

# Trinity Talks

## Easter edition



## Rev. Read's Message

Dear Friends -

As I write, the festival Sunday of Easter is just a week away! Already I'm beginning to hum the great Easter hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" as I go about my day - this, even knowing we have yet to sing other hymns this coming week - hymns like "Were You There" that remind us of the costly sacrifice, and grace, that leads to Jesus' resurrection and our boundless hope because of it.

I hope these past Lenten weeks have given you opportunity to hum some favourite hymn tunes - maybe even sing words of hope, laughter, forgiveness and love - as part of your journey through Lent. I like the quote from the well-known Boston Episcopal clergyman (and author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Phillips Brooks when he suggests we participate in Easter joy not as mere observers, but as participants, as men and women who have themselves (ourselves!) experienced the rising tide of grace at least once, if not many times, in our lives.

For what else is our faith but a following of Jesus as he shows us by his life how we are to live - and die. We are not put on this earth merely for ourselves, to be private citizens leading closed lives of privilege (or desperation). No! Each day we walk this earth is a gift, and a chance through connecting with others and

with God to rise to be heroic, human, imperfect, striving human beings. "For it is by grace you have been saved," Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9. In dying and rising again, Jesus shows us the grace that has been gifted to us by God in Christ Jesus, freeing us from worry and doubt about who we really are in this world, and notwithstanding anything other people or systems of oppression may say about us.

So let Easter come soon, Lord! Only a week away, but to get there, lead us down from the heights of Mount Olives, part of your festival Palm parade. Invite us to that upper room, to sit among friends and enjoy a Passover meal. Transform our understanding of mere bread and wine into something that powerfully reveals divine truth in our world. Lead us to the Cross with you, to look death in the face, and beyond!

As we go, thank you for giving us each other to journey with, to take strength from, to forgive for past errors and seek forgiveness for a time that is different, transforming, new. As I go, know I'll be humming many tunes that give me strength and comfort for the journey.

I pray you will be too!

Yours be the glory in all things!  
*Rev. Read*

## Welcome!

Whether you are new to Trinity, a longtime member, or somewhere in-between... **welcome!**

Welcome to a church who loves you the way you are, regardless of your age, race, socio-economic status, level of education, sexual orientation, language or where you are in your faith journey.

Welcome to little ones. Welcome to to big ones. Welcome to little ones in big bodies.

We're not perfect, but we're trying!

Come enjoy all that Trinity has to offer: from Sunday morning services, prayer groups, Super Seniors, Family Breakfasts, special outings, Sunday School, communal meals, and so much more.

Not sure how to get involved? Ask Rev. Read - he'll show you the way.



## Holy Week Activities



### Good Friday, April 19 11am

Relive the story of Jesus' passion – the only way to a truly joyous Easter!

### Easter Sunday, April 21: Easter Celebration!



### 9:30 am Easter Breakfast

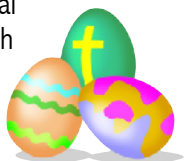
He is risen, indeed! Come rise early with us and enjoy a celebratory breakfast of waffles, sausages, eggs, bacon, fruit, and tea and coffee.

Tickets cost \$10 per adult and \$8 per child ages 5 -12 years old. Please see Gary Tompkins or email him at [gary@trinityuc.net](mailto:gary@trinityuc.net).

As always, price is never an issue - if you cannot afford it, please speak to Rev. Read.

### 11:00 am Worship Service

Come celebrate the risen Lord with a joyous worship service! There will be an Easter presentation created by the Sunday School children just for you, a special presentation of the Hallelujah Chorus, and of course, an inspirational message by Rev. Read.



...and I hear there will be an Easter hunt for the Sunday School children too... 🐣

*He is not here,  
he has  
Risen!*

## New & Noteworthy

### CHURCH GOVERNANCE April 28

This is a very exciting time for the Governance Committee, we will soon be voting on the new Governance structure. We look forward to the Congregational Meeting on April 28 at 13:15 to vote on the new governance structure for our church and to vote in key individuals for the various Director and Ministry Lead positions.

In case you missed the Open House the presentation has been uploaded to the Trinity website. As a matter of fact, all of the material that you need to be clear on what we are proposing is on the website, please go to the website Home page and click on the appropriate link.

Nominations for the various Director and Ministry Lead positions should be emailed to Gary Tompkins ([gary@trinityuc.net](mailto:gary@trinityuc.net)) or Sheri Cameron ([chair@trinityuc.net](mailto:chair@trinityuc.net)) (the Nominations Committee). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, my email is [glenn@funamoto.ca](mailto:glenn@funamoto.ca).

This is an exciting time where we all get to participate in the future of our church. Please attend the Congregational Meeting and support the proposed structure and your Director and Ministry Lead candidates. A light lunch will be provided, looking forward to seeing you!

Submitted: Glenn Funamoto for the Governance Committee

This material may be of interest and may provide some answers to your questions:

Governance Open House presentation: <http://bit.ly/GovOpenHouse>

Governance Structure: <http://bit.ly/GovOrgChart>

Governance Handbook: <http://bit.ly/GovHandBook>

### NOAH MOVIE OUTING April 22



This Easter, one of the Bible's best-known stories comes to life on big movie screens across Canada for a special event.

Filmed in front of a live audience, NOAH takes you on history's best-known voyage as you board the enormous ark—along with two of every kind of animal!

Showing for only 3 days in Montreal, we will be attending on Monday, April 22 at 3:30 PM at the Cinema Cineplex Laval. Please sign up in the Narthex or email Sheri at [kids@trinityuc.net](mailto:kids@trinityuc.net) to confirm your spot until Good Friday.



## BOLLYWOOD NIGHT April 27 6 PM

The Verdun Dragon Boat Club will once again host a fundraiser at Trinity. The evening will be Indian-themed, featuring your choice of vegetarian or non-vegetarian homemade Indian food (think butter chicken...yum!).

The evening includes live entertainment, board games, karaoke, dancing and a silent auction. Free babysitting will be happening in our Sunday School room.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Contact Sheri Cameron [chair@trinityuc.net](mailto:chair@trinityuc.net).

The Verdun DBC have been using our church for a few years now, in exchange for painting services. Our beautiful new kid zone on the 7th avenue is thanks to them!

## SUMMER VBS DAY CAMP July 1-12

We're on our way to Mars and beyond to explore where God's power can take us!

Come live out two weeks of discovering the wonders of God's universe. Rotate through activities in the morning (songs, science, arts and crafts, cooking) and then blast off in the afternoon to explore Montreal.

Come be transformed by the power of God at work. Cost: \$150 for 2 weeks, but don't let cost stop you from coming on this journey. Contact Sheri Cameron at [kids@trinityuc.net](mailto:kids@trinityuc.net).



## RISE UP! MISSION CAMP July 15-19

Targeted to upper elementary and junior high school students, but open to children of all ages, RISE UP! Mission Camp will allow campers to harness God's power and change our world for the better.

Through motivational speakers, leadership games, team building exercises and prayerful reflection, campers will choose and lead their own mission.

ONE WEEK. ONE MISSION. WHAT WILL IT BE? Cost: \$50, but don't let cost stop you. Let me know! Contact Sheri Cameron at [kids@trinityuc.net](mailto:kids@trinityuc.net).

## Looking To Grow Spiritually?

There are so many opportunities for us to grow and develop in God's love at Trinity.

When we give to others, we can't help but grow too. We welcome you to bring your gifts to serving God - by giving of your time to Trinity, by helping Trinity grow financially, by

attending services, and/or by reaching out to people who need an extra hand. Let's all remember that God is love and we are called to share His love with all.

Now too sure where to start? Ask Rev. Read!

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbour as yourself."*

Matthew 22:37



# The Winter That Was



*Christmas Cantata*



*Mardi Gras*



*Christmas and Epiphany Pageants*



*Governance Meetings*

*Messy Church*



*Breakfast with Santa*



*Blue Christmas*



*Prayer Group*



*WE Day*



*Worshiplude!*

