

April 2026 Chimes



Trinity Episcopal Church

# Rector's Report

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. Job 12:7-10*

Dear Friends,

Most of you are aware that a couple of Easters ago, the northeast side of the sanctuary (formerly the old organ and choir area) transitioned into being a Marian Chapel. The theme of the chapel focuses on human connection to Creation and our call to participate the New Creation and New Community initiated through Christ's resurrection. The images and statues in the Marian Chapel have been draped in lace and net crepe for the season of Lent and will be unveiled again during the Great Vigil of Easter on the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Just as the followers of Christ initially believed that their movement was over with the crucifixion of Jesus such that they sought refuge in the upper room just south of the city walls, so too may we be tempted to sequester ourselves in light of so much that is challenging to the wellbeing of our nation and our world. Climate change, economic disparities, corruption in political leadership, persecution of immigrant and marginalized communities, and the wearing away of hard-fought women's rights and voter protections are all contributing to an understandable social malaise of the moment. Questions are posed, "Is the American experiment in democracy dying or dead?" and "Is the Episcopal Church dying or dead?" and "Are the planet ecosystems beyond the point of no return?"

When I hear these types of questions, my first response is, "I'm standing right here."

"What? What do you mean?" I am asked in turn.

"I mean that I'm standing right here in front of you, and I'm very much alive. I am a representative of the commitment to American Democracy. I am an Episcopal Priest leading in the midst of a vital congregation. I am a living being of this planet dedicated to it's continuing cultivation and care. So, the answer to all these questions is, "No, not on my watch!"

As followers of Christ, we are a resurrection people. We have chosen and are called to choose anew every day to pick up the work of renewal of God's earth and God's people that was begun through the ministry of Jesus and manifested through the courage of the early church. Early Christian martyrs were assaulted by public stoning, torn asunder by wild animals in the Roman arena, and burned at the stake for the ideals of compassion and reform. Imperialism throughout the ages has never taken kindly to a liberated God who liberates the people, to social movements for equality and justice for all people. What we are experiencing in our day is not new, It's just repackaged oppression for a different time and place. Nonetheless, Jesus calls us to resurrection as an ongoing force of Sacred work across time and place. Love is restless for God's grace in every generation and nation.

As the 16<sup>th</sup> century mystic St. Teresea of Avila has written,

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

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Throughout the journey of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to participate in some of the most profound services of our faith tradition – services that remind us of how we are to live into Christ’s call towards justice, healing, and love and how deeply transformative the journey can be for our own lives and for the world. The stories of our faith are not always comforting, but they are real and speak to the deeper truths of human existence. Holy Week reminds us that fear and danger, corruption and death have never had the last word.

Never.

The challenge of the current generation is the same as when Jesus first gathered a community of followers committed to countermanding the violent forces of empire through the superior force of love to transform alienation into belonging, brokenness into wholeness, and disrupt cycles of abuse by those in authority. The services of Holy Week reinforce that true power resides in healing our connection with one another, with all Creation, and with God. We are each of us called to the healing work of Christ, the wounded healer, whose pierced hands and feet and side constitute a foundational aspect of his identity as the Messiah. Our Savior was as impacted by the violence of authoritarianism, injustice, and greed as we are. He refused to participate in a system that kept people unwell, unfed, and unseen. The wounds on his resurrected body show both the cost of confronting social unwellness and the promise of new life for those willing to continue the journey that he began on our behalf.

From the women and men who followed Jesus across the lands of First Century Palestine to the spread of Christianity around the world, those who committed their lives as a balm to the wounds of others and who gathered the diversity of the human family without partiality, are the intergenerational movement that is The Body of Christ in its authentic expression. In every generation there have been those who have attempted to use Christianity to justify the very injustices and violence that Christ challenged. That does not mean that Christ’s teachings are wrong, only that how theology and Christology was manipulated to satisfy the hungers of rulers and self-interested leadership was wrong. The history of the founding of America is deeply rooted in an authoritarian version of Christianity that is yet shaping our politics and public policy today. The wounds that Jesus suffered are still being inflicted on the Body of Christ, which is WHY we must turn towards the work of renewal – renewal in American identity and social practice as well as renewal within Christianity – and perhaps in all the Abrahamic faiths. For, any faith that justifies violence towards or oppression of others is really no faith at all but a propaganda of corrupt regime.

Holy Week turns our attention to truly take a hard look the realities of our age, to see the cost in terms of people and lands, to acknowledge injustices, to recognize the vital importance of working for change even when change seems implausible, to bring the light of hope and joy of community to a world mired in darkness, to move beyond a condition of fear to bring the Good News of the transformative power of love, and to cultivate relationships of healing in this amazing Creation that is Christ’s Garden of Resurrection.

With the concluding celebration of the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day services, we are dismissed into the world “Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior”.

This is our heritage, our faith, our pledge, our duty as citizens of heaven – to make God’s love known and real for all people, as those who follow not the death-dealing beliefs of those who would imprison Jesus for their own gain, but rather as those who joyfully pursue the free and freeing resurrected Christ across a living landscape of infinite possibility and promise within the New Creation that God would have us make for one another.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Pastor Rachel+  
The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, Rector

# Associate's Report

As I write this Chimes message, I do so knowing that Holy Week is upon us and we will carry the message and inspirations from that week with us the rest of the year and will hopefully be refreshed and encouraged by what we will have experienced. Holy Week is a time of reflection and an evaluation of ourselves and the life we have chosen to make. And make no mistake about it, the life you are living is the one you have made by your life decisions, your attitudes and the manner in which you conduct yourself in this world. We are given choices and the choices we take determine who we are and the life we will live.

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.” These words of Jesus define the paschal mystery, the meaning of Jesus’ suffering, death, resurrection, ascension and what this means for us. In order to come to a fuller life and spirit, we must constantly be letting go of present life and spirit – of old ways and thoughts and patterns. We must be able to look objectively at ourselves and our long-held attitudes and beliefs because they might have become an anchor that keep us from being able to navigate this river of life we are in. Setting them aside so something new can be reborn in us. It is the ending of old ideas, opinions, ingrained attitudes and undiagnosed biases so that something new can take root in us and our spiritual soul can be re-nourished and re-invigorated.

This is what the paschal mystery is all about. It is not just a story we emphasize one week each year, referring to it periodically during the months but rather an on-going reality, if we will embrace it. The paschal mystery is a process of transformation with which we are given both new life and new spirit. It begins by letting go (the death) of something we once clung to, moves on to that which might be new to us, grieving the old (or not), adjusting to the new perspective, and finally accepting the new and being transformed into a new spirit awareness. This is what Jesus was trying to tell us to by his life, his teachings, his death and his resurrection.

This was his gift to us. The awareness to be able to look at ourselves in the mirror and see who we really are and then to choose the better angels inside each of us. It is a process and we are all capable of choosing the high road, the one less traveled but traveled, nevertheless. Let us approach the rest of the year dedicated to that which will make us, our community, and our world, a better place because we are in it and we are all children of God.

Thanks Be to God, Amen

Fr Allen

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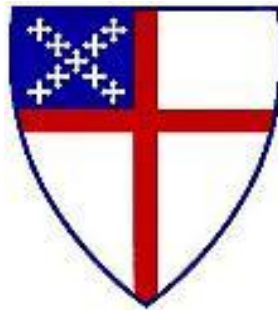
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# Senior Warden

Hello!

I hope this message finds you well. I am curious to know what you focused on during this Lent season?

For me, it was about deepening my connection with God through love and deliberately dedicating time to prayer. In these moments of reflection, I frequently returned to the significance of active listening and the need for courage.

With a humble heart, I find myself needing the courage once again to reach out to our community for support in our third Refresh Renew Rejoice stewardship campaign. We are aiming to bridge the remaining \$150,000 needed for the enhancements in Rogers Hall. I would be truly grateful for your thoughts and any ideas you might have on how we can achieve this together.

In humble service,  
Michelle Wheeler  
Senior Warden

# Junior Warden

Report from your Junior Warden

We have finished the first 1/4 of a very eventful year! As we all work together to make Trinity Episcopal Church a place where EVERYONE is welcome to worship, learn, grow, and be part of the family of God, the volunteers who contribute the Buildings and Grounds continue to show up. We are adapting to changes and learning together, and I am privileged to be a part of it. Here are some of the highlights, and some of the upcoming work.

We have made progress on the "grounds" part, as spring arrives. The hedge in front of the building has been reduced in size to increase visibility. This increases the safety (and cleanliness) of the facilities and the staff. For multiple reasons, people were taking advantage of the "privacy" provided by the hedge -- for example, a *\*lot\** of trash was building up behind it. The volunteers in March cut it way down (my southern California self had to be convinced it will indeed be covered with leaves again VERY soon), and we cleaned up a great deal of litter.

We are still looking for someone (or better, several people in rotation) who can help keep the lawn mown, the hedges trimmed, and the weeds somewhat in check through spring and summer. If you are able and willing to serve 1-2 times a month, let me know. I can arrange for tools to be available, and we can set up a rotating schedule.

## **Major work being completed includes:**

1. The essential repairs to the "old entrance" (the bell tower). The project was initiated to finish the repairs to the plaster walls from the water damage several years ago, but grew as we discovered major issues that had to be addressed for the health and safety of everyone. We have a *Great* team of professionals doing the work, but it takes time and costs money.

2. The work to revamp the "main" bathrooms is almost complete, and I've heard from many people that the results look really good! This project was done on a very small budget, to great effect. The front bathroom (formerly the women's room) has a few more touches (such as putting back some of the beautiful photos that were removed for safekeeping), but the increased use of the space, the refreshing of the paint and floors, the improvements to the door (magnetic door stop, Occupied/Vacant latch, etc.) all contribute to a much better environment. I don't know if you've noticed we reversed the door on the other bathroom. This improves the use of the interior space a lot. While it doesn't quite make the bathroom "accessible" by ADA standards (we still have the bathroom off of Rogers' Hall to meet those needs), it IS more usable by many members than previously.

3. We have fixed a number of the leaks from the roof, but sometimes it feels like every time we do a new one springs up. If you have expertise in this area, please let me know ("it never rains in southern California", after all). No, we can't replace our roof (roofs) or re-architect them, but I do believe we can improve what we have!

As we prepare for the HUGE Rogers' Hall project, we are sorting through a lot of stored "stuff". The goals are to maximize the efficiency of the storage, reduce the need (by seeking ways to reduce the amount we need to store), organize the spaces so that it is easier for volunteers to know where to return things (and where not to), and document and label so we know what we have and what we need. This will require a lot of shared patience. We need to conserve and protect a rich heritage and legacy - I'm amazed by all the stories that the objects throughout the church have to tell!

**Thank you all for your generosity, and for the obvious love you all have for our worship community!** Some of you have generations of history written into the buildings, and it is wonderful to see, feel, and understand!

Michael Hensley, Jr. Warden

# Events for April 2026:



Wednesday, April 1, 2026: Tenebrae service at 8 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2026: Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM

Friday, April 3, 2026:

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Good Friday Liturgy at 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 4, 2026: Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 5, 2026: Easter Day services at 8 & 10 AM

Thursday, April 9, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Second Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Altar Guild meeting at Noon

Thursday, April 16, 2026: In-person Endowment Committee meeting at 1 PM at Trinity

Friday, April 17, 2026: Wedding Rehearsal at 3:30 PM

Saturday, April 18, 2026: Elder/Linder Wedding at 2 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2026:

Third Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Active Shooter training at 10 AM Coffee hour

Thursday, April 23, 2026: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday, April 25, 2026: Cathedral Day

Sunday, April 26, 2026:

Fourth Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Vestry meeting at 12:30 PM

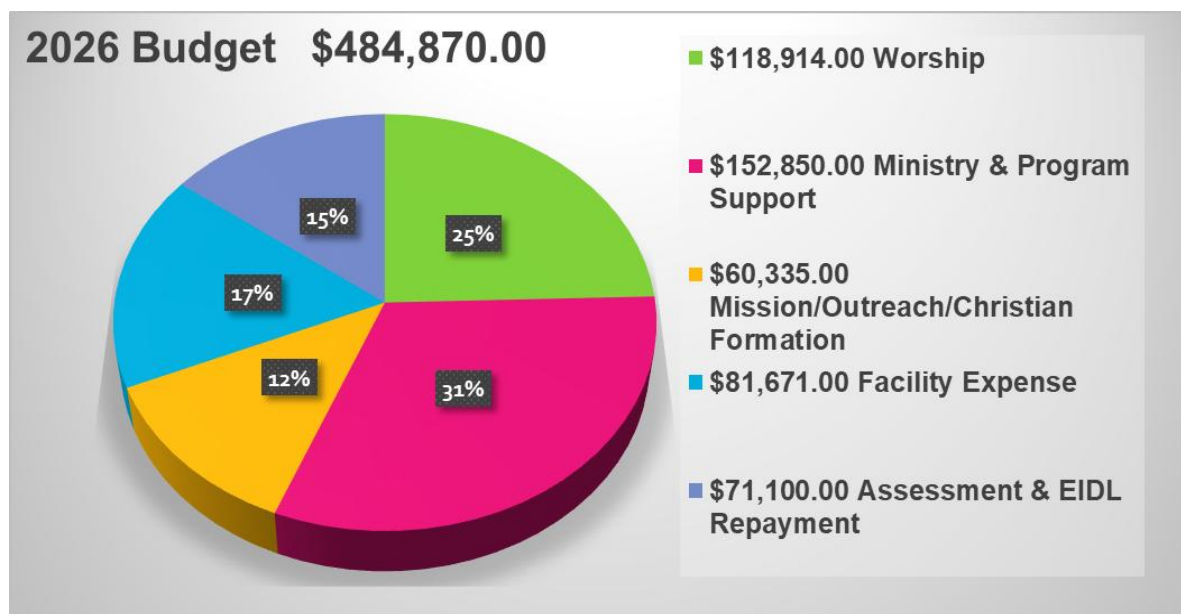
Tuesday, April 28, 2026: Deadline for May Chimes articles

# Treasurer's Report

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

The Trinity financial year is progressing as expected as outlined at the annual meeting. At this time, we have used up our starting funds and there are no reserve funds remaining. We are operating on a deficit budget, meaning we are spending more than we take in each month and thus do not have the money to pay the bills.

The annual pledges, rents, and fundraisers for 2026 are short of covering all expenses for the year. Spreading out this deficit throughout the year amounts to approximately \$10,000 per month. To pay the bills and taxes this money will need to come from other sources. At the Annual Meeting I reported that the checking account starting balance, end of year pledge payments, and the Trinity Together funds would be enough to pay the bills into March. As of now these funds have been depleted.



Trinity is an active, dynamic community combining worship and outreach to better our church, neighborhood, city, and world communities. As with any charitable organization, we compete for volunteers and funding because there is a great need in the world today. We ask for your generous support of your time, talent, and treasurers to help us help you and humanity in this world to create the heaven on earth as Jesus asked us to do.

Peace be with you,  
Jarman Minar - Treasurer

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# Sunday School

Sunday School – April

Spring is a busy time of year for the Sunday School program. Kids are starting to wrap up for the year, Easter introduces a bunch of new lessons and ideas, and we are trying to make things memorable and fun! These kids are a great group to work with. It has been fun getting to know everyone and seeing their minds and hearts grow so much this year!

Easter is a big time for the kids. The Children’s Ministries have a lot of needs that we only pull up once a year. *We need candy and small toys to stuff into Eggs for Easter and adults to help corral the Egg hunt once we begin!* We need adults to help us with crafts and lessons. I know we have had a few volunteers that are more than happy to help on an emergency or intermittent basis, but we also need those that can show up every other week, or the first Sunday of the month. Whatever you can consistently offer will be a big help!

Just to keep everyone in the loop. We have been working with Godly Play this year and it is a lot easier than you think! Much of what we do is just telling a story, with props and questions. Then inviting the kids to reflect on it with their questions and ideas. Lots and lots of “I wonder…” type of questions and open ended ideas. We have been talking about helping others a lot this year, and lifting each other up. As well as some foundational stories that are important to all our faith journeys.

Sunday School will wrap up in June. So, for the summer we have our Children’s Pages that the kids can read and work on in the pews. If folks in the congregation have small items that can be worked on in the pews, fidgets, coloring books, kid friendly books/Bibles that they can read during service, please bring those to the office and I will make sure that they get distributed properly! I encourage the kids and any adults that want to, to take the Children’s Pages home, there is information about the readings, what is going on in Big Church as well as some lessons and activities for the kids. Remember, **we lift each other up!**

Rachael Olsen – administrator@trinityeverett.org

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# Outreach Report

Trinity's newest community outreach program needs you! We are moving forward on the project I mentioned in last month's Chimes, putting together hygiene kits for people entering 30-90 day inpatient substance use disorder treatment. We will put together the kits and give them to City of Everett social workers so they can be ready when they are needed. Initially, we will put together 6-8 men's kits and 3-4 women's kits, planning to replenish the kits when needed. (More men go into treatment than women.)

The following items are needed for the kits (travel or small sizes, suitable for 30-90 days):

<b>Toothpaste</b>	<b>Shampoo</b>	<b>Body wash</b>
<b>Toothbrush</b>	<b>Conditioner</b>	<b>Shaving gear</b>
<b>Floss</b>	<b>Brush/comb</b>	<b>Tampons/pads (women)</b>
<b>Deodorant</b>	<b>Nail clippers</b>	

Also requested are **shower shoes, either flip flops or sandals, size medium and large**

A basket in the Narthex will collect these items. If you wish, you can also donate money to Trinity toward this cause, designating it as meant for "outreach kits."

After we gather enough items for 9-12 kits, we will put them together. Please let me know if you would like to help. If all goes well, we may branch out into providing clothing and household items needed for entry into clean and sober housing.

Keep in mind that the people who will be using these kits have likely hit one of the lowest points in their lives, a time when they likely don't feel loved or accepted, even by God. We, as the hands and feet of Christ, can show them they have not been forgotten by their community.

And don't forget the Everett Faith In Action meeting, held monthly on the second Thursday from 9 – 10:30 am at First Baptist Church, 1616 Pacific Avenue, Everett. You will hear about great work going on in this city by a lot of dedicated people. It is truly inspiring.

Wishing you all blessings,

Eileen Bernat, efbphd@aol.com

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# Altar Guild Report

The symbolism of palms is multifaceted during Lent. We have Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday observances. There are dried palms on the main altar and the Mary Chapel altar. We receive palms on Palm Sunday. We have palms in three forms; fresh and green, dried and brown, and burnt into ashes. The green palms are blessed and used to celebrate and recall when palms were waved and laid



on the street in celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. And palm fronds are folded into crosses. Then the blessed palms were saved, dried, and about one year later placed on the Lenten altars. More saved palms were burned and the ashes used to mark a cross on our foreheads. We have the conjunction of a joyful celebration, the solemnity of Holy Week, Jesus' death on the cross, and the humbling reminder that we will all die. But, may we never forget and may we always celebrate and live out the joy and promise of Easter and the Resurrection.

Submitted by Julia Vander Vegt, Altar Guild member

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry Report

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at Trinity for over 25 years. We are a group of knitters who make shawls which are prayed over as they are being made as well as blessed on the altar during the Sunday Eucharist. The shawls are available for the sick and grieving or for anyone who needs one for any reason.

We also knit stocking hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers in Seattle and for needy children. This year they went to the North Middle School Weekend Feeding Program Christmas project and the Everett Assistance League.

This year we are meeting every three months on the first Saturday of March, June, September and December. Our next meeting will be March 7 at 10 am in the Guild Room. All are welcome!

Barb Linvog, chairperson

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## April Birthdays:

JJ Nason Jr.	04/08
Jason Baker	04/09
Eileen Bernat	04/09
Roxanne Olason	04/09
Mary Boyce	04/12
Clara Boyett	04/12
Blu Turner	04/13
Gwen Gentry	04/14
Sue Hayden-Brown	04/16
Rev. Dr. Walter Knowles	04/16
Doug Lathom	04/16
Cedar Baker	04/17
Duff Mason	04/20
Barbara Linvog	04/21
Dennis LeMaster	04/22
Viggo Bauer	04/26
Robert Moore	04/26
Jeffrey Miller	04/28
John Palmer	04/28
Oscar Andrews	04/30 (4 years old)
David Cunningham	04/30



## April Anniversaries:

David & Adele Erbeck	04/05 (56 years)
Rachael & Derrick Olsen	04/13 (14 years)
C.J. & Blu Turner	04/26 (52 years)
Dustin & Dantzel Cenatiempo	04/26 (18 years)

# Leadership Team

## Vestry

- Joe Rochon (class of 2026)
- Lorraine Dietel (class of 2026)
- Debi Schmidt (class of 2026)
- Michelle Wheeler (class of 2026) - SENIOR WARDEN
  
- Michael Hensley (class of 2027) - JUNIOR WARDEN
- Matthew Jones (class of 2027)
- Tom Munyon (class of 2027)
- Royce Napolitano (class of 2027)
  
- Zanae Rodrigo (class of 2028)
- Troy Andrews (class of 2028)
- Brigette Bolarjack (class of 2028)
- Jason Grace (class of 2028)

## **Convention Delegates**

- Joe Rochon (class of 2026)
- David Spring (class of 2026)
- Michael Hensley (class of 2027)
- Kimberly Hensley (class of 2027)

## **Convention Alternates**

- Troy Andrews (class of 2026)
- Linda Gabourel (class of 2026)
- Brian Wheeler (class of 2027)
- Michelle Wheeler (class of 2027)

## **Endowment Committee Members**

- Linda Gabourel (2024-2026)
- Betsey Mullen (2025-2027)
- Allan Elenbaas (2025-2027)
- Vacant Position (2026-2028)
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# St. Patrick's Day



Many Thanks to John, and Eileen and all the performers that made this St. Patrick's Day celebration special!





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