



@TRINITYUCPG THE EASTER EDITION

IT'S EASTER!

I must admit I've been anxiously anticipating Easter 2021 because I'd hoped we would be gathering in some way indoors, together, for worship. It had been one of the things sustaining me throughout this pandemic marathon... 'if we can just get to Easter' I've found myself saying. Being given a variance to open and then having it rescinded felt kind of cruel. Don't get me wrong, I know it needed to be done and even as I write other provinces are going into extended lockdowns. It doesn't matter how much I know, in my mind, that it was the right thing to do, my heart still feels let down...almost betrayed. In part because I miss seeing, hearing, and talking with each of you so much.

But wait a minute...doesn't that sound a lot like the story of Holy Week? From Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday, to Good Friday, and Easter, isn't that the quintessential Christian experience? Having one set of expectations only to realize something different.

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The more I think about it and unpack my feelings associated with it, rescinding the variance for indoor worship and the ongoing up and down of this pandemic is something that the Christian community, that Trinity United, is ideally suited to deal with. This is our story! We've been recounting it, commemorating it, sharing it, and celebrating it for almost 2000 years. From the first disciples all the way throughout history to you and me, this has been the story we've told around campfires, tables, in sanctuaries, and on YouTube.

Think of how excited the disciples were at the parade of compassion on Palm Sunday. Shouts and cheers; wonder and awe. Jesus was going to change everything. Then the last supper...betrayal and death were on the menu. Good Friday...all hope is lost. But wait...there's more. Easter changes everything. Easter helps put the other experiences in a different context. Easter shapes the early church and those who still follow in the way of Jesus today in ways that are deeply profound. Indeed, it defines us as disciples of Christ.

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I think that's the part I lost sight of as we enter the home stretch of this pandemic. I forgot for a moment that no matter how deep the shadows become, God's love and grace are brighter and stronger. I forgot that Jesus never once says 'life will be easy,' quite the contrary. What Jesus does say is that the 'yoke will be easy and the burden will be light.' What I lost sight of is that Jesus gives us three things that has sustained Christians over the centuries. The great commission; the commandment to love one another; and that we need not be afraid.

Maybe more than ever we need to remember those three things and celebrate Easter with as much joy, awe, wonder, and hope that we can muster. Christ is risen! We are an Easter people. Together, anything is possible, even a post-pandemic reality, even gathering indoors for worship and singing as loudly as we possibly can. That's my Easter hope.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

“STREAMING WITH HEART”



BY JUDY THOMAS

Covering both Netflix and Amazon Prime. Shows you can sleep after, with minimal violence.

Hamish Macbeth on Amazon:



This series is our latest favourite and stars the younger Robert Carlyle as a police constable in a small Scottish village. Each episode has a small mystery elegantly, if non-conventionally, solved; a bit of

romance and loads of laughs. Compassionate and about the importance and quirkiness of community support.

Billy Elliot on Netflix: Charming movie about a gay boy in working class Wales who becomes a ballet star. As much about his father's struggle to accept his son that didn't meet the father's tough guy expectations and how the father's thinking changed.

Wadjda on Netflix: This movie is about a girl in Muslim Saudi Arabia who challenges gender roles. The story is how she raises money to buy a bicycle and learn to ride it in a world where girls don't ride bikes. The 10 year old's story has the backdrop of her mother's struggles to win her father and the gender inequality her mother faces. This touching story is the first feature length film by a woman Saudi director (Haifaa al-Mansour). Reminds you of basic freedoms we take for granted.



Hunt for the Wilder People on Netflix: We really liked this quirky anti-establishment movie about two misfits fleeing the law through the wilds of New Zealand. Its really a story of how 2 unlike people bond and learn to rely on each other. Lots of laughs.

Glow Up on Netflix: While the premise of voting someone off every episode is inherently flawed, we are finding the world of makeup artistry intriguing. The make up creations are amazing. Some of the participants appear to be Queer / LGBTQ+ etc. And along with the recommended Queer Eye, are helping me to normalize various gender identities.

The Aeronauts on Amazon: This movie starring easy-on-the-eyes Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones tells of a balloon adventure to further weather making science. Fun, exciting movie about courage, perseverance and based on a true story. Great visuals.



APRIL 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1st | 7pm

Live-Streaming On:

Facebook | Youtube (@TrinityUCPG)
Trinitypg.ca | ConnectNorth.ca

Good Friday

APRIL 2ND | 7PM

LIVESTREAMING ON:

FACEBOOK | YOUTUBE: (@TRINITYUCPG)
TRINITYPG.CA | CONNECTNORTH.CA

CELEBRATE EASTER

April 4th | 10am

Livestream Only

In Person Worship Has Been
Rescinded

Trinitypg.ca | ConnectNorth.ca

CALL TO ACTION: GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

SHINE A LIGHT
ON THIS NATION-WIDE EFFORT
LIGHTING A CANDLE, AND POSTING ON
SOCIAL MEDIA IN SOLIDARITY

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

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#POVERTY #BASICINCOME

Silent Auction

Online on Facebook: @TrinityUCPG

Different Baskets Each Day

Spring Gardening | Mother's Day | Beer & BBQ
Summer Fun (Camping and Fishing) | Car Detail

Auction Week of April 26th
Items to the Church deadline April 19th

SPRING TAKE-OUT DINNER

Inc: Baby Back Ribs, Baby Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Caesar Salad, Dessert, etc

APRIL 17TH | PICKUP 3-5PM

Deadline for Tickets April 15th
Pickup Scheduled by Surname

Cost: 18\$ Adult | 15\$ Youth | Kids(>5) Free

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