



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

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JUNE 7, 2020  
TRINITY SUNDAY

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## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: SUSIE ORUM, OUTREACH COMMISSION CHAIR

St. Michael's Episcopal Church is a very active community whose parishioners take the idea of extravagant generosity and find a plentitude of ways in which to express it. Susie Orum, our Outreach Commission chair, is one such example.

In May, Susie's voice was heard by many, including the *Austin Monitor*. While in a meeting with Commissioner Daugherty along with Mother Minerva and others of Central Texas Interfaith (CTI), the commissioner asked for her telephone number to follow up on an important point she made about rental assistance only being available annually. She was then asked by county staff to testify at the county commissioners court.

Her work on behalf of those who are in financial crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic was instrumental in convincing Travis County to provide \$40 million in rental assistance. She presented a strong case for the larger amount, but then encouraged the county to pass the \$10 million, which they did.

Susie has been involved with St. Michael's for much of her adult life. She came to the church in 1968 while she was a student at UT. She says, "It was love at first sight." After some time away, she returned in 1980 with her now-deceased husband, Mark Jorjorian, who was briefly the rector of St. Michael's. After living in Chicago for 30 years, she returned in 2015 and has been with SMEC ever since. Besides her work with CTI, Susie loves working in the SM garden, welcoming refugee families, serving on the Outreach Commission, and being in the Altar Guild. What brings her the most joy are the people at St. Michael's.

Thank you, Susie, for your extravagant generosity.



## GLIMPSES OF GRACE

### Thoughts for Trinity Sunday by Sally Lombardo, MDiv

In thinking about how to focus on grace, I couldn't help but stay with the pandemic and the riots. Most of us are wondering who's in charge here, and if God is still in control. The apostle Paul recognizes God's sovereignty quite often. To keep him from being proud, writes Paul, God placed a thorn in his flesh to torment him, all the while assuring him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). The theme of God's grace through our weakness runs through the Word. In Numbers, God graces his wandering Israelites with the priesthood, and the sons of Aaron will inherit the "priestly portion due them in perpetuity." Manna was grace; as described in Psalms of Lament, the long-suffering of the Lord is his grace; Job confesses that "If it were God's intention, and He withdrew his spirit, all humanity would perish together" (34:14-15). In our current trial, God's protection and grace still abound in his mercy and provision. I recently heard a bit of wisdom from NT Wright: Through all this pestilence and unrest, God may be calling us to lament. According to the psalmist, we cry, "Not to us, Lord, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love, why should the nations ever ask, 'Where is their God?' (Ps 115:1-2). Maybe in this dim time, grace abides in our willingness to lament and to see God's mercy.

## NEWS

**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.

**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. If you are interested, please email Sally at [shlombardo@gmail.com](mailto:shlombardo@gmail.com).

## ZOOM GATHERINGS

Here are links to a couple of Zoom tutorials on YouTube. This one, <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>, from the Creative Life Center, is great for those just using the platform for joining meetings. Click this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>, for a more detailed tutorial if you're interested in how to host a meeting. If you have questions about using Zoom that aren't answered in either of the videos or you need clarification, please email Luis Rivas at [livas@st-michaels.org](mailto:livas@st-michaels.org) about a Q&A session.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH FR. JOHN @12:00 PM** It has been 15-20 years since the Gospel of John was written. What is the community up to? Join us as we discuss 1 John, Chapter 4. The Zoom link for this next Sunday is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806703238>

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** All are welcome to join the next book group discussion at 2:30 pm on June 24, which will meet on Zoom. June's book selection is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. Please email Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com) for more information or the Zoom link.

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

**EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:40 PM** 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.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** 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 ON TUESDAY EVENINGS** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

**SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** 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 Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting info

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW 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 [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:lrvivas@st-michaels.org) for more news about youth group happenings.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

**STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTER AMANDA ON FACEBOOK | NEW EPISODE EACH THURSDAY AT 1:00 PM** A new episode premieres each Thursday at 1:00 pm. You can tune in whenever your family is ready for a story! Lasts about 20 minutes.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS POSTED TO FACEBOOK | SUNDAYS AT 11:30 AM** Rev. Hope and Family Minister Amanda 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.

**HOLY MOLY! SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM 12:00 PM** Join Family Minister Amanda this summer for Holy Moly, an engaging way for children to experience the Bible brought to life! All kids (with a parent in the room) 5th grade and below are invited participate. If you're interested in joining, and don't yet have a kit, please email Amanda ([amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org)) and she will drop one off at your home. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

### NEW PRAYERS

For peace and understanding as we move forward from the protests over the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and others.

## **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.

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 Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Ed Erdman.

**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-elderlypregnant/5074064002/>

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES**

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

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

While we're not regathering just yet, altar flowers have reappeared and so will dedications, which are a lovely way to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by the Rev. Elizabeth Turner in celebration of the Rev. Philip Turner's birthday.

### READINGS, JUNE 7, 2020 TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Psalm 8 or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

### THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.



Even our church mouse is staying safe!  
(Thanks to Gail Reid for the photo.)

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.  
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*