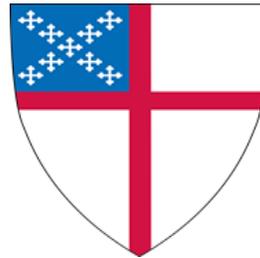


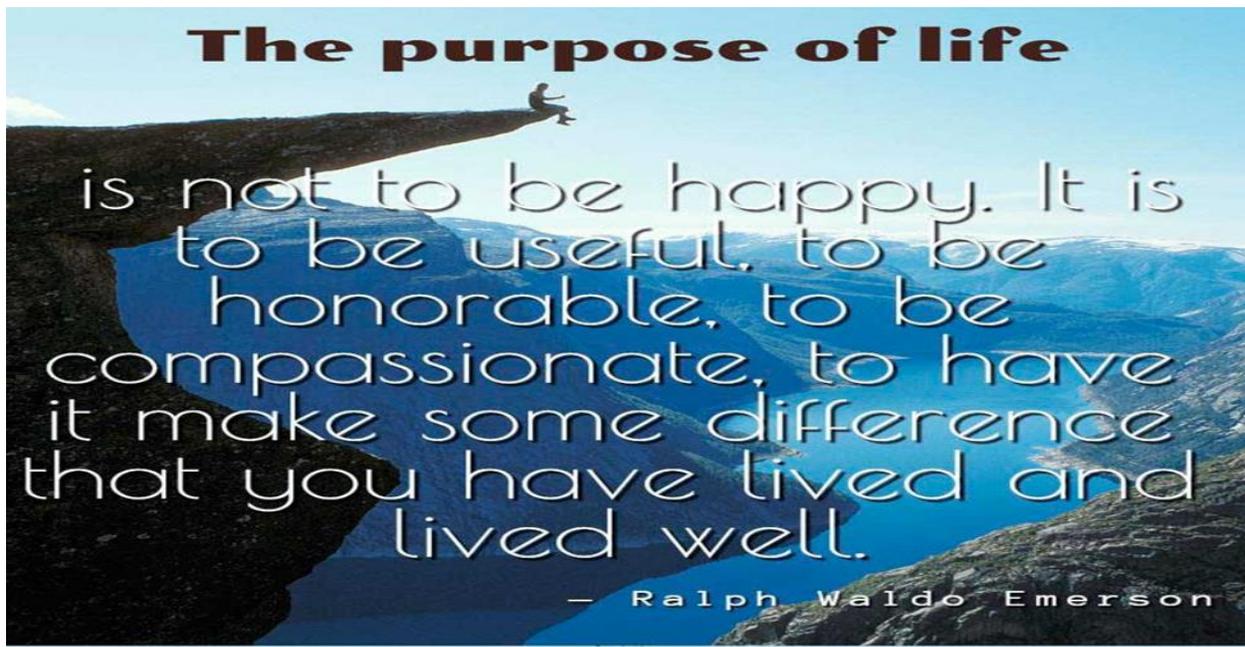
# **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Prayer List & Newsletter**



**May 16, 2020**

LESSONS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1. Psalm 66: 7-18
2. Acts 17: 22-31
3. 1 Peter 3: 13-22
4. John 14: 15-21



DOING NOTHING FOR OTHERS  
*is the undoing*  
OF OURSELVES.  
*- horace mann*



What can we at Holy Trinity do during this pandemic to help others in our community? Email or call me with any ideas you have and let's see what we can safely do.

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

– Dr. Seuss

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

– Pablo Picasso

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

– Mahatma Gandhi

Psalm 66:7-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

7 who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.[a]

13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

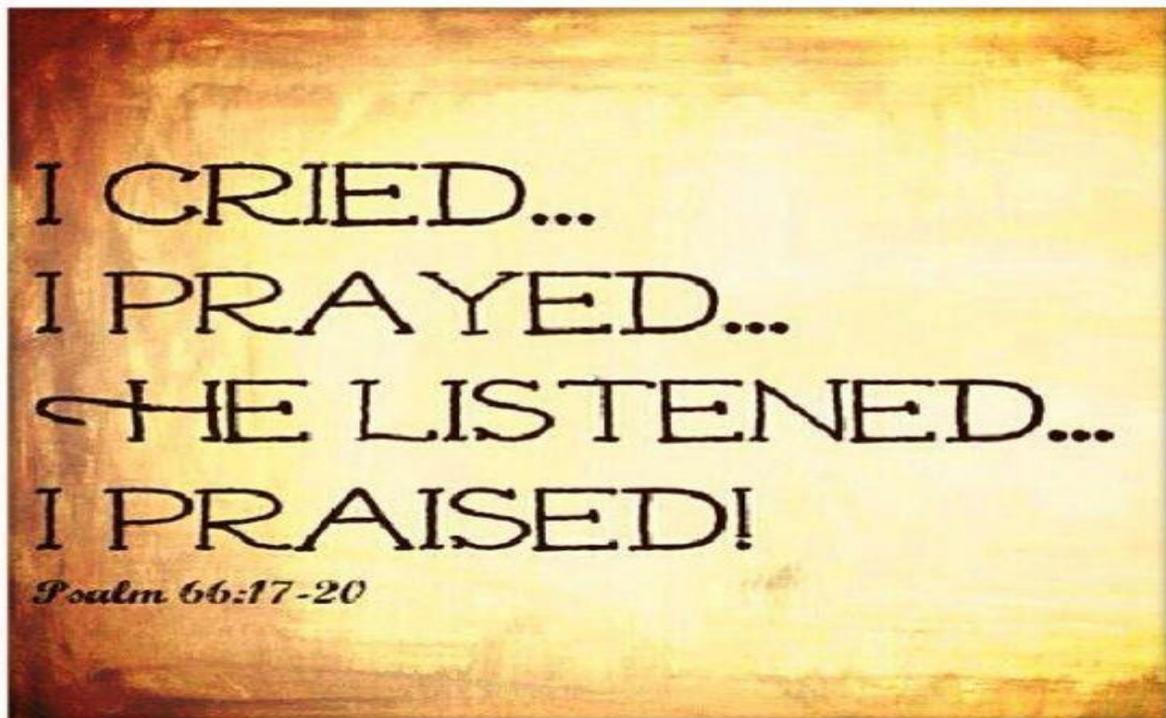
14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.



Acts 17:22-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor[a] he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

29 Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

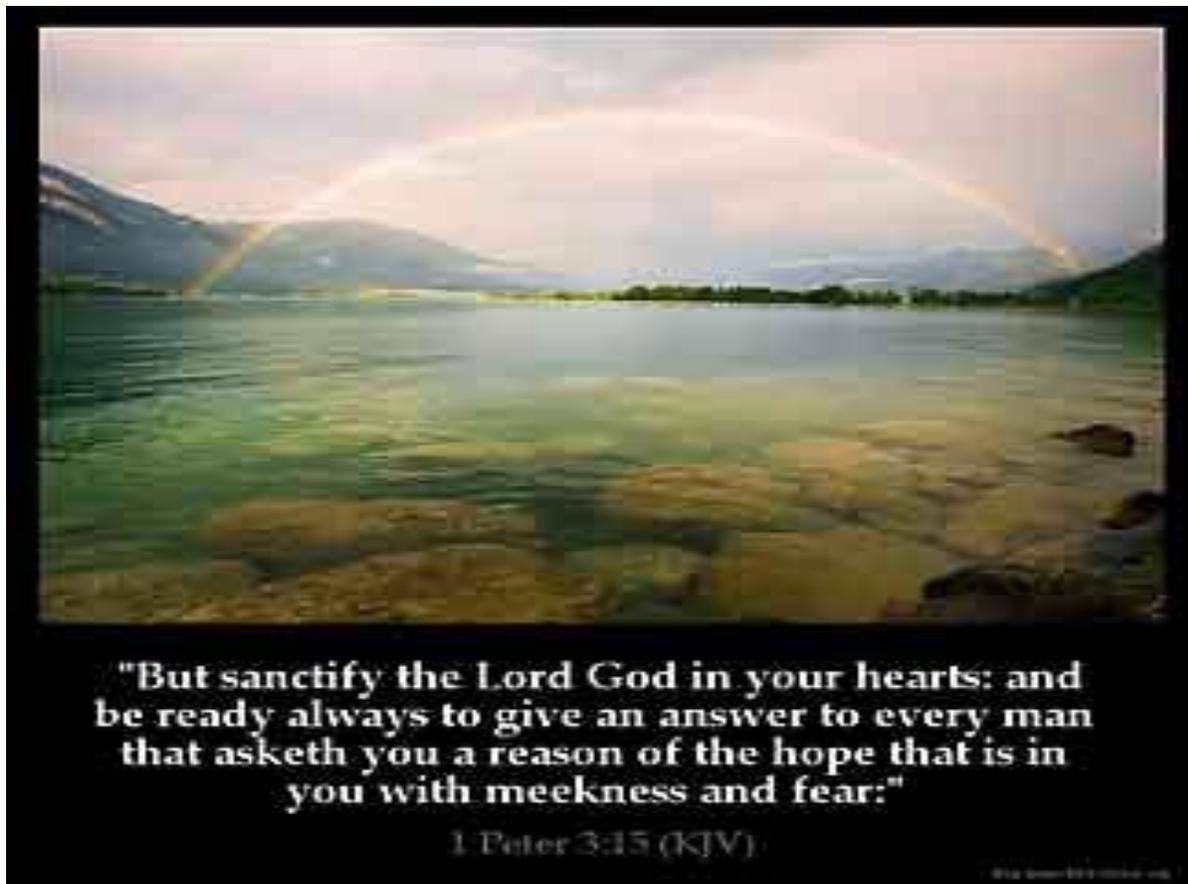


**“For in him we live, and move,  
and have our being...”**

Acts 17:28 (KJV)

1 Peter 3:13-22 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear,[a] and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence.[b] Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered[c] for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you[d] to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for[e] a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



**"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"**

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)

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John 14:15-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, you will keep[a] my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[b] to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in[c] you.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”



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John 14:15-18

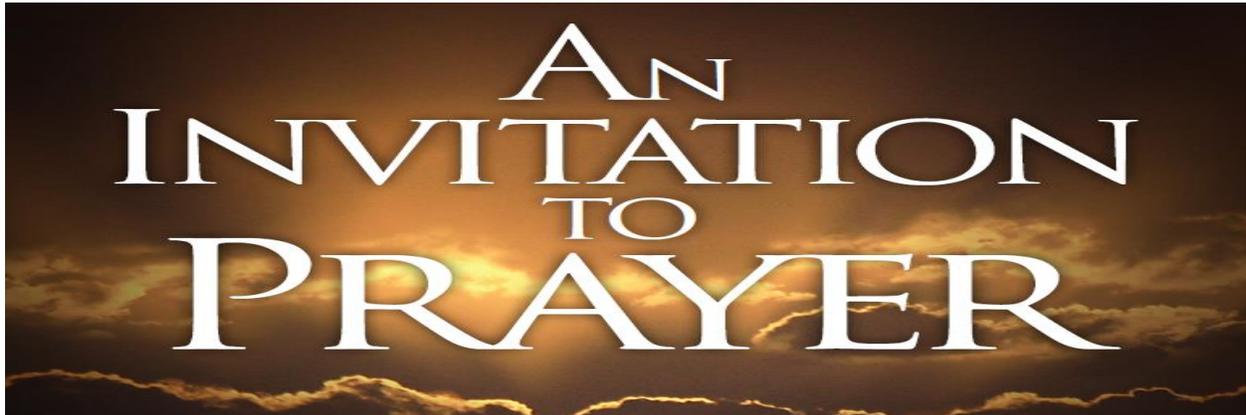
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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## FEAR, ANGER AND THE PATH TO PEACE

***“I know, to banish anger from one's breast is a difficult task. It cannot be achieved through pure personal effort. It can be done only by God's grace.” Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)***

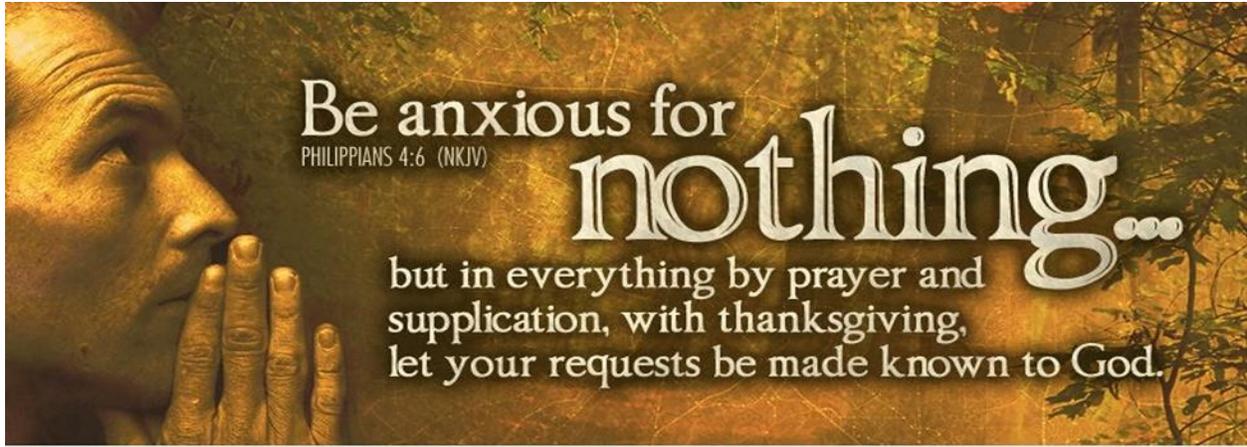
For those of us who have blown out enough birthday candles to start a serious brush fire, John Lennon's celebrated mantra, “Give Peace a Chance”, resonates deeply in our collective memories. Even upon repeated hearing, the yearning for greater understanding among people still resonates now, fifty plus years after we first heard that iconic anthem. Despite all the changes we have witnessed since the heyday the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement, we still can't seem to overturn the spectre of fear and anger from our midst. Expressions of bigotry and virulent prejudice, once associated with marginal elements in our society, is now openly advocated by leaders in substantial positions of power and authority. The possibility of a better future collides with the juggernaut of hatred, as the norms of minimal tolerance seem to be relegated to the fading memories of a bygone era.

The question, then, is how do we go about liberating ourselves from this overarching darkness. Sooner or later, we are confronted with the notion that true change must start from within. As promised in Psalm 4:8, “in peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone make me dwell in safety.”

Long and bitter historical experience has taught us that the attainment of peace is not being satisfied with the absence of war, but realizing that peace over the long-haul demands engaging and confronting the darkest impulses of human nature. Our most powerful adversary is found within, where the fragile boundaries of civilized behavior can easily degenerate into mass murder and genocide. Since the Holocaust in Europe, we have witnessed the horrors of Cambodia, Rwanda, and Bosnia testify to the prevalence of depravity in the post Second War world.

Collective security and peacekeeping efforts of well-intentioned nations will continue to fall short of the mark until we come to understand the unconditional nature of God's love for the entirety of creation:

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guide your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 4: 6-7).



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Our fallen nature, eternally at war with the unconditional love of God, presents a consistent challenge, is constantly challenged by a world which magnifies and encourages dissent and division. St Augustine, in a famous observation from his work, “The City of God”, said plainly that “God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.” Once the furious discord of self-referential individualism is overcome, we thereby allow ourselves the freedom to willingly receive God’s grace and to live with purpose for others, in accordance to His will.

So as we resume our respective journeys in seeking a more equitable and slightly saner world, the promise contained in Luke 1: 78-79 comes strongly to mind:



“Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.”

It is that sacred promise, piercing the darkness of this troubled time, which contains the hope that someday might liberate us from bondage to the turmoil to which we have grown all too familiar.

God's Peace,

Carl Bucking

May 2020



A note from Flo Hayward

Thank you to those who have made contributions and kept up their pledge despite the hard times.

Also please be advised that donations will be counted on the second Thursday of each month, so to keep their accounts balanced, please have checks in by the Tuesday of that week.

NOTE:

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