

# The Trinity Weekly

## April 6, 2023



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### The Dean's Corner: An Easter Message from Dean Owens

I'll tell a little secret of ministry: we don't write our Easter sermons on the day of resurrection itself. That would be great, of course, to journey through the emotional rollercoaster and loss of Holy Week and then to sit beside the tomb and wait not only for resurrection, but for the inspiration to proclaim it.

The reality is that because most of us like to do a bit of actual preparation before stepping into the pulpit, we clergy must find a way to divide ourselves during Holy Week; we must fully engage with our hearts and our minds the stories of Jesus's passion and trial, his love for his friends, the betrayal of those he loves, and the agony of his death on a cross, yet at the same time we also reach past that those trials to find the sparks of joy that come with Easter morning and the promise of resurrection.



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)



## This Sunday, April 9

### Easter Sunday

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

#### 9 a.m. *The Abundant Table Eucharist*

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching**  
**The Rev. Adrienne Koch, presiding**

Enjoy music by Joey Skoch's Jazz Ensemble. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on [trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream).

#### 10:10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Children in grades Pre-K through five will hunt in the courtyard accessed through the piazza. Grades six through 12 will hunt in the Youth & Family Center on Trinity's third floor. There will be a family gathering in conference room C/D afterward.

#### 10:10 a.m. Sunday Schmooze

Join in the fellowship in the piazza between the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. There'll be beverages and food for all and we'll have high top tables so you can officially schmooze. And there'll be special treats for Easter, too.

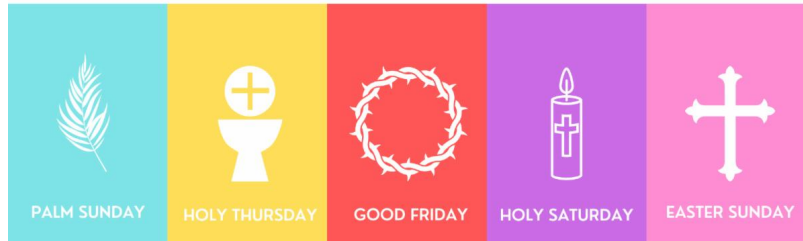
#### 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

**The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching**  
**The Rt. Rev. William Persell, presiding**

Music will include works by Amy Beach and Anton Bruckner. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on [trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream](http://trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream).

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# HOLY WEEK



## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Make your plans to join us for Easter and throughout Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 – 6 p.m.

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, April 7 – 12 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 8 – 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9 – 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Livestreams can be accessed through [trinitycleveland.org/watch-listen](https://trinitycleveland.org/watch-listen) and [facebook.com/trinitycleve](https://facebook.com/trinitycleve).

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## Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

This Friday, April 7 at 12 p.m., we will recall the story of Jesus' trial and crucifixion according to the Gospel of Luke, pray the solemn collects for Good Friday, sing hymns, and offer our own prayers of contrition.

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## Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth

All are welcome to stay after the Good Friday (April 7) noon service to experience the Stations of the Cross on the labyrinth. Each of us will walk individually, in community, using a guided text. No labyrinth experience needed. Available until 3 p.m. to walk at your own pace. Finger labyrinths will be available for use then, or to take home for those unable to stay.



## Good Friday Offering

The history of the Good Friday offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday offering was created. Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Trinity will send the offering from the Good Friday service to help support this worthy cause. Envelopes and an offering basket will be available. Details for donating online, by phone or by check are available [here](#).

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### Good Friday Concert April 7 Lecture by Charles McGuire 6:45 p.m. Concert at 7:30 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 7 the Cathedral Choir will present one of the most inspired and deeply moving works in the sacred choral repertoire, *Ein Deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem)* by Johannes Brahms. Completed shortly after the death of his own mother, this music captures the full range of human emotions, and Brahms himself said that it might more accurately be called “a human requiem.”

Brahms arranged the accompaniment for four-hand piano (in addition to the orchestral version), thus creating a chamber-music version of this music, making it possible for choirs of modest size to present this great music highly effectively. Vocal soloists will be Jacqueline Josten (soprano) and Edward Vogel (baritone), with the accompaniment played by pianists Elizabeth DeMio and Anne Wilson.

Oberlin Conservatory faculty member Charles McGuire will give a talk about Brahms and the requiem at 6:45 p.m.

Admission is free and a collection will be taken. Invite friends and plan to be here for what will surely be a very special evening of music.

~**Todd Wilson, Director of Music**

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# Great Vigil of Easter

This Saturday, April 8, we light the Easter fire in the cathedral's courtyard and chant in procession with the Paschal candle through a darkened nave. We will gather at the font to hear the story of salvation and celebrate Holy Baptism and confirmation. The service concludes with the ringing of bells and Eucharist. Come to smell the flowers and incense, renew your baptismal vows, and rejoice in the resurrection with Trinity's congregation and parishes throughout the diocese. The Rev. Jessie Gutsell Dodson will preach and the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. will preside. The service begins at 8 p.m. and it will be livestreamed at [trinitycleveland.org/blog/baptism-great-vigil-of-easter/?occurrence=1362](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/baptism-great-vigil-of-easter/?occurrence=1362).

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## MISSIONTEAMS

### Mission Team Tables

In 2023, Trinity is featuring a mission team each month with an informational table in the promenade. In April, the Adult Faith Formation mission team is highlighted. Stop by their table this Sunday, April 9 to learn about the offerings the mission team has in store for 2023. The team will be staffing the table each Sunday in April. Meet members and find out if there is an adult formation option that's made just for you.

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### Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) Weekly Prayer

The Diocese of Ohio EPF takes a faith-based approach to death penalty abolition efforts by making the connection between the crucifixion of Jesus and death row prisoners as well as the suffering and healing necessary for all who are impacted. They offer this prayer.

God of compassion,  
You let your rain fall on the just and unjust.  
Expand and deepen our hearts so that we may love as you love,  
even those among us who have caused the greatest pain by taking life.  
For there is in our land a great cry for vengeance,  
As we fill up death rows and kill the killers in the name of justice,  
in the name of peace.  
Jesus, our brother, you suffered execution at the hands of the state,  
But you did not let hatred overcome you.  
Help us to reach out to victims of violence so that our enduring love  
may help them heal.

Holy Spirit of God, You strengthen us in the struggle for justice.  
Help us to work tirelessly for the abolition of state-sanctioned death  
and to renew our society in its very heart so that violence will be no more.  
Amen.

~ Sr. Helen Prejean

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## Easter Offering Benefits Hunger & Outreach Ministries

This Easter, the collection taken will benefit Trinity's hunger and outreach ministries. Of course, this helps *A Place at the Table* and the urban farm, both of which feed people in need in our neighborhood. But it also benefits ministries such as the Marion-Sterling Partnership, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Greater Cleveland Congregations and more.

The easiest way to give is online: [bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023](http://bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023). You can also give in person at the offertory. Please indicate "Easter Offering" on your check memo line. You can also put cash in the plate; please put it in an envelope and write "Easter Offering" on the outside.

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## Trinity's Community Partner Film Wins Award at Cleveland International Film Festival

Trinity is a community partner with the Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) once again this year. The movie we partnered on is [1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture](#), which is being streamed this week until Easter Sunday, April 9.



*1946* won the Roxanne T. Mueller Audience Choice Award, presented with generous support from the Callahan Foundation—started in 1968 by Cleveland nuclear engineer, inventor, and businessman Joe Callahan. All CIFF feature films (121 of them) are eligible for this award.

A preview of the film asks, "What if the crux of modern Christian homophobia was based on a single mistranslation? Director Rocky Roggio, the queer daughter of a pastor, and a handful of scholars dig for the truth about what happened in 1946 when, in a perfect cultural and political storm, the word 'homosexual' first appeared in the Bible."

Trinity members can receive \$1 off to CIFF47 Streams by following the instructions in the attached document. Our discount code is **TRINITY**.

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## New Wednesday Bible Study Class: The Puzzle of Paul

Do you find the Apostle Paul's contradictions puzzling? How can Paul say in one place that women must keep silent and have no authority within the church (1 Timothy 2), but in another place, praise the leadership of a woman "deacon" and an "apostle" (Romans 16)? Or what about the places where Paul seems perfectly comfortable with the practice of slavery (Colossians 3, Ephesians 6, Titus 2), but in his letter to Philemon he all but twists Philemon's arm to persuade the Christian slave owner to free his runaway Christian slave, Onesimus? Or have you found it strange that there is no mention in Acts of the thirteen letters attributed to Paul in the New Testament— How could someone write the story of Paul's life without referring to any of his letters or citing at least some of their content?

This is a vexing puzzle, but there is a way to make sense of what seem to be contradictions. Join professor Bob Fowler and other facilitators Wednesday nights this Easter, to put the puzzle together. The class will run April 12-May 10 from 7-8 p.m., Wednesday nights after Evensong in conference room A/B.

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## BrownBag Concerts: Bachfest!

In April and May, Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral will present Bachfest!, a six-concert series focusing on instrumental music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Director of Music Todd Wilson will play organ and he's joined by a dynamic series of violinists to pair Bach's six sonatas and partitas for solo violin with his six trio sonatas

for organ. All concerts are livestreamed at [facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral](https://facebook.com/musicandartattrinitycathedral) and [trinitycleveland.org/brownbag-concerts](https://trinitycleveland.org/brownbag-concerts).

Dates and artists are listed for six consecutive weeks:

- April 12 – Mari Sato, violin (E Major Partita) Todd Wilson, organ (C Minor Trio Sonata)
- April 19 – Zhan Shu, violin (D Minor Partita) Todd Wilson, organ (D Minor Trio Sonata)
- April 26 – Andrew Sords, violin (B Minor Partita) Todd Wilson, organ (E Minor Trio Sonata)
- May 3 – Julie Andrijeski, violin (G Minor Sonata) Todd Wilson, organ (E-flat Major Trio Sonata)

- May 10 – Miho Hashizume, violin (A Minor Sonata) Todd Wilson, organ (C Major Trio Sonata)
- May 17 – James Thompson (C Major Sonata) Todd Wilson, organ (G Major Trio Sonata)

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## Easter Marion-Sterling Pen Pal Program

Spread the joy of Easter to Marion-Sterling School kids. Trinity has received its first mailing of pen pal letters from Marion Sterling School children, at right.



Please email [akoch@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:akoch@trinitycleveland.org) by Monday, April 24th if you would like to receive a pen pal packet. A packet with your name on it will be available for pickup behind Trinity's hospitality desk the week of April 24th. Letters must be returned to the Marion-Sterling mailbox in the piazza, at left, no later than May 14th. The letters will be returned to Marion Sterling kids the week of May 15th.

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## God Calls Leaders Bible Study

Trinity's Adult Faith Formation mission team is sponsoring a new Bible study series called *God Calls Leaders*. It takes place in conference room C/D. The format is the same as the last two Trinity Bible study events: *The Kerygma Program*. Be inspired by the classes, which will be taught by a variety of Trinity facilitators. The class will resume on April 16, 23 and 30; May 7, 14 and 21. You don't have to attend all sessions to participate.

According to *Kerygma's* course description, "Inspired leaders make a difference in the unfolding biblical drama. Understanding how God worked through the lives of the patriarchs, prophets, Jesus and the apostles will light the path for new leaders who will continue the journey."

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# Self-Compassion

*The Science and Wisdom of Being Kind to Yourself*

## Self-Compassion Second Breath Class

Beginning Sunday, April 16, a new *Second Breath* class on self-compassion will begin. *Second Breath* is a spiritual center in Greensboro which creates experiences that allow you to pause, unearth your wisdom within, and move toward what makes you fully alive. Together, living out of this aliveness, we cultivate a more compassionate world.

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself.” Too often we forget the crucial last part—loving ourselves. Through the course of the class you will examine your relationship with yourself, look at the barriers you have built against loving yourself, and engage with three-centered practices to move toward self-compassion. This self-compassion shines through us and provides a basis for unconditional kindness towards all—as God’s Beloved.

Certified *Second Breath* facilitator, the Rev. Jo Nygard Owens, will lead the class on the following dates: Sundays April 16, 23 and 30; May 7 and 14. The class will meet in conference room A/B at the 10:10 a.m. formation hour. If you have questions, please contact Jo at [jonygardowens@gmail.com](mailto:jonygardowens@gmail.com).

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## *The Tudors: Art and Majesty in Renaissance England*

Join Trinity member and Cleveland Museum of Art docent, Bill Fuller, on a private tour of this exhibit about the Tudor kings and queens that helped to shape the history of England and the Anglican church. Our tour dates will be Sunday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 19, both at 1:30 p.m. The tour fee is \$10 and can be paid on the day of the tour, cash or check. Each tour is limited to 10 people.

Contact Bill DiTirro to make a reservation, [bdt8320@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdt8320@sbcglobal.net). You can purchase lunch at the museum café to enjoy in the atrium with other tour members between 12:30-1:30 p.m.

For more information about the exhibit visit <https://www.clevelandart.org/exhibitions/tudors-art-and-majesty-renaissance-england>.

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## Get Acquainted Lunch

Newcomers and new members are invited to attend a casual brunch with staff, clergy and congregational leaders, after the 11:15 service on Sunday, April 23. Come and get to know us! RSVP to Ginger Bitikofer, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org), 216.774.0407.

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## Save the Dates

April 12 – The Puzzle of Paul Bible Study begins (Wednesdays, 7 p.m.)

April 16 – *Second Breath* self-compassion class begins

April 23 – Newcomers Brunch (12:45 p.m.)

April 29 – Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio – Cleveland Public Auditorium

May 7 – Youth Sunday (9 a.m. service)

May 7 – Solemn Eucharist (5 p.m.)

May 13 – Guns to Gardens – Anti-gun violence program @ Urban Farm (10 a.m.)

May 14 – Sunday Schmooze

May 21 – The Trinity Forum: Sr. Director of Programming Gulnar Fereesta, LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

May 28 – Summer Sunday service schedule begins – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

June 4 – Cathedral Tour (after 10 a.m. service)

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## In the Diocese

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**Easter Flower Event**

The Cuyahoga Mission Area Episcopal Church Women are hosting an Easter flowers event at Christ Church, Shaker Heights on Saturday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. All ages are invited to come assemble Easter flowers for tray favors that will be delivered to Hospice of the Western Reserve, the VA hospital, Metro General Skilled Nursing, and the Shaker Gardens Nursing Home. Please bring a pair of scissors. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please contact Cathy Wolford at 440.289.1068 or [catwolf@roadrunner.com](mailto:catwolf@roadrunner.com) with any questions.



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## Invitation to Bishop Ordination and Consecration

The diocese has invited the people of its congregations to the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop-coadjutor on Saturday, April 29. You can view it at [dohio.org/consecration](http://dohio.org/consecration). The deadline to RSVP is April 11.

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## Civil Discourse Program

The Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Ohio has been intentionally engaging in hard conversations about issues that separate us from each other and prevent us from being the body of Christ into which we are all called in Baptism. The council has developed materials for our congregations and mission areas to help all communicants have these conversations with one another.

Read the full announcement about the new civil discourse program on the [diocesan website](#).

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *Trinity Weekly*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org)

Deadline for items to be included in the May 2023 *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Friday, April 21. Please contact Scott Blanchard at [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org) to receive a printed copy at home.

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