

Trinity Tidings

From the Interim Rector

Too soon to say goodbye



It's April 2023 and that is hard to believe. It's been nearly two years since I joined you here in Los Alamos as interim priest-in-charge. Back in mid-June 2021 I really had no idea of what our time together would be like. Looking back on 22 months, it just doesn't seem like that long ago.

I had no idea how much I would come to care for each and every one of the souls placed in my charge. You are all, each and every one of you, such unique and precious examples of what we strive to be as members of the Body of Christ. I count my time with you as the most rewarding of the ministries I have served as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Our time together has served the church well. Next month the Rev. Mary Ann Hill will move into the office to serve you as Rector. She is a talented and gifted priest, and she will serve you well in the coming years, and it is each of your responsibilities to assist her in making the Kingdom of God shine out from Trinity on the Hill.

Her task and your mission will not be easy. Los Alamos and the Diocese of the Rio Grande are rebuilding after the three years of the pandemic. Who you and the church will be in the coming years has not been defined, but those are the challenges you and she will face together.

Please know my prayers are always with you. I do not know what lies ahead of me, and I will trust in the Lord to show me the way. I will only say this for myself and for you: Thy will be done!

God Bless

Father Raymond

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist
(masked)

10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist
(masks optional)

Wednesday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

12:30 pm: Healing Service

Both in St. Athanasius Chapel
(both masked)

~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Long ago, Bob Dylan wrote about “The times, they are a changin’.” Indeed they are, but in a positive and uplifting way. We are in the midst of a new and exciting transition, along with its many bumps and hiccups. We will be bidding our amazingly strong and gifted leader, Father Raymond, goodbye and welcoming in our new rector. Over the past 2 years, I have learned much that Father Raymond has shared from the pulpit, from how not to get a speeding ticket to the New Zealand version of the Lord’s prayer that was so profound to me (from the Lenten Soup Supper). The personalization, the little-known historical facts, the stories of his childhood that make his teachings come alive—all of these and more are his gifts

to each of us and to our church as a whole. Father Raymond leaves behind a legacy that will not dim over time.

Let us not compare him to his predecessors or to she who is to come, but rather cherish our time with him and celebrate with joy that has become a part of us.

And speaking of she who is to come, she is coming soon—in less than a month! Mother Mary Ann has now found a place to rent close to the church. Bless you all for your energies thus far to help find her a rental and to continue to help find her a permanent home. I hope that many of you had a chance to meet and chat with Mary Ann while she was here recently. Many parishioners were able to break bread with her in a home or restaurant. I know she felt thoroughly welcomed and appreciated. She would like to know what groups/ministries, etc., have worked in the past and your ideas for bringing them back, as well as your thoughts on COVID recovery in general. But, most of all, I believe that she wants to get to know YOU.

We were able to hold our annual (delayed 2 years!) Vestry retreat on March 25. Mary Ann was to have led us, but storms, tornadoes, and plane problems made her unable to be with us for that time (although we were blessed to have her show up later that night). Instead, Father Raymond graciously filled in at the very last minute and brought us wisdom, rest, and laughter. These retreats are meant to draw the Vestry closer as a family so that we can better serve the church as a whole—and that is exactly what happened. Know that your Vestry is always working to better hear the needs of the congregation, our family in Christ. (See p. 6 for a photo of the Vestry.)

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 30, when we will have a farewell party for Father Raymond after the 10:30 service. Gifts and cards for him await your personal touch in the office.

Please be sure to stop by.

May your Holy Week be filled with the joy of His resurrection and the anticipation of God’s many blessings.

Lisa Rothrock

Senior Warden

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Ready to welcome April and the latest edition of Trinity Tidings?

Oh and also, another instalment from your Junior Warden.

March presented a few surprise snow storms: One of them on a day I was intending to drive to Arizona. Thank you for the shovelers working as we drove by on our way out of town. Since we had a 2-hour delay due to snow, we had to keep moving on our way past. Let's hope April will present some moist opportunities to reduce coming fire danger. A couple of weeks ago, Brad asked about putting the bags of ice melt away in the shed until the next season and I said I would, but I joked that if I did then we would have more snow. SO... Justin Case erred on the side of caution, at least until someday closer to the Mother's Day snowstorm anyway.



As we anticipate the installment of our new Rector, your Vestry is busily working on deciding and managing the business things that need our attention. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the list of work projects is getting its due attention and I am happy to report that we have a renewed interest in the **Buildings and Grounds Committee**. I would occasionally talk with Nancy about things but was beginning to grow concerned about otherwise having to discuss all the B&G stuff with myself, mostly because it was becoming a 2 sided conversation. Thanks to all willing to join in with those. Would anyone care to pound some fence posts for signage in the parking lot? Lay some wire for additional landscape lighting? Straighten up the bricks in the upper parking lot walls? Move stuff to and fro around the church? I am anticipating some furniture-moving for our new Rector. Anyone have an unbridled passion for woodworking or cabinetry? I would like to build a raised platform under the desk for the streaming ministry and the cabinets in KH kitchen have screws loose, which need a lot more care than just simple tightening. Gathering up the buckets and 25 lb bags of ice melt left over from the winter along with the snow shovels? Call or write to ask for (or offer?) other suggestions.

One of the things I am working on is replacing the failing telephone system in the church office and ancillary rooms so, as I have been working on the cables and wiring, I get an opportunity to re-visit some of my work from years past along with work by others I had simply overlooked before this. A little bit of nostalgia comes to mind when crawling about, the projects we have undertaken together, the joy of working together with other church members, and various thoughts that show up along with the realization that it seemed easier to get into some of those places once upon a time. But that's just one of the joys.

We all find fulfilment in our own ways, family, friends, work, hobbies, reading?, TV?, internet?. For me, service to our church ranks up near the top fun on the list of my daily activities. I love everyone and enjoy the moments as they come. If there are any spare moments in your lives that leave you wondering, well there are opportunities.

You kids at home, this IS something you are welcome to try.

All the best to you. Mark Hartman – your Junior Warden (as long as you will have me)

TRANSITION UPDATE

Big changes are coming to Trinity on the Hill, and the Transition Committee and Vestry hope parishioners can take active roles.

As you know, Mother Mary Ann Hill has accepted our call to be our new Rector. She visited Los Alamos the weekend of March 25-27, meeting with the Vestry, attending Sunday services, greeting parishioners at an open house hosted by Susan Sprake, and exploring housing possibilities. She has found a temporary residence near the church and will be returning on April 29. Please consider how you can assist her with:

1. Moving her belongings into her condo at 505 Oppenheimer on Saturday, April 29. It's on the 2nd floor and she and Cuthbert can't do this alone. Able-bodied parishioners who are willing to help for a few hours that day should contact the TOTH office at (505) 662-5107 or admin@latoth.org, to add your name to the Moving Assistance List.
2. Continuing to let Mother Mary Ann and the Vestry know about condos/houses, all on one level, in Los Alamos, which are coming on the market soon.
3. Praying for safe travel for Mother Mary Ann and her Corgi buddy Cuthbert.

The second part of our transition is bidding farewell to Fr. Raymond. His last Sunday with us is April 30. The Vestry is planning a festive party that day after the 10:30 service. We will gather in Kelly Hall for a potluck and a chance to thank Fr. Raymond for all he has done for TOTH in the past 2 years. Here's how you can help:

1. Add your name to the Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex to let Rebecca Foley, the organizer of this event, know how you plan to participate, e.g., Food, Setup, Cleanup. Rebecca is also happy to answer questions at beccarostand@hotmail.com;
2. Contact Claire and Nancy in the TOTH office regarding a donation for Fr. Raymond's farewell gifts.
3. Continue to pray for Fr. Raymond as he returns to his pre-TOTH life, after the abundant time and effort he has given TOTH during these challenging times.

Finally, continue to pray for Bill and Lynn Godwin. Bill needs prayers for healing and rest following knee surgery. Lynn could use prayers for patience and peace as she takes care of Bill. They also deserve our heartfelt thanks for the time they gave our parish as Bill chaired the Search Committee. Job well done.

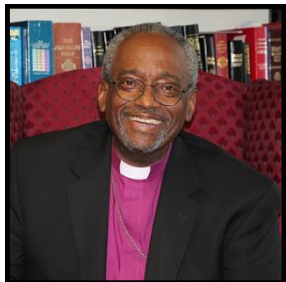
Hope to see you all for Fr. Raymond's farewell on April 30 and for Mother Mary Ann's first Sunday with us on May 7. The Lord has certainly blessed TOTH with two such faithful servants. Happy Easter season to you all!

Margaret Odell

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

Easter 2023 Message

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry



This is a different Easter message. I've shared Easter messages from Jerusalem some years ago, and I have shared Easter and Christmas messages from a variety of locations. Last year for Christmas, we were in San Diego. Today I'm in Paris, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. We just finished a revival—over 50 young people and some 300-400 people from all over Europe who came for this revival service. It was a remarkable thing to behold and be part of.

The Convocation here in Europe is engaged in incredible ministries, with some joining together with Episcopal Relief & Development to make it possible for resettlement of those who are refugees from war and famine, particularly those who are refugees from Ukraine.

Thinking about it—I realize not only with this view—but with the reality of Easter looming on our horizon, John's Gospel opens: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then there is a point in which it says, of Christ coming into the world, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it."

On that early Easter morning, John says in his 20th chapter, that early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. They went to the tomb after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. They went to the tomb of their world having fallen apart. They went to the tomb of all their hopes and dreams having collapsed.

But they got up and they went anyway. They went to perform the rites of burial, to do for a loved one what you would want to do for them. They went, following the liturgies of their religion and their tradition, and, lo and behold, when they went, they discovered that, even in the darkness, the light of God's love, the light of Jesus Christ—the light of Christ, as we say in the Great Vigil—in fact, was shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Jesus had been raised from the dead. He was alive, and darkness and evil and selfishness could not stop him. Love—as the old song says—love lifted him up.

We are here in Paris, this wonderful city. While there are protests going on in the city—garbage has not been collected, and it's all over the city—we are here in Paris, in Europe, with refugees streaming into this continent from all over the world, impacted by changes in weather patterns, impacted by war and famine. We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it. Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings. From Paris, I'm Michael Curry. God love you. God bless you, and the light shines in the darkness, wherever there is darkness. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.



2023 Vestry Retreat

Standing: Father Raymond Raney, Rebecca Foley, Maggie Moore, Isabella Stephens, Kelli Maginot, Mark Hartman (Junior Warden)

Seated: Kay Dreamtrader, Linda Light, Mary Ogle, Lisa Rothrock (Senior Warden)

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission

The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in May, 2023. Submission deadline: Friday, April 28, 2023.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

A Special Cake for Mothering Sunday

Sunday, March 19, we celebrated Mothering Sunday, also known as Refreshment Sunday. During the sixteenth century in Britain, people returned to their mother church (or often a nearby cathedral) for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday, or the Fourth Sunday in Lent. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their families. On this Sunday, the Lenten disciplines may be relaxed a bit (hence the term Refreshment Sunday). When young girls in domestic service returned home on this Sunday, they would traditionally bake a simnel cake to take to their mothers. These cakes were made with a fine flour (which is what simnel means) and they contained sugar, butter, eggs, spices, and candied fruit peel. The tradition of Mothering Sunday continues in the United Kingdom to this day as a time when families are reunited during Lent, and the tradition of preparing simnel cake on this day continues as well.



In honor of Mothering Sunday, Deacon Paty prepared simnel cake, which was served during the fellowship hour after both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services, and carried on the tradition rooted in our mother church – the Church of England.

Simnel Cake

Oven 375°

1 cup flour	½ tsp. vanilla
¼ lb. butter, softened	1/8 tsp. crushed anise seed
½ cup sugar	¾ cup dried currants
2 eggs	¼ cup chopped candied pineapple
Pinch salt	2 oz. candied lemon/orange peel (I use 1 oz. of each)

Using an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well. Add vanilla. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, salt, and anise seed. Add to above mixture and beat until smooth. Stir in fruits by hand. Mixture will be very thick.

Spray 7" x 11" biscuit pan with Baker's Joy spray, or grease and flour pan. Turn mixture into pan, pressing it into the corners and spreading it evenly by hand. Bake for about 20 minutes (a bit longer for glass pans), until cake is a light golden color and a toothpick comes out clean. The cake is very dense and will not rise.

While cake is baking, prepare icing (it must be ready when the cake is taken out of the oven):

1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted	1 Tbsp. melted butter
2 Tbsp. milk	¼ tsp. almond extract

Add melted butter to confectioner's sugar. Add milk and stir well, then add almond extract last. Glaze will be fairly thick.

When cake is removed from the oven, invert it onto a cooling rack immediately, then invert it again onto a cake board covered with aluminum foil. Using a spatula, spread the icing thinly and evenly over the TOP of the cake, taking care to smooth it into indentations. The icing will melt into the hot cake and form a smooth glaze as it cools. Cool completely, then cut cake into 24 squares and cover with plastic wrap.

I double the recipe and bake two cakes at one time. When doing this, the secret is to keep the second cake hot while you are icing the first one. Invert both of them twice, so that they are face-up on the cake board. Cover the second cake with the baking pan to keep it hot.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT TRINITY ON THE HILL

- Maundy Thursday**
April 6 The Maundy Thursday service at **7:00 pm** will include foot-washing, the stripping of the altar, and the procession to the Altar of Repose in the St. Athanasius Chapel.
The All-Night Vigil follows the Maundy Thursday Observance of the Last Supper. A garden setting in the Chapel provides a time of reflection during the hours that our Savior stood trial awaiting his condemnation.
Please sign up in the Office for an hour or more to sit vigil with Our Lord. The Vigil ends at 6:30 am before the first Good Friday service at **7:00 am**
- Good Friday**
April 7 **Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, 7:00 am** in the Chapel;
Stations of the Cross at **12:30 pm** in the Nave, followed by Communion from the reserved sacrament;
Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, 7:00 pm, including the singing of hymns and the Adoration of the Cross.
- Holy Saturday**
April 8 **The Great Vigil of Easter** begins at **7:00 pm** in the patio outside the Nave.
We will kindle the first fire of Easter and bring the light of Christ into the darkness of the Nave to hear the lessons and sing hymns to announce the Resurrection
- Easter Sunday**
April 9 We will celebrate Christ's conquest over death at **8:00 am and 10:30 am**.





Spot the differences!

Two adorable pictures of young people at TOTH, making Easter baskets on Palm Sunday, ably assisted by Keith Stephens and Zandrea Glenn.

Photos: Kelli Maginot



APRIL

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 2023

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Apr 2 Palm Sun	8:00	Richard Triplett	Margaret Odell				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light Rozelle and Brad Wright Mary Ogle, Judy Crocker
	10:30	Maniah Stephens, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer CeCe Gulsby, TBA, TBs	Marilyn Lisowski	Anne Huysman	Rick/Rachel	Andy Light	
Apr 6 Maundy	7 pm	Susan Sprake, Server	Linda Light, LR	Linda Light	Nancy/Mark	Rick Rothrock	Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light Ellie Giovanielli Susannah Smith, Judy Crocker
Apr 7 Good Friday	7 am		Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Ellie Giovanielli
	12:30						
	7 pm	Richard Triplett, Server	Margaret Odell, LR		Robin/Nancy		Marilyn and Paul Lisowski
Apr 8 Holy Sat	7 pm	Isabella Stephens, Thunifer Luke Favorite, Server/Bells Maniah Stephens, Crucifer NEEDED, TBs TBA, Boat Bearer	Rozelle Wright Claire Singleton Susan Sprake Margaret Odell Jeff Favorite	Nancy Coombs	Nancy/Richard	Damon Giovanielli	Rozelle and Brad Wright Pete and Kathy Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle Marilyn and Paul Lisowski
Apr 9 Easter	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rozelle Wright				Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Valarie Prestwood
	10:30	Maniah Stephens, Thunifer Isabella Stephens, Server/Bells Peter Maginot, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs Gregory Maginot, Boat Bearer	Lisa Rothrock	Claire Singleton	Richard/ Michelangelo	Maggie Moore	
Apr 16	8:00	Joe Cox	Michelle Stump				Renee Roybal Valarie Prestwood Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Renee Roybal	Lisa Rothrock	Michelangelo/ Robin	Rick Rothrock	
Apr 23	8:00	Luke Favorite	Kay Dreamtrader				Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Susannah Smith
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Maniah Stephens, Crucifer CeCe Gulsby, River Yamada, TBs	Susan Sprake	Linda Light	Rachel/Rick	Andy Light	
Apr 30	8:00	Luke Favorite	Margaret Odell				Karen Humphrey Jo Moore
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Linda Light	Claire Singleton	Mark/Richard	Maggie Moore	



Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only (**masks required**).
- **Choral Eucharist Rite II** at 10:30 am, in person (**masks optional**) and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** via Zoom and in Sherrill Hall at 7:30 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (admin@latoth.org for more information)

Wednesdays (masks required):

- **Holy Eucharist**, 7:30 am in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Holy Communion**, 9:30 am at Sombrillo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
- **Service of Prayer for Healing**, 10 am at Aspen Ridge Lodge

From the Editor:

Dear TOTH friends,

Since Nancy and I began working in the TOTH office, in June 2021, we have only known one (earthly) boss: Father Raymond. We always knew he would not be here forever but now the time has actually come to bid him farewell. I sincerely applaud the work of the Search Committee and look forward to working with Mary Ann, but I will genuinely miss Father Raymond's presence in the office. He has taught me a great deal over the past 2 years and has been unceasingly patient, caring, funny, and warm-hearted. I thank him for leading us through the uncertain times of COVID and the Rector search and I hope we can welcome him to our pulpit as a guest preacher one day to deliver one of his inspiring and enjoyable sermons. Go with God, Raymond.

Enjoy your April *Trinity Tidings*!

Best wishes,

Claire

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