



# MAY TIDINGS

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*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

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*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
[Isaiah 43:19]*

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I have kept returning to this hymn as I have thought about the Vestry Retreat on May 11<sup>th</sup>, when your Vestry will begin discussing plans for the next two years. This will be the starting point for prayerful reflection and discussion about your priorities for mission and ministry, your resources, and the possibilities that lie ahead if we allow God's vision to shape our own.

It is fitting that we begin this conversation during Eastertide, this season when we are invited to grow into a new understanding of our life and purpose. We are both hopeful and vulnerable in this moment. We share a deep sense that God is truly doing a new thing within us; at the same time we are

emerging tentatively from two years of the pandemic in the midst of global warfare in Ukraine and unprecedented domestic mistrust. In our vulnerability we are most open to the *Lord of my heart*.

I think that for most of us resurrection is often incremental, discovered in hindsight. Day by day, we watch for signs that our faith is true.

We listen for God to say what we want to hear, yet we don't recognize the Christ who appears to us in our daily walk. We protect ourselves from the dangers of a hostile world, yet we don't notice the wind of God's grace sweeping through the rooms of our lives or the flames

of love lighting the minds of our companions. During this 50-day festival, God gathers us in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are given the opportunity and the grace to become a new Body, a living sign of God's ever-renewing peace. May the promise of this new life make us bold in our vulnerability.

*Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and  
thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
own may I be;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I one with Thee.*

**Mother Judith+**



## Food Pantry Collections

We are beginning to collect food donations for the Food Pantry again. Food insecurity continues to be a serious problem for many people. Look for the familiar basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks to Rose Reith for agreeing to take the lead in this important ministry and to Bill Nelson for continuing to transport our donations to the local food pantry.

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## Message from Our Organist

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the music during Holy Week and Easter. Having the choir back and singing during this special time was wonderful and uplifting. Thank you to Lynn Garland for her wonderful solo of "Were you there" on Good Friday during the Tenebrae service, Susan Howland for her harp music that is always so spiritual, and our guitarists, Jean Frost and John Grant, who add so much to our music.

A very special thank you to the choir members who gave us the joy and the prayerfulness of music and worship during that holiest of weeks.

God Bless, Anne

## Attention Choir:

We are singing for the Bishop's visitation on Sunday, May 15, 2022. We will have rehearsal on Sunday, May 1st at about 11:00, once we get our coffee.

We will need to schedule another rehearsal before May 15th. I am open to suggestions for Sunday, May 8th, Mother's Day or during the week leading up to May 15th.

Thank you for all you do.

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## Lawn Mowing Rotation

Volunteers are needed for the lawn mowing rota

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## Vestry Highlights: April 13, 2022

### Resolved:

- ✓ Accepted the Treasurer's Quarterly and Monthly Reports
- ✓ Approved proposal by Tamsin Lucey for a fundraising initiative for Ukraine collecting redeemable bottles and cans: April 24<sup>th</sup> (Orthodox Easter) through June 5<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost)
- ✓ Approved Family Worship plan to use the Dirlam Room for teaching and the former men's coat closet room for storage. Family Worship will be responsible for organizing and managing their space.

### Discussion:

- ✓ Update: Planning for the Vestry Retreat on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ What have we done well? Participation of the children and youth in worship & response to the Ukraine project
- ✓ What could we have done better? We need more volunteers to help John with livestreaming our services



4 — Aliana Bousquet  
 12 — Anne Bouvier-Monroe  
 15 — Sally Baum  
 28 — Mary Hicks

## Bishop Visitation: May 15, 2022

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
 I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

[Isaiah 43:19]

On Sunday May 15th we will welcome Bishop Fisher to Holy Trinity. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to affirm our faith together. We will welcome Bethany Marie Reith-Lowery in Holy Baptism. Four children will complete Holy Communion Class: Aliana Bousquet, Lucy Burns, David DeMings, and Addelyn Palato. Our children and youth will present a dramatization of the story of the Baptism of Our Lord, and they will serve as acolytes, readers, and ushers. After the service we will have a reception and Bishop Fisher will meet with the Vestry. Please let Susan Grant know if you are able to help with preparing or serving the reception.

## Daughters of the King News

Blessed Eastertide!!

This is the season of celebrating many gifts: the gift of the Resurrection of our Lord, the gift of joy, and the gifts of renewal of creation and revitalizing our Christian purpose.

The “Daughters” have been busy during this Easter season, in prayer and service. Please, continue to pray for our fellow daughter, Laura Gervais, who is recuperating from surgery.

In mission, the “Daughters” recently donated over \$130 in medical supplies toward the church’s collection efforts for the people of Ukraine. Our heartfelt prayers are with the Ukrainian people.

We would also like to thank all those who have been donating supplies for our mission work with Liberia. We are hoping to send the next shipment of barrels to Liberia in June. The barrels are huge!! We really need everyone’s help in filling them. Please consider buying some school supplies, toiletries and PPE supplies. If you have women’s and children’s clothing that you no longer need please donate them. Please, spread the word! Every little bit helps these children living in poverty.

Remember, 100% of the shipping costs will be paid for by a grant from the National Office of the Daughters of the King. Donations can be dropped off in the foyer before and after our church services or during office hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am-1pm.

For His Sake,  
Susan L. Grant

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## A Special Thanks

A special thank you to Rev. Judith, Chris Briere, Trisha O’Brien, Dave Monroe, and Lynn Garland for joining me in raking and cleaning the church front yard on April 2nd. We cleared out quite a bit of trash as well as leaves. Thank you for being good stewards of creation.

Many hands make light work.

Sincerely,  
Susan Grant



## Cans & Bottles for Ukraine

Our effort to support Ukraine continues.... Money collected from redeemable cans & bottles will go to Episcopal Relief and Development - who are already in Ukraine doing good work.

We are accepting any and all redeemable cans and bottles.

Please bring your donations to Church - either on a Sunday morning, a Tuesday or Thursday during office hours - 10 to 1 pm or by arrangement with Tamsin Lucey 774-200-4279.



Can and Bottle Drives have been scheduled at Yankee Spirits in Sturbridge on Saturday May 14, 9 am to 1 pm AND Saturday June 4, 9 am to 1 pm. Donations may also be dropped off on either of those days at Yankee Spirits.

Please contact Tamsin Lucey if you are able to help on either Saturday at Yankee Spirits or at any other time. We need volunteers to pick up, and sort, and deliver donations.

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## Over The Counter Medical Supplies for Ukraine

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.... All 35 boxes - weighing a total of 575 lbs with an estimated total value of over \$6,000, have now been safely delivered to hospitals in Lviv, Ukraine.

The donations of Over The Counter Medical Supplies poured in from the community as did money - it was just amazing - far beyond our estimation and what we hoped to collect. With monies donated we were able to purchase items not available over the counter: suture needles, cervical collars for neck injuries, tourniquets for field and hospital use, surgical clamps, burn wound dressings and so much more.

Just in case you are wondering what made up the 575 lbs - just a few statistics..... Gauze Pads, Rolls and Wound Dressings - 52 lbs., Elastic Bandages - 29 lbs., Band-Aids - 13 lbs., Medical Tape - 25 lbs., Antiseptic wipes - 24 lbs., Medical Exam Gloves - 25 lbs., Pain Relief - 42 lbs., Antibiotic Creams - 21 lbs, Professional Medical Supplies - 27 lbs. And lots more besides.

Thank you to the Holy Trinity community for making it all possible - We can say we helped make a difference to providing medical supplies to those in need in Lviv Ukraine.

With grateful thanks,  
Tamsin Lucey

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**Sunday Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist**

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