and cardboard. We have recycle bins in our offices and a recycle barrel that the cleaning service takes out each week. The bulletins from the church and any plastic containers or water bottles left in the Choir room are brought to the parish house by volunteers. After big events such as the Country Fair, church members have offered to collect soda cans water bottles etc. and recycle. If there is interest, we could also place recycle containers in the parish hall. Over the past three years,

Trinity has made a good start on protecting our environment by recycling. With your help we can continue practicing good stewardship of the world God has given us.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

- 5 Charles Cook
- 8 Sue Luba  
Bruce Nelson  
Abigail Turner
- 12 Grant Talbot
- 13 Becky Fraser-Hand  
Graham Burton
- 15 Adam Mathews  
Judy Wiseman
- 17 Eric Meyer
- 18 Brendan Fitzgerald
- 21 Doris Schmidt
- 22 Robert Brockmann
- 24 Kevin Fitzgerald  
Justin Rims
- 25 Dex Nelson
- 26 Nelson Lowman  
Jane Franklin
- 29 Calvin Cook  
Dennis Mearig



*Let the church office know if we have mistakenly omitted your special day*



**March 13, 2015**  
Spring forward 1 hour.  
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed.

**IN MEMORIUM**



**Robert Scott Wood**  
**June 20, 1974 - February 9, 2016**  
*Rest eternal grant to him.*

**TRUMPETER ARTICLE DEADLINE**

Please submit your April articles to [marthab28@verizon.net](mailto:marthab28@verizon.net) by March 23, 2016.

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 21 Gerard & Melissa (Berry) Meyer
- 26 Nate & Diane Pierce
- 27 Bill & Claudia Troy



**TIP OF THE HAT**

- ♦ Altar guild members for the work they do, and the extra work required for our Lent, Holy Week and Easter services
- ♦ All those who helped with the service and reception for Scoot Wood, Edie Wood's son
- ♦ For Nursery volunteers
- ♦ For choir members, both adult and youth
- ♦ For Sunday School teachers
- ♦ For ushers and greeters and lectors and chalicists
- ♦ For Lee Yoder's crew clearing snow from our parking lot and walks



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**TCDS Bull and Oyster Roast—May 6, 7-11 pm,  
Columbus Gardens 4301 Klostermon Ave. Baltimore, MD**



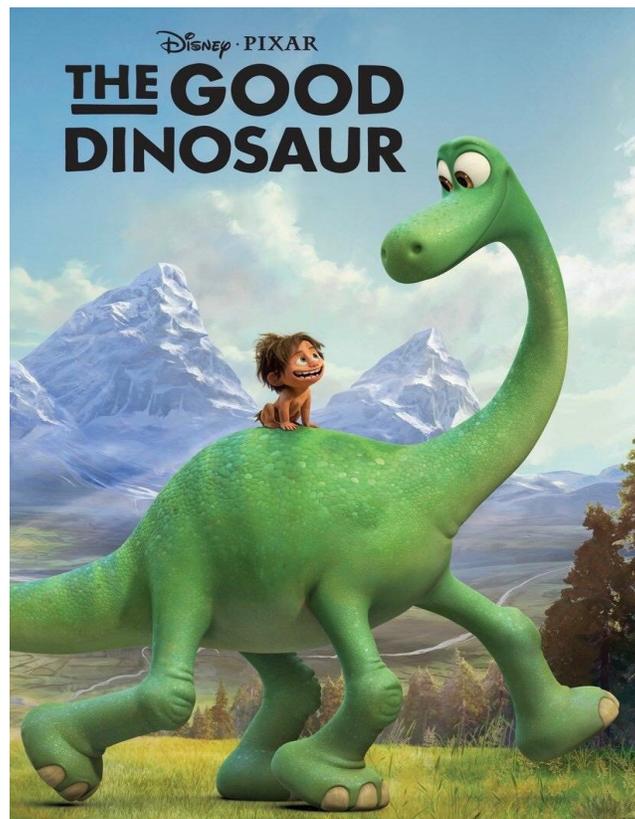
# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:00am : TAT 12:30 Lenten Eucharist	2 7:15pm—Choir Rehearsal	3 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	4	5
6 <b>Family Sunday</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:30 Lenten Series	7 6:30 Vestry	8 11:00am : TAT 12:30 Lenten Eucharist	9 7:15pm—Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	11	12 9:00-12:00 Trinity Garden Club 
13 <b>TIME CHANGE</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:30 Lenten Series	14	15 11:00am : TAT 12:30 Lenten Eucharist	16 7:15pm—Choir Rehearsal	17 8:30pm Steps & Tradition 	18 6:30 Movie Night	19
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27 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Coffee Hour 	28	29	30 7:15pm—Choir Rehearsal	31 8:30pm Steps & Tradition		

*Hey!*  
*Let's go to the movies*

*Friday, March 18, 6:30 pm*

*Bring your parents and pillows.  
Wear your jammies if you'd like!  
Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's free.*



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