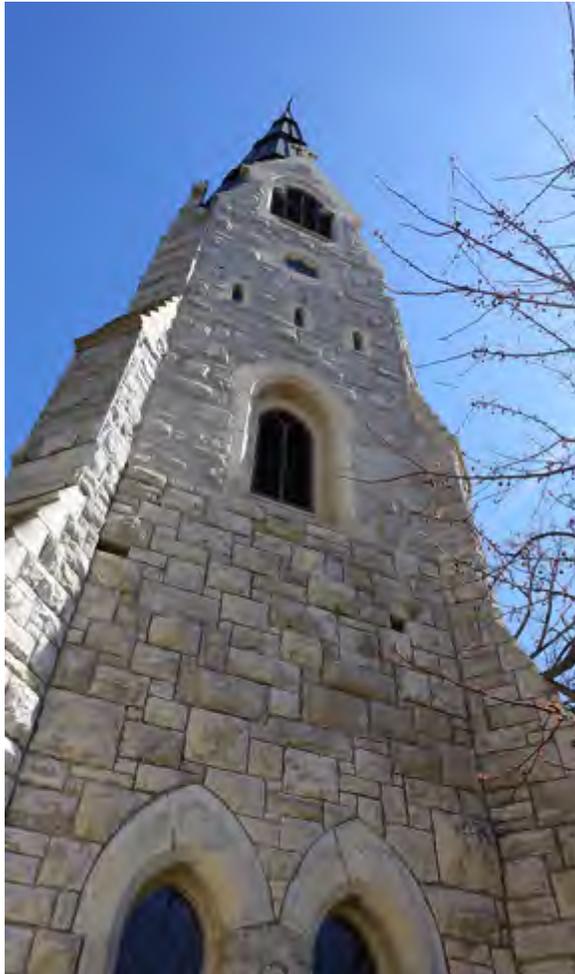


TrinityTalks



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to be pitied.” He went on to say, “But in fact Christ *has* been raised from the dead” (1 Cor 15:19-20). With Paul, I am certain of that. On Easter Day, the tomb was empty, and Jesus was alive and transformed.

How can we be transformed as well? What difference does it make on Monday that Christ rose on Sunday? As we celebrate the anniversaries of our parish, approaching the 150th year of our cathedral building, how can we carry forward the transformative experience of knowing Jesus Christ? By itself, a building does not make a community. It's how one feels when walking in. If people dare to come through our doors, do they discover something deeper?

Lately I've been thinking about the permanence of human structures. Stone lasts a long time. Unfortunately, the mortar that holds the stone together doesn't. Periodically old mortar has to be cleaned out and replaced. Loose stones have to be reset. The whole process is called tuckpointing, and it is painstaking work.

Tuckpointing is a good metaphor for our community as well as the building we inhabit. We start with

the solid rock of Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. But voids develop. The mortar that holds us together needs periodic renewal. How can we as a church fill those voids, not only for ourselves but for others?

That's where Easter Monday comes in. When Jesus took on human form, God affirmed the goodness of creation. When Christ arose from the dead, that good creation was transformed into new life. As Anglicans, we have a deep sense of sacramental, incarnational life. The material world is good, a gift that God gave us. Now that Christ has arisen, we have work to do. Loose stones must be reset. The mortar that holds society together needs renewing. It is painstaking work but good work, done for the kingdom and God's good creation. Celebrate Easter Day and be transformed. Then go out on Easter Monday and begin transforming the world.

Dean John+

Tuckpointing of critical areas on the cathedral has been done as needed within the operating budget. In reality, the entire exterior of our 150-year-old building needs a thorough workover before problems arise. This will involve scaffolding and considerable cost. In March the Investment Team recommended and the Vestry approved capturing recent market gains as a way of partially funding complete tuckpointing, tentatively scheduled for 2018. We will also pursue state tax credits for historical structures. Stay tuned for more on this major project.

From the Dean

“If someone could definitively prove to me that the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ did not occur, I would go home and find something else to do with my life.” That's what a seminary professor once said to his class. I know what he meant. The apostle Paul expressed it even better: “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most

The Great Triduum

The Paschal Triduum, the three Great Days, is fast approaching. The lingering smell of incense fills the Cathedral nave; a few remaining palms from our march around the Cathedral on Sunday lie on the floor; and a sense that something happened here has changed. Oh how quickly our cries of “Hosanna” had turned to “Crucify Him, Crucify Him” and now we wonder how we could have been so swept up into that angry crowd, forgetting His jubilate entry into Jerusalem. We have been walking with Jesus toward Jerusalem during these forty days of Lent. We may have even fasted from Facebook, added a spiritual discipline of prayer and meditation, attended a weekday service, or perhaps, even experienced the freedom of forgiveness from the Service of Reconciliation. Now we are invited to experience these three Great Days, called the Paschal Triduum – the very basis of our life as Easter people, as people who bring the good news of Easter to the world on Monday and every day.

Why do we need these Three Great Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Easter Vigil? How can we experience the joy of Easter if we have not joined Jesus in the Upper room on that last night together as He broke the bread, and offered us His Body, calling us to remember this moment; offering us the Cup of Salvation, changing forever the Passover Meal for us? He showed us this night the true meaning of servanthood – washing the feet, the tired and dirty feet of His followers, our feet. We watch as the Sanctuary is stripped of all the symbols of our faith just as He was stripped of His clothing. The emptiness, the barrenness of our faith felt that night as we leave the darkened Church. There is the Garden, the

the betrayals, the waiting and watching, the struggle to stay awake as we wait for the sun to rise. Friday morning finds us at the Cross, seeing our sin laid upon His wounded and scourged body – we feel the wood of the Cross and the love offered to us through His outstretched arms nailed to the Cross. We experience the darkness of separation, hear the temple curtain torn, see the bruised body of our Lord laid in the tomb. And again we wait. On Saturday night we enter the dark Church, and suddenly the fire of new life erupts as the Paschal Candle is lighted and the Light of Christ is carried through the nave. And as the stories of how we came to be from the Garden of Eden to the Garden of Gethesame to the tomb are read – our whole history of salvation is experienced. The bells ring and our songs of praise burst forth and His Light shines throughout the Cathedral and the world. Shouts of “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!” bring us to our feet and we are renewed, revived, restored. Let us walk these Three Great Paschal Days together.

Judith+



The 2017 Spring Fashion Show, sponsored by St. Alban's, St. Peter's, and Trinity Cathedral, will be held on Saturday, **May 6th**. Brunch begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Fashion Show at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$10. For tickets, see Carolyn Beck, or call her at 563-210-2255.

Bountiful Brunch, Fantastic Fashions, and Fabulous Fellowship

Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World

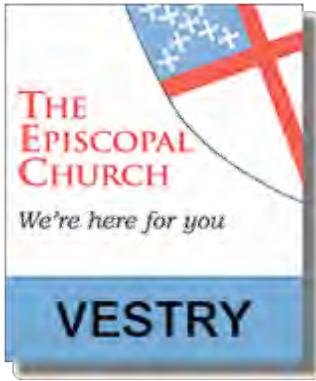
In preparation for Miroslav Volf's visiting lecture on June 11, our Eastertide adult education classes will focus on discussing our Trinity Reads reading for this year, which is the Prologue and Epilogue of Dr. Volf's book *Flourishing: Why We Need Religion in a Globalized World*. Copies of this reading were distributed at our last all-parish brunch last November, per kind permission of Yale University Press, and are currently available in the church office.



Dr. Miroslav Volf

The reading has been divided into five discussions, for the five Sundays preceding Pentecost, beginning on April 30. For each discussion, participants can choose from two different times: 9:30 on Sunday mornings, or 4:00 on Sunday afternoons. Each discussion will seek both to engage Dr. Volf's ideas, and to explore some relevant scriptures in which they are rooted. Both Dr. Volf's lecture on June 11, and these discussion groups are open to any interested members of the Quad Cities community.

- **April 30:** Religion and Globalization (overview)
- **May 7:** Freedom—Communism, Capitalism, and the Christian Faith (p. 3-9)
- **May 14:** The Telos of Christian Faith (p. 9-18)
- **May 21:** Unapologetically Christian (p. 18-26)
- **May 28:** Epilogue: God, Nihilism, and Flourishing (p. 195-206)



The Vestry's spring retreat took place at The Center in late February. Dean Horn led a discussion of leadership. Completing tasks and maintaining relationships are essential activities in all leadership. Servant leaders empower people to serve others, following the model of Jesus.

We examined what was accomplished in the last year, strengths of clergy and vestry, and areas that could be improved. We reviewed the annual meeting responses of meaning and hope for Trinity Cathedral. Action plans emerged out of the discussion, both short term (such as resume Ministry Moments) and longer term (explore a Youth Minister position).

At its March meeting the Vestry received the annual Investment Team report. Gains from the stock market "bump" have been captured to help fund tuck pointing of our Cathedral building, described elsewhere in this newsletter. There was an update on the progress of listing the Deanery for sale.

Vestry members are listed each week in the Sunday bulletin insert. Vestry liaisons to ministry teams are posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. We welcome your input and invite you to attend Vestry meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the library.

To Your Health!

Handwashing is the simplest way to prevent spreading germs. With a little soap and water, you can prevent what may take a lot of time and money to cure.

Germs accumulate around the cuticles, beneath the fingernails, and in the creases of the hands. Concentrate on cleaning these areas. Proper handwashing involves applying soap and water to your hands and rubbing vigorously for at least 10 seconds to suspend germs. Then rinse them away! Warm water (about 110° F) is best.

Remember, always wash hands:

- Before handling or eating food,
- After handling money,
- After using the restroom,
- After handling uncooked food (especially meat),
- After changing diapers,
- After playing with a pet,
- After handling garbage,
- After blowing your nose, sneezing, or coughing into your hand

Joanne Stice Parish Nurse

As part of Trinity's anniversary year, we are asking everyone to share acts of compassion, service and kindness given or received. We will soon have a visible representation in the parish hall that will chronicle these anonymous stories.

A recent example is Trinity's response to a community need. Just weeks ago a tornado ripped through Muscatine, causing devastating damage to Wesley United Methodist's church, specifically their organ and piano. A press release was sent out to the media noting that donations received at our Wednesday Lenten organ meditations would be given to the Wesley United Methodist organ fund. The generous response has been both heartwarming and remarkable.

Please share your acts of compassion with us. A box will be designated in the parish hall for your notes, or you can mail directly to Trinity Cathedral, 121 W. 12th Street, Davenport, IA 52803 attn: 175 Acts or email to john@qctrinity.org or trinitycjudith@aol.com

Anniversary Committee

175 Acts of Service

By definition, compassion means to be conscious of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it. God asks us as individuals and as a community of faith to be ever mindful of the needs of others. Every act of service, kindness, compassion and mercy is a reflection of God's work and our work as disciples of Christ.



SAVE afternoon of Sunday May 7th! Invite your family and friends to Trinity for an anniversary open house and narrated tour of our historic Cathedral. Celebrate and share our rich tradition with a "behind the scenes" glimpse of what it means to be Episcopalian.

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Glorifying God Through Outreach

Jesus commands us to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15). God has blessed me with the opportunity to serve those struggling with addiction, mental health and homelessness. They desire to be treated no differently than anyone else. By displaying the love of Christ, we can reveal that God has a purpose for their lives. As disciples of Christ we are called to spread the Gospel message especially to those hurting, hungry, poor, sad and broken. As God’s children, we give him the glory and honor by the way we treat the “least of these.” (Matthew 25:40) He has let me pray with them, discuss their life’s hurts, and be a shoulder to cry on. I have seen



God move as we “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2) I get to tell them about Jesus’ promise of grace; to turn our weaknesses into peace, love and strength. Through outreach, we provide for their earthly needs and minister to their eternal need for a relationship with Christ. God commands in Deuteronomy 15, “Give to the poor” and “do not refuse to give them help.” The most important food we can give them is access to “Living Water and the Bread of Life” which can only be found in a relationship with Christ as he reveals himself through his Holy Word. Just before His ascension, Jesus left us with the Great Commission, “go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19) That is the primary goal of outreach.

Shannon Gabrilson