



Trinity Tidings

May 7, 2021

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Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#).
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). The lesson for next Wednesday is Psalm 1.
- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#).
- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#).

- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#).
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara and Fr. Todd are in and out of the office to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail Fr. Todd [tbruce@trinityfolsom.org] or Barbara [trinity@trinityfolsom.org], we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [doxology](#). When we say doxology, we usually mean a particularly well-known verse of a hymn, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." But liturgically, there are multiple doxologies, some of which you hear and say all the time, perhaps without knowing that they are doxologies. Click the link to learn more!

Construction Pic of the Week



We're very close! Some of the woodwork, like the altar rail and reredos, won't arrive until mid- to late May, but almost everything else is finishing up this week. Fr. Todd took this picture last Sunday, and you can see the carpet runner down the center aisle hadn't been installed yet, but the tile on the altar platform is finished (the floor around it looks bare because it is still covered in paper to protect it).

The narthex has this same black and white diamond pattern, often called a "chequered" floor, a popular design element in English churches. The black and white diamond paving became popular in the 17th and 18th centuries, and Sir Christopher Wren used it frequently in the churches he designed, including in his most famous work, St. Paul's Cathedral in London. 17th century Church of England priest and poet George Herbert wrote a poem, "The Church-Floore," about black and white tile floors in churches; click [here](#) to read a version of it with modern spelling to make it easier to read. So, in addition to looking sharp, we're joining a long tradition of Anglican churches with our flooring choice for the narthex and the altar.

Reopening Planning

Our reopening plans have changed quite a bit over the past few days, not due to us or the pandemic, but due to a delay in getting occupancy permits for two of our buildings. It looks like we'll be good to go on the church, so we're still planning on reopening the church on May 30th. In addition to requiring masks, we'll be physically distancing, at least for the first few weeks, so a limited number of households will be able to attend in person; we'll have an online reservation system up soon. We'll be offering our normal schedule (7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, and 7pm), so if the service you usually attend is full, you might try another one! We'll also continue to broadcast at 9am on our Facebook page.

Since we knew that we would have to physically distance at first, we were planning on having overflow seating in the Parish Hall. Unfortunately, there is a delay in getting the occupancy permit for the Parish Hall. The design for the fire alarm system changed due to a parts supply problem for the original design, and it might be a few more weeks before we can get the occupancy permit as we file new paperwork for approval. Therefore, the overflow plan is on hold until we get that occupancy permit. Believe me, we are working as hard as we can with the city to get that occupancy permit as quickly as possible.

The Children's Building occupancy permit is also delayed while we alter the slope of the access ramp. We're already working with the city and the architect to get this changed. Since we will have only the church building, and not the Parish Hall and the Children's Building, we won't be able to offer Children's Chapel or nursery until we get at least the occupancy permit for the Parish Hall, which we expect to be able to get that in just a few weeks.

Our reopening is going to be slower and in more phases than we thought. I wish we could throw the doors open and welcome everyone back and get right back into the swing of things, but that's not where we are. It's going to be a little messy. We're coming out of a global pandemic, and we're finishing up a huge construction project. I'm asking you for a little grace in advance! There will be some things we're still working on – for example, because of the strange delays in supply and shipping due to the pandemic, in order to get the occupancy permit for the church, the big front doors are going to have mismatched panic bars on the inside for a few weeks until the correct ones come in and can be installed. On the other hand, plywood is \$70 a sheet this week, up from \$15 a year ago, so we sure are glad we got an early start and a firm bid last summer!

So just hang on. Not everyone will be able to get into the church on May 30th, and we know that stinks. But we're getting there, and we'll be there soon!

Feast of the Ascension ~ Thursday, May 13th

We'll observe the Feast of the Ascension with a Eucharist on our Facebook page at noon on Thursday, May 13th. To learn more about the Ascension, click [here](#).

Ushers Needed

We will be needing a few more ushers than usual at our 9am and 11:15am services while we're distancing, and even once we no longer need to distance, we'll need at least one extra usher to help cover the new Wool Street entrance to the church building. If you're interested in ushering, please contact the coordinator for our usher ministry, [Janice Freeberg](#) or [Fr. Todd](#). At this time, we are requesting that volunteers be vaccinated against COVID; if you aren't vaccinated, but would like to usher, you can still get in touch with us and we will be happy to call you up once we begin lifting the restrictions we've temporarily put in place. Also, we know that many people have said they would be interested in ushering but frankly are intimidated by the process to collect the offering – well, this is your chance, because we won't be passing the plates for a while, either, due to the pandemic, so it's a great time to see if ushering is for you!

Seen and Heard: Our New AV Ministry Seeks Volunteers

We are beginning a new ministry at Trinity. We are looking for volunteers to monitor the Audio/Visual equipment for Sunday services (7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, and 7pm). The audio aspect will be managing muting and unmuting the microphones at the proper time. We'll also be broadcasting online through Facebook Live, and the AV volunteers will be monitoring the camera and the broadcast. You will be trained on the equipment. Please contact [Barbara](#) if you are interested in joining this ministry.

Gardeners Wanted

The Twin Lakes Food Bank garden, which produces fresh fruits and vegetables for the clients at the Food Bank, desperately needs a few more volunteer gardeners on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 11am. Trinity Folsom parishioner Jessica Hodge is usually there and will be happy to show you the ropes. You can read more about the garden on the Twin Lakes Food bank website [here](#) and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Annual Mother's Day Diaper & Tampon Collection

Mother's Day this year is Sunday, May 9th. Every year for Mother's Day, we honor mothers by helping mothers in need, collecting diapers and menstrual hygiene products to donate to local food banks (and the Folsom-Cordova Community Partnership Diaper Bank), where they are much in demand. These products are necessary and expensive; imagine struggling to pay rent and buy food for your family, and also desperately needing diapers, tampons, and pads.

We usually collect the items and stack them in front of the altar that Sunday as part of our offering to God. But with the church building out of commission for a few more weeks, and a lack of storage space in general on campus as our construction project draws to a close, we've decided to collect money this year and donate it for the purpose of buying these products. You can send a check (memo: Mother) or cash (please include a note indicating it is for the Mother's

Day collection) to the church office (801 Figueroa St, Folsom CA 95630), or you can easily and quickly make a donation online on the Facebook post announcing the collection – it is pinned to the top of our Facebook page. Facebook has currently waived all transaction fees for registered non-profits, so we'll get every dollar you give.

Music Notes ~ The Baby in the Test Tubes

This week's opening hymn is "Earth and All Stars" by Herbert Brokering. The hymn was written for the ninetieth anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Some of the references in Brokering's hymn include hammers, test tubes, and planets. Brokering said, "I tried to gather into a hymn of praise the many facets of life." The expansive melody blends well with this idea that all of life—made by God or human hands—is to the Glory of God. Here are a few words that conjure up images: rain, pipes, steel, and labs. These and many other images came to Brokering in Nebraska and Iowa. While recognizing the power of the images all around him, he was struck that we, too, are an image; we are made in God's image, and we praise God in our singing. ~ Dr. Brett Judson, Director of Music

Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We're reading Adam Hamilton's Half Truths. For the 12th, read chapter five. A few questions to guide your reading and our discussion are [here](#).

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). This Sunday, we're exploring what Jesus had to say about money and considering the likelihood of a camel passing through the eye of a needle.

For youth in **middle and high school**, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

For our **younger children**, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

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