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# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!



# CONGRATULATIONS

**STELLA EBY FITZGERALD**, daughter of Amy and Todd, and graduate of St. Stephen's Episcopal School, will attend Boston University's College of Fine Arts where she will pursue a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance.

**MEREDITH JACKSON**, daughter of Elizabeth and Raymond, graduated magna cum laude from Trinity University with BS in Biology, concentration in cellular and molecular biology, and a minor in Spanish. She will be attending UT Southwestern Medical school in Dallas in the fall.

**REBECCA JACKSON**, daughter of Elizabeth and Raymond, graduated from Austin High and will be studying neuroscience and playing on the women's tennis team on academic scholarship at UT Dallas in the fall.

**ISABELLA "BELLA" WRIGHT**, daughter of Lori and Tom, graduated from Austin High and will be attending Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in the fall. In addition to being an outstanding student leader, she is one of SMEC's longest serving acolytes.

## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

### Thoughts for the Seventh Sunday of Easter by the Rev. Elizabeth Turner

A friend posted on Facebook this week that another friend of hers told her that she has been using her lockdown time to finally read *War and Peace*. . . in French and Russian. My friend responded by saying, "Two can play at that game: I'm clearing out my email inbox." The growing stack of unread books at the foot of my bed (including Dante's *The Divine Comedy*) point to aspirations for "lockdown" that resonate with setting a goal to read (again) *War and Peace* (albeit only in English) but point instead to accomplishments more similar to that of clearing out an email inbox. Once orders to shelter-in-place were mandated, there seemed to be optimism about how manageable it was all going to be. We could have our groceries delivered to our homes, parents of school age children had well constructed daily schedules for school work and enrichment, we would organize our lives, Marie Kondo-ize our homes, and read stacks and stacks of books.

We seemed to have thought that there was going to be a perfect way to be quarantined. . . as long as we had a plentiful supply of toilet paper. But instead, I suspect that I am not alone in being reminded, once again, of the impossibility of perfection. I have more than *glimpsed* the grace of imperfection—it has stared me daily in the face. When our daughter was born, one of her godmothers, the Jungian analyst and author Ann Ulanov, told me not to expect to be a perfect mother. Instead she wisely said, what we can be is "good enough." This is the grace of imperfection: it is sufficient to be "good enough." God's grace is what is sufficient!

## NEWS

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!** In observance of the holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26, and follow current pandemic protocols.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS DURING SUNDAY WORSHIP** Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The **submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday** prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

**SHARING YOUR STORIES** There are still so many stories to share as we adjust to meeting in digital spaces. If you've got photos of book club meetings, Bible studies, worship, etc., please consider sending items to Christine Havens, Admin and Communication Assistant, at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Photos should be sent at the highest resolution possible.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM SUNDAY at 12:00 PM** It has been 15-20 years since the Gospel of John was written. What is the community up to? How are they doing? What have they learned, and what are they fighting about? Join us Sunday as we discuss 1 John, Chapter 2. Please email [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for Zoom info.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM!** All are welcome to join the next book group discussion at **2:30 pm on May 27**, which will meet on Zoom. May's book selection is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Please email Jackie King at [jsking2010@yahoo.com](mailto:jsking2010@yahoo.com) for the meeting ID and link, if you don't yet have it.

**MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM** Join Mthr. Minerva and others for Morning Prayer each **Tuesday morning at 9:00 am** on Zoom. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for Zoom meeting link.

**EVENING PRAYER VIA ZOOM** Led by Fr. John **each Wednesday at 4:30 pm**. Please email [jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom meeting info.

**VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY MEETS VIA ZOOM** Mother Minerva leads the weekly **Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm**, via Zoom. Please email [mskeith@st-michaels.org](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org) for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

**CENTERING PRAYER IS NOW MEETING ONLINE** This ministry is available every **Tuesday night at 6:30 pm**. Please email Phyllis Blee with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP ON ZOOM** The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at **9:15 am each Sunday**. Please email Phyllis Blee at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting info

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WILL HOLD A PUBLIC ONLINE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, AT 6:00 PM ET** to mourn the more than 300,000 people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 90,000 of whom were in the United States. This service, **[A Time to Mourn: An Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lives Lost to COVID19](#)**, will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. The NCC is comprised of 38 member communions ranging from mainline Protestant to historic African American and Orthodox churches. A list of names of those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 is being collected and will be scrolled during the service. Names may be added by [clicking here](#).

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE** One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. Sally lives in Barton Creek and is happy to meet via FaceTime. If you are interested, please email Sally at [shlombardo@gmail.com](mailto:shlombardo@gmail.com).

## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

**STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTER AMANDA ON FACEBOOK LIVE | THURSDAYS AT 1:00 PM** Join us for the reading of two books that are fun for the whole family. While this event, like worship, is "live," the recording stays up on the St. Michael's Facebook page, so you can tune in whenever you're ready for some comedic relief and sweet tales. *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS POSTED TO FACEBOOK | SUNDAYS AT 11:30AM** Rev. Hope and Family Minister Lizzie take turns leading a special message for kids, a story from the Bible, our favorite songs, and our five-finger prayer—just like we would do in Children's Chapel in person! *Lasts about 20 minutes.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM 12:00 PM** All kids (with a parent in the room) 5th grade and below are invited to join us for this time together where we make a craft (supply list sent out the week before), check in with each other, sing our favorite songs, and say prayers for each other. Parents must email Amanda Lang, our Family Minister ([amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org)) for the link to join. All welcome!

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

**AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM!** The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin\\_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links.

**Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [Lrivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:Lrivas@st-michaels.org) for more news about youth group happenings.**

## **THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS**

### **New Prayers**

For Debbie Houser's 4-year-old grandson, Finn, who is ill, in the hope that it is not COVID related.  
For all SMEC graduates, and for all students and teachers.

### **COVID-19 Related**

For Chris, son-in-law of Jackie, who is doing response work in a San Antonio factory.  
For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.  
For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.  
For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.  
Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.  
In thanksgiving that Karen, daughter of Mary Hermes, has fully recovered from the virus.  
For Kory Killough, son of Lisa and Kirk, who is unemployed.  
For all those without employment at this time.  
For Greg Stiles, in Philadelphia, who is in the vulnerable, high-risk population. For Greg and Kelly's daughter, Amanda, who is pregnant.  
For Hannah M.  
All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.  
Miriam Carillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.  
For Ed Erdman.

## **A WORD ABOUT ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Normally after Lent and Easter Sunday, we would have flower arrangements on the altar each week and would invite dedications in honor of loved ones and/or special occasions. However, during this time of encouraging safe social distancing practices, we will not be having flowers delivered.

If you have a dedication that you would normally request at this time of year, send it to Christine Havens ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) and we will publish them all once we are back to worshipping within the sanctuary together. Thank you to those who have sent dedications in already.

**RESOURCES** This is by no means an exhaustive list of available resources. Please feel free to email Christine Havens ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) with suggestions.

### **MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH**

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line: <https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

### **PRAYER**

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: [https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol\\_prayers\\_for\\_pandemic\\_final.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf)

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare–Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)

The Episcopal Church: <https://episcopalchurch.org/>

Article from the Office of Government Relations:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/misinformation-disinformation-fake-news-why-do-we-care>

### **GROCERIES, PHARMACY, AND OTHER DELIVERY SERVICES**

HEB Senior Grocery Delivery (via Favor): <https://favordelivery.com/seniors>

Special Shopping Times for Vulnerable Populations–USA Today Article: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/17/coronavirus-shopping-stores-introduce-time-for-vulnerable-elderly-pregnant/5074064002/>

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE–INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: [connectatx.org/](http://connectatx.org/)

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-BUSINESSES**

Small Business Association Disaster Relief: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

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