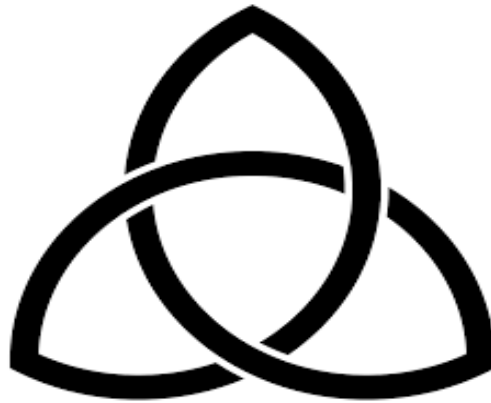




Red Door in the time of COVID 19

June 7 - 14, 2020



What is THAT?

you may well ask. It is a “triquetra.” Christian missionaries to Ireland found this symbol when they arrived, and they appropriated it as a symbol of God as One Being in Three Persons, what Christians call “the Trinity.”

Christian understanding of God as triune (three in one and one in three) did not come from scholars batting around fancy Greek words in the comfort of their libraries. The Trinity originated in lived human experience. It came—and still comes—from lived encounters with a God who shows up in, among, and always for the sake of human bodies. All human bodies, regardless where on the spectrum from snow white to coal black is the skin of any and every human body.

Under the skin of every human body, regardless of the hue of that skin, flows blood of only one single color. “O God, you have made of one blood, all the peoples of the earth . . .” we acknowledge (BCP 100). The blood of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many darker bodies cries out to God from the ground.

Our Christian faith must discover and hold fast to our unity with those bodies through the body of Christ and Christ’s solidarity lived out (incarnated) through his life, death, and new life *with* the oppressed and rejected members of the whole human family.

May we know ourselves to be one with those bodies, sisters and brothers, adopted by a living and loving God who grieves the deaths of all His children.

Henny+

News from our vestry

At its gathering on May 24 our vestry began to discuss our diocese's requirements for re-opening St. John's – whenever that day may be. As of June 4, Bishop Perry has given NO indication of when she will permit the resumption of in-person worship or gatherings of community groups. Some of the requirements include the wearing of masks by everyone in the building; keeping at least 6 feet between households (in worship) and individuals in meetings; a prohibition against singing and any kind of indoor fellowship and sharing of food; and the maintaining of a log and contact information of everyone who enters the building. Bishop Perry is considering ways in which we might possibly receive communion. Quite likely we will enter through the red doors only. The hallway to the rest rooms will be open, but the parish hall will NOT be open to reduce the amount and frequency of cleaning needed.

Our vestry also considered cancelling our Fall Festival and will make a final decision at its gathering on June 21.

Our treasurer is very grateful for all of the households that have remained faithful in their support of St. John's, allowing her to continue to honor our obligations to staff and vendors.

Services To Enhance Potential, our new partner, intends to launch its "What's Cooking in Westland" class for its clients on July 1.

Jory King presented thoughts that he, Sande Godbout and Matt Godbout together with Rev. Henny have about the skills and characteristics that St. John's might like to have in its next Minister of Music. Our vestry adopted as a goal to have a new Minister of Music in place by August 1; fulfilling that timeline will depend in large part on when our community groups can resume gathering at St. John's.

Book discussion continues Wednesday mornings at 11:00

A collection of his sermons, *Crazy Christians A Call to Follow Jesus* by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is available from Church Publishing (800-242-1918) for \$18.95 and from online retailers.

We will discuss chapters 4 through 8 on June 10 starting at 11:00.

Participate via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89149196582> or via telephone by dialing 1 253 215 8782 and then enter 891 4919 6582.

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A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offered by The Most Reverend Michael Curry at Washington National Cathedral on the Feast of Pentecost, 2020.

Bishop Curry is asking all Episcopal churches to offer this prayer through the first Sunday of September.

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