

# The Chimes

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**From: The Rev. M. Alton Plummer**

**To: The People of God gathered as Trinity Episcopal Church**

“The time has come,” the Walrus said, “To talk of many things:  
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings...”

On June 28<sup>th</sup> I will celebrate the second anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. July 6<sup>th</sup> will be the second anniversary of my first Sunday with you as Assistant Rector. It reads as such a brief time – two years – but it has been so full of life and richness that it feels that it ought to be much longer.

Most of that life and richness can be attributed to you good folks here at Trinity Church. We have shared hopes and dreams—joys and sorrows—births, weddings, and funerals—healing, reconciliation and forgiveness -- the blessed sacraments of baptism and the Holy Eucharist—the full range of human life and emotion.



From our first meeting, once Bishops Breidenthal and Price had chosen Trinity Church as the context for my 2 years in Priestly Residency, Dick Burnett has told me that there are a lot of downtown churches, but there’s no place like Trinity and no field of ministry quite like the one found at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Broad in downtown Columbus. At first I was skeptical, but in the past two years I’ve discovered the rightness of what he’s been saying. There truly is no place I’ve experienced quite like Trinity on Capitol Square. I have learned much here – about love, faith, hope, patience and compassion – a thousand lessons to remember that have and will continue to help me be better pastor and priest to the next parish that I will serve. Which brings me to the hard part . . .

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, by a unanimous vote of the people and Vestry, I was elected as the next Rector of Grace Church, Willoughby, Ohio. We have a signed Letter of Agreement and I will begin my ministry with the people of God in that place on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. There is a poetry to my going to Grace Church: The late Reverend John Simmons, Assistant here at Trinity under Jim Minor, came to Trinity after serving as the rector of Grace Church. Now an Assistant from Trinity returns to become their new rector. A circle is completed.

My last Sunday with you at Trinity Church will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. My last official act as Assistant Rector will be to preside at the wedding of Kathleen (Kat) Seymour and Jonathan Barnes on June 12<sup>th</sup>. I will then use the rest of the month to rest and prepare and make the move to Willoughby.

I will deeply miss all of you, and I thank you for your friendship and patience as my mentors in priestly formation. If you ever find yourself visiting the Eastside of Cleveland you are always welcome at Grace Church, Willoughby. “Our doors are always open.”

And now, “May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, be upon you all and remain with you always. Amen.”

“Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alton +**



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**Wednesdays, May 26 and June 2 Common Ministry Gifts Workshops**  
Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Emily & Andrew Pucker's home, 765 Clarington Court, Columbus 313-515-1982 for Common Ministry Gifts Assessment #2. Please register by contacting Diane Donato in the Parish Office (614) 221-5351, d-donato@trinitycolumbus.org. Emily Pucker and Debbie Wiedwald will be leading these workshops.

**Sunday, May 16 2:00pm- 7:30pm Trinity's Mission and Vision session**, to be held at Trinity, Canon Karl Rutan to lead.

The purpose of the Gifts Workshops are as follows:

- 1) Identify our special gifts, those things we most love to do and feel most alive in doing them
- 2) Listen to God's call on our lives through Bible study, journaling, reflection and discussion
- 3) Identify the issues of the world that most concern us and call us to ministry
- 4) Reflect on how our gifts can be used in ministry
- 5) Develop community in our ministry teams
- 6) Reflect on how our gifts can be used to build up the body of Christ



Common Ministry is a collaborative ministry, shared equally by all in the faith community. It holds the vision that all are united in the body of Christ, each with special gifts and unique ministries and share in the Church's work of reconciling the world to God. It is the living out our call from our Baptism. Sharing our talents, skills, passions with the faith community. Supporting each other's work in the church and witness to the world. Trinity is participating in the Diocesan program with 6 other parishes in the Diocese.

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