## Most Holy Trinity Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF FASTER MAY 10, 2020 mhtstl.org

In this Fifth Sunday of Easter, our attention is drawn away from encounters with Jesus after the Resurrection. Now Jesus prepares the disciples to live and proclaim the Gospel to all peoples.

Jesus addresses the concerns of the apostles at the last supper using this Eucharistic gathering to teach, comfort, and inspire his followers. Jesus reminds them of his promises, gives them guidance for their future and draws them more deeply into relationship with him.

Jesus begins by encouraging them to deeper believing. His words are tender and empathic: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God."

Jesus includes us and all people with the disciples present when he speaks. "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Entrust the concerns of your heart into Jesus' loving care. Entrust your moments of sacred sadness to Jesus' tender love.

Jesus, like your disciples, our hearts are troubled by the loss and suffering during this pandemic time. Our hearts are also inspired by the courageous and outrageous generous response of women, men and children...You, our companion in this challenging journey.

Today's passage from Scripture portrays faith. This is the faith of those who are empowered to face challenges and opportunities because they are immersed in "the way, the truth, and the life," who is Jesus.

We pray, God, our loving Creator, be with us now as always—in everything. We know You call us to act with courage, compassion and generosity in all our relationships with one another. In the words of Father Rich, "Let peace guide our hearts, build a vision of justice and ground us in the promise of God's mercy."

Happy Mother's Day dear mothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, godmothers, aunts Do not let your hearts be troubled... have faith in God...

John 14:1



What concerns do I tenderly hold in my heart WHAT GROWS GENEROUS COMPASSION in moments of sacred sadness

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and all those who have mothered us in any way. May the God of love bless all mothers today with joy, love, laughter and pride in their children and surround them with family and friends - in whatever creative ways possible. This a sacred moment we share with our mothers who have gone before us, or those whom we will visit new ways today...ZOOM, a car parade, phone, yard sign, song....

On Friday, May 15, 1898 the cornerstone of our church was installed. We celebrate 122 years of our current church and 172 years as a parish. In this Easter season the church building reminds the local community of our precious German faith heritage, and our responsibility to daily bring new life to the all those around us.

- S.Janice



We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.