



The Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m., March 26, 2023



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The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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8:00 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Honor thy father and thy mother.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt do no murder.

***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not steal.
***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
***Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not covet.
***Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion *Said three times.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. *Amen.*

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I

prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths *
 have I called you, O Lord;
- 2 Lord, hear my voice; *
 Let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
- 4 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you; *
 in your word is my hope.
- 6 My soul waits for you, O Lord, *
 more than sentinels for the morning,
 more than sentinels for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is mercy;

8 with whom there is plenteous redemption, *
and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen

asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may

believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeff Goldone

A period of silent reflection is observed.

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

*he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Siblings, Christ was crucified in faithfulness for the cause of love and justice that all might be reconciled to the creator, and to each other, in peace. Let us pray that through the cross of Christ his example may be realized in our world and in our lives.

Silence

Leader As Jesus was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of the work of reconciliation in our world. We pray that our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and good works may give us penitent hearts, open and receptive to the abundant forgiveness and love of God. God, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the poor, hungry, neglected, and those who have no choice but to fast every day, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of mercy among those to whom much has been given. Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world. We pray for the guidance of our elected leaders and all who serve the common good throughout the world. God, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for an end to the desecration of God's creation, that the fruits of our world might be shared equally with all. Inspire us with wisdom to share the riches of creation that all may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, injustice, and oppression. God, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for an end to sickness and disease throughout the world and in our own families, for those who struggle with physical, mental, or spiritual health. O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering, grant thy saving health to all who are afflicted by illness including Joan, Kevin, David, Jim, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Barbara, Charlene, Bruce, and especially for those we now name _____. Bless the labors of all who minister with love and compassion to the sick so that illness may be turned to health and sorrow to joy. God, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the departed, especially our siblings who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of human heart. We commend to thy mercy all who have died especially those we now name, _____. We pray that all may share in the joy of thy heavenly kingdom. God, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

During this time of our rector search, let us pray together:

Dear God who shepherds and searches, help us to delight in thy will and walk in thy ways as we travel our transition path. We see that thou makest all things new, and ask for the courage to do our part. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

If you would like to make a contribution, text the amount to **314 648 8344.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

Here may be added

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine

only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.***

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

or with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [**Amen.**]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [**Amen.**]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page 408.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer over the People

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:

The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

or the following

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

or this

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken

10:30 AM Rite II - Sung Eucharist

Weekday Service Schedule

Wednesday Mass at 7:00 AM

Family Service

2nd Sundays at 9:15 AM October –May

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7-2:30, Wednesday & Thursday 8-4, Friday 8-2:30



Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday, 8 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 5: Holy Eucharist, 7 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6: 7 pm

Choral Eucharist with feet washing

Good Friday, April 7

- 11 am: Stations of the Cross
- Noon: Good Friday service with communion from the reserved sacrament
- 6 pm: Stations of the Cross
- 7 pm: Good Friday service with communion from the reserved sacrament

Easter Morning, April 9: 8 and 10:30 am.

Transition Prayer

Dear God who shepherds and searches, help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways as we travel our transition path. We see that you are making all things new, and ask for the courage to do our part.

Festive Easter Coffee Hour

The Community Life committee is in the process of planning an informal, but festive Easter coffee hour to occur between the two services in the SPH. We are encouraging parishioners from both services to join us starting after the early service, around 9:00, to enjoy coffee, juice, pastries, and other special finger foods to celebrate Easter. Please bring an Easter goodie to share, and anyone willing to help, please see Lisa Will-Smith. (Due to time limitations, we will not be having a sit-down Easter breakfast/brunch, but there will be some seating available for those who want it. Please note, that there will definitely be time to celebrate together.)

Small Groups

Looking for an opportunity to build deeper relationships within our parish community? Joining a small group might be just the thing! Last summer, several special interest groups were formed for a couple months' worth of meetings. A dedicated group of Trinity women have continued to meet on a weekly basis, leading to a deeper connection and mutual support. Small groups can take on any format and schedule its members select - whether it's a Bible study, prayer group, support group, or any other format. If you are interested in forming or joining a small group, please contact Senior Warden Joyce LaFontain (joyce.lafontain.jd@gmail.com).

Church Security

During this interim time, we have discovered that Father Jon did a lot of small tasks that now need to be shared among us all. One such task is locking up the church. The process we have in place right now is for the ushers to lock the front doors at the end of service. Our parish administrator, Bill Ader, checks the doors and locks the interior doors of the sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. after it has been cleaned. The main obstacle to the practice of having the ushers lock the front door is that once the weather warms up, we sometimes have people who gather on the front steps long after the ushers leave. Because we need a definitive way of securing the front door, this is the plan for now. Please be aware that the ushers will be locking the front doors at the end of service. If you wish to come back in the church after it's locked, please enter via the parking lot door near Bill's office.

After service, the junior warden locks the exterior door near the Rector's office, and our live streamer, Riley Luebbers has graciously agreed to check the door and lock it if the junior warden is absent or forgets. Bill Ader also checks the doors, locks the door near his office and sets the alarm at 2:30 p.m. The NPH doors are locked at the end of the hot lunch by The Reverend Barbi Click or a designee.

Despite these efforts, we have had unlocked doors in recent weeks. I checked one door on a Monday when I had occasion to be at the church and found it unlocked. We also had a break in via the window in the SPH by someone who used a screw driver to pry the window out. The window has been replaced and is much more secure now as plexiglass has been added to the outside to deter another break in. We cannot find anything missing, which is a blessing, but the cost to replace that window, including labor, was \$400.

If you have objections or wish to discuss the current practices we have in place to secure the church, please speak to one of the wardens or a vestry member.

Trinity Food Ministry

If you indulge in social media and have not yet found @TrinityFoodMinistry on Facebook, I encourage you to follow that page. I post articles that deal with food insecurity, such as a most recent one – an article about the “hunger cliff” that many are in the process of falling off as SNAP/Food Stamps are dramatically cut or eliminated. The understanding that even with this supplemental nutrition program people still needed to supplement the supplement by coming to the pantry should tell us that it was not enough. Now, with the cuts, people are in serious danger of truly falling off of a cliff.

The Pantry is seeing more and more families and singles who are affected by this cut. Again and again, I talk about abundance vs scarcity. Yet 65 people walking through the pantry on a Tuesday and Thursday can erase the desire to live into our abundance because the scarcity is so obvious.

Sixty-five households = 162.5 individuals. That is the average number of people we have served per week during the past three months. And this number is growing each week.

So, what do we do? Should we go backwards, returning to the way it was? Should we cut back on how often we allow people to come to pantry? Should we cut back on the number of eggs we give (one dozen per household)?

While I will listen to anyone who has a thought on this, I will give you a hint that I firmly believe the answer to any of the questions posed is a resounding NO. However, can we continue to keep up with this need? That answer is that we cannot do so alone. So, I ask you to pray as if your own family is so hungry, yet you have no idea from where the food will come.

This is a perfect opportunity to advocate for those who are hungry. Hunger is a factor in crime. Hungry people do desperate things. Hunger is a curable problem. People should not have to choose between rent and food.

- Deacon Barbi

Needs this week at Pantry

Thank you to all who responded last week. The Pantry needs remain the same. Remember those who must come to the Pantry for food because they cannot afford food plus rent.

Did you know?

Since 2006, the Episcopal Church uses a Revised Common Lectionary which includes the Scriptures appointed to read at public worship, in a 3 year cycle. As part of this, the Gospel of Matthew is read during one year, Mark in another and Luke in the third year. What about John you say?? Well, John is scattered throughout the 3 year cycle, used mainly during Lent and Easter. Also, the Episcopal Church has authorized 14 different English translations of the Bible. To find out more: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/bible/>

This Week's Core Value: Food - Physical & Spiritual Nourishment

We believe in sharing Bread from the Altar and food from the pantry. We are a wellspring of Christ-centered spiritual and physical nourishment.

Diocesan News

Diocese Day at Busch Stadium: Saturday, May 6 at 1:15 p.m.

Join the Diocese of Missouri for a day at the ballpark! We have 100 tickets to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Detroit Tigers on Saturday, May 6. Tickets are \$30 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (See links in Etimes for more information.)

Diocesan happenings and news:

You can have the latest news from the bishop's office and the Diocese of Missouri delivered to your inbox each Wednesday by subscribing to iSeek. This weekly email newsletter contains important notices, event announcements, feature articles, and photographs from around the diocese. To subscribe: <https://www.diocesemo.org/diocesan-mailing-lists/>

Prayer List

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Church of the Anglican Church of South America.

Diocese of Missouri: In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1870) in Ironton and Richard, their Vicar.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need

Joan Dunbar

Kevin Whalen

The Rev. David K. Fly

Jim O'Bannon

Betsey Gardner

Pat Way

Ray Becvar

Denver Wright

Gwen Sims

Barbara Bradshaw

Charlene Wright

Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls.

Robbie Rhodes, Carter Whitson's cousin on the kidney transplant waiting list

Linda Dickens, Carter Whitson's friend with breast cancer

Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing

Hope, health challenges.

Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.

Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law

Jim Whalen, Kevin Whalen's father in hospice

Family and friends of Brooke Leaton.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness

Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.

Frank, Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son.

Dorothy and James Gray, sister and brother-in-law of Willie Meadows, grieving death of their son.

Ulric Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, heart trouble

Mary Seager

The Rev. Ken Yerkes, friend of Brian Alms

Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia

Ken Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, renal failure

The Trimble Family

Mary Feldmeier (friend of Anne H. & Jeanette Swallow), cancer recurrence
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister
Robin Hendry, Helen Hendry's son, continuing health problems
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

Diocesan Clergy: The Revs. David K. Fly, Jan O'Neal, Schelly Reid-Levy.

Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

Birthdays: March 26 - April 1: Carlos Daughaday, Jan Kasalko, Karen Layher, Kim Corliss.

Bereavement: Jim Andris, Nan Sweet, Steven Forsyth, John Biggs, Dolores Friesen, Jerry Martin, Ray Becvar.

Easter Lilies Order Form

\$15 each

Quantity: _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

NAME _____

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Readings for Sunday, April 2 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14- 27:66 *or* Matthew

27:11-54

Psalm 31:9-16

Vestry

Senior Warden: Joyce LaFontain

Junior Warden: Lisa Will-Smith

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Matt Bernico

Joyce LaFontain

Abby Thacker

Barbara Uhlemann

Lisa Will-Smith

2025

Amy Barnes

Mary Moore

Hal Morgan

2026

Bill von Glahn