

The darkness is the domain of wrong, of hatred, of bigotry, of violence, the domain of sin and death and horror.

And early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, Hallelujah, Anyhow.

The truth is, she didn't know that Jesus was alive. She was just doing what love does. Caring for her beloved, her Savior, her friend, in his time of death, to give him the last rites of burial. And when she got to the tomb, and the other women with them, they eventually discovered that Jesus was alive, and in the silence of the night, in the moments of despair, in the moments of the worst darkness, God had done something incredible. God had raised Jesus from the dead.

The truth is, nobody saw Jesus rise from the dead, because God had done it secretly and quietly, when nobody was looking.

When I was in high school, I learned a poem composed by James Russell Lowell. He wrote it in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in one of the darkest periods in American history, when this country was torn asunder by the existence of chattel slavery in our midst. In this great land of freedom, there were slaves being held in bondage. And this nation literally went to war, tearing itself apart, trying to find the way to do what was right. And James Russell Lowell wrote, in the midst of this darkness, in this dark hour:

*Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone and strong . . .*

*Though her portion be a scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown*

*Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own*

Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Christ is risen  
The Lord is risen, indeed.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

Presiding Bishop  
Michael Curry

## Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper  
Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules  
Second Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2019  
The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

*The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region  
Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ  
as a growing Episcopal Church.*

### **YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

This Sunday Fr. Tony will have an overview of the Confirmation class for anyone who would like to attend. If you would like to be Confirmed, Received or Affirmed this is an important meeting for you to attend. If you are just interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and some of our theology and tradition this is a great class for you to "come and see". The Bishop will be with us on Sunday, June 9th, Pentecost and will happily receive all those into the church who wish for him to. This will be a great celebration of the Holy Spirit's grace and guidance and of His presence with us.

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Movie night returns on Thursday, May 9th in the parish hall. Popcorn, candy and drinks will all be available and everyone is welcome to invite your friends and neighbors.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

There will be a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30. The speaker for the evening will be Bob Branson from Mission Aviation.. There is always a short Eucharist service at 6:00pm in the Church prior to the dinner which is a wonderful beginning to the evening if you are able to attend.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 4/28**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Service 8:30 and 11:00am**

**9:45am Confirmation Class**

**Discussion of the Lessons**

**JC and the Gospel**

**Refreshments Follow both Services**

**Monday 4/29**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

**6:00 Home Study at Fr. Tony's**

**Tuesday 4/30**

10:00am Sister's Circle Wicker Rm

Noon Betty's and the Bible Lunch

1:30 Study Group Wicker Room

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

**Wednesday 5/1**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

12:00 AA in Wicker Room

**Thursday 5/2**

Thrift Shop 10am - 4pm open

7:00pm AA in Wicker Room

**Friday 5/3**

Thrift Shop 2:00pm—5:00pm open

**Saturday 5/4**

9:00am AA in Wicker Room

9:00am—noon Thrift Shop open

**Sunday 5/5**

**First Sunday Holy Eucharist**

**One Service at 10:00**

**Potluck Lunch Following**

**the Service**

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

**MAY**

- May 2 PH in use pm
- May. 5 First Sunday One Service**
- May 9 Movie Night PH 6:00pm  
Forum Room in use pm
- May 12 Happy Mother's Day!
- May 16 Grill and Chill 7pm
- May 18 Song Farmers 7pm
- May 25 Men's Club
- May 27 Memorial Day Holiday  
Office Closed

**JUNE**

**During the month of June we will begin our summer schedule of having only one service each Sunday at 10:00am.**

- June 2 First Sunday  
Pot Luck Following.**
- June 9 Pentecost  
Bishop visiting and confirmations**
- June 16 Trinity Sunday**



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God .

If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial, celebration or for a special event, please sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall and call the office.

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter 2019 Message**

The Rt. Reverend Barbara Harris was the first woman ordained and consecrated a bishop in The Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion. In her memoir, entitled *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* [she] quotes an old Gospel hymn that says it this way:

*Hallelujah anyhow  
Never let your troubles get you down  
When your troubles come your way  
Hold your hands up high and say  
Hallelujah anyhow!*

When I get to Heaven, I want to meet one person, and her name is Mary Magdalene. Because if ever there was another Hallelujah, Anyhow sister, it was Mary Magdalene. And her life, and her example, tells us what it means to follow in the way of Jesus, in the Way of Love.

Mary Magdalene showed up when others would not. Mary Magdalene spoke up when others remained silent. Mary Magdalene stood up when others sat down.

John's Gospel tells us that when many of the disciples fled and abandoned Jesus, Mary Magdalene stood by him at the cross. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

Against the odds, swimming against the current, Mary Magdalene was there.

John's Gospel says in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

They went to the tomb when it didn't make any sense. They went to the tomb when the evidence was against them. Jesus was dead. They knew that. The power of the Empire had crushed the hope of love. They knew that. And they got up in the morning and went to the tomb anyhow. Hallelujah, Anyhow.

But more than that, John's Gospel says it was dark. It was dark. That's not just the time of day in John's Gospel. The darkness in John is the domain of evil. In John's Gospel when Judas leaves the Last Supper to betray Jesus, John inserts a parenthetical remark. When Judas leaves to betray him, John says, "And it was night."