

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026
8:00 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*
The Rev. Stephen Weissman, *Priest Associate*

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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 ONE
A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

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

The People may kneel or sit

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 Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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 *De profundis*

Out of the depths have I called to you;

O God, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you were to note what is done amiss, *

O God, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you, *

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you,

more than sentries for the morning, *

more than sentries for the morning.

O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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 Gospel

John 11:1-48

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Due to the length of the Gospel reading, the People are invited to sit

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. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Venerable Harry Leip

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

Deacon

People of God, let us bring our prayers to the throne of grace.

Leader

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Silence

Wash us through and through,
And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, especially those experiencing conflict, and for all who govern and judge. *Silence*

Purge us from our sin,
And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. *Silence*

May they hear of joy and gladness,
that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, particularly Nan, Bill, Kitty, Nicole, Etta, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and those we name now _____. *Silence*

Give them the joy of your saving help,
and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent, as we pray for those who prepare for baptism, we also pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. *Silence*

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace, especially those we name now _____. *Silence*

Cast them not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Celebrant

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit; as we prepare our hearts to remember your death and resurrection, grant us the strength and wisdom to serve and follow you, this day and always. ***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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

As the usher brings the community's offerings to the altar, everyone stands. The Celebrant continues:

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own, have we given thee.***

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.

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.

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.

The following prayer may be said; the People may join in saying the prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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, or other, words

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

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know thee more fully, and to serve thee with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Notes on the Service for March 22, 2026,
the Fifth Sunday in Lent, formerly Passion Sunday**
by the Rev. Stephen Weissman

Today's collect, from an 8th c. copy of a book ascribed to Pope St. Gregory the Great, summarizes the moral theology of which Gregory was a proponent: If God moves our wills to desire his promises and guides our affections to love his commandments, then we shall find true joy.

Two days after the spring equinox, as Holy Week approaches, readings begin to anticipate the death and resurrection of Christ. So, **dying and rising** is the principal theme today.

During the exile in Babylon (modern Iraq), Ezekiel pictures the people of Israel as bare bones scattered on a field. He promises that God will raise them from the national death which they had suffered in defeat and displacement. For its topic of rising from death, this passage is also read on Easter Eve, and for its topic of the Spirit's giving life, it is also read on Pentecost Eve. In Ezekiel's time, the Hebrew phrase "son of man" seems to have meant "mortal," which is the word the New Revised Standard Version uses for the name by which God calls Ezekiel. By 175 B.C., Daniel's era, "son of man" had acquired super-natural associations, as a figure like a human being coming from God's right hand. By Jesus' time it had acquired overtones of messiahship. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asked the once-blind man if he believed in the Son of Man, and then identified himself as that heavenly Person.

Psalm 130, *De profundis*, is a lament of an individual (v 5) and also of the nation (v 7). "[T]he depths" could mean deep trouble, or deep under water, or in a deep pit, or in the Pit of the dead, or all four. In Christian liturgies the *De profundis* serves as both a penitential psalm and also a funeral psalm. One could imagine Lazarus in today's Gospel praying, "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice...."

Observing that the human will is unmanageable except by God, Paul discusses our dying in the old life of sin and rising in the new life of the Spirit. Everyone is a spiritual leprosy.

On the last two Sundays, Jesus was presented as giver of water and giver of sight. Today he is shown as giver of life, raising Lazarus from his tomb, one instance of Ezekiel's vision for the nation, and a foretaste of the eternal life described by Paul. Lazarus' resuscitation foreshadows Jesus' own resurrection (but not precisely, for Lazarus will die again), and it demonstrates Jesus' power over death. The resuscitation of Lazarus is also the act which motivates the high priests, "from that day on they took counsel how to put him to death." [Meaning Jesus, but they also discuss killing Lazarus.] After this miracle follows the anointing at Bethany, and after that, Palm Sunday.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I – Spoken Eucharist
10:30 AM Rite II with music

Weekday Service Schedule

7:00 AM on Thursdays

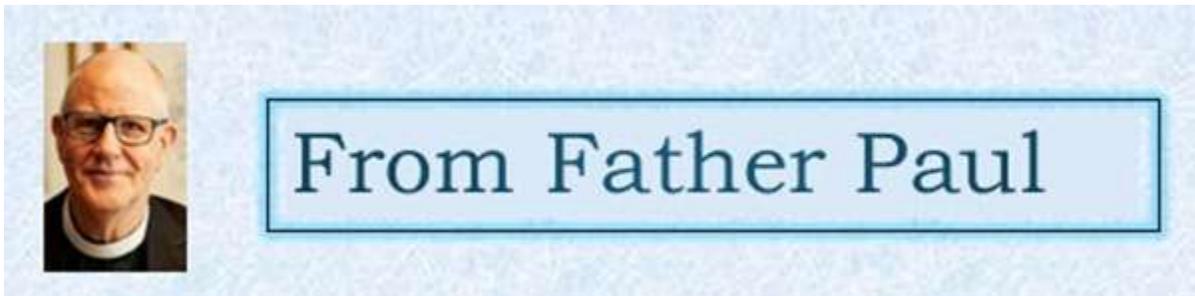
Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Thursday
8 AM-4 PM,
Friday 8 AM-Noon

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30 PM
Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3 PM,
Thurs. 4-5 PM
Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30 PM

Thanks to everyone who assisted with Bishop Johnson's visit on Sunday.



Dear Ones,

As we continue to process the death of Deacon Barbi Click, please keep her wife Debbie and their family in your prayers. When funeral plans are made, I will let you all know.



Food & Drink for Body & Soul
photo by Bishop Deon Johnson

Shortly before the 10:30 service on Sunday, Bishop Deon showed me a photo he'd just taken. "It's the icon of Trinity," he said, "all about food and feeding." During his time with us, the bishop reflected on and commended Trinity's longstanding ministries of food and feeding. While preaching on the Man Born Blind, he lifted up Deacon Barbi as someone who saw people in God's light; he also challenged us as a parish community to continue looking more deeply into the world outside our walls to see where we are called to help repair our corner of the world by serving God's children more fully.

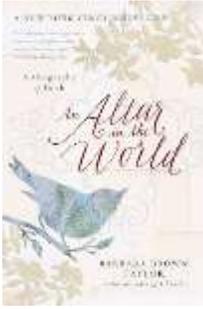


Tomorrow, March 19, is the Feast of St. Joseph, one of the two "official" feast days in Lent, along with the Annunciation. One of my guilty pleasures for the day is Zeppole di San Giuseppe, so I will make a trip to the Hill for some of these scrumptious filled pastries. One origin theory harkens back to the biblical story of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus fleeing to Egypt. It's said that during this time, Joseph sold sweet pancakes to support his family, creating an association between his name and sweets like zeppole.

Next Wednesday, on the Feast of the Annunciation, Sarah Mullally will be installed as the 106th – and first woman – Archbishop of Canterbury. The ceremony, also known as an enthronement, marks the start of her public ministry as the head of the Church of England and as a "focus of unity" for all Anglican provinces, including The Episcopal Church, that have historical roots in England.

In preparation, yesterday she began a six-day walking pilgrimage from London Cathedral to Canterbury Cathedral accompanied by her husband, Eamonn, and others. The 87-mile route is known as the Becket Camino (Road of Becket). Her installation service starts on March 25 at 10:30 a.m. EDT and will be livestreamed here: <https://www.youtube.com/thechurchofengland>

Lenten blessings and rejoicings,



Lenten Book Discussion

During the season of Lent, Fr. Paul & Deacon Harry will lead a discussion on "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith", by Barbara Brown Taylor. As a reviewer of the book noted: "With the honesty of Elizabeth Gilbert (Eat, Pray, Love) and the spiritual depth of Anne Lamott (Grace, Eventually), Taylor shares how she learned to find God beyond the church walls by embracing the sacred as a natural part of everyday life."

For our discussion, we will meet in the North Parish Hall at noon each Sunday (Feb 22 - March 29, excluding the bishop's visit on March 15). Please consider purchasing the book from our neighborhood friends at Left Bank Books (<https://www.left-bank.com/>) or borrowing from your local library.

For our fourth discussion (Sunday, March 22) - please read Chapter 6 (Community)

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)

As the bishop mentioned during this visit with us, ERD is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. ERD faithfully administers the funds that it receives to provide relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.



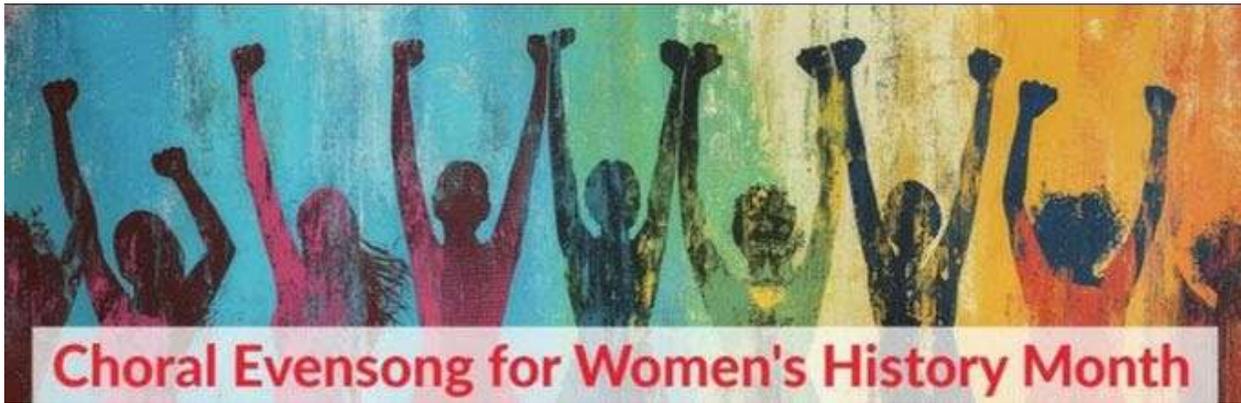
To learn more and donate: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Arts Field Trip to MOCRA

The Museum of Contemporary Religious Art on the campus of St. Louis University has been a below-the-radar gem which, for the past 33 years, has presented a series of challenging and wide-ranging exhibits of contemporary art exploring faith, religion and spirituality.

MOCRA has long been a favorite place for art field trips, highlighted by personal introductions by David Brinker, the director of the museum. Now, unfortunately, MOCRA will go off the radar entirely, as SLU has decided to close the museum at the end of this school year. Their final exhibition, titled "Liminal" has just opened, and your Arts Committee has organized one last field trip to see this show at noon on Sunday, March 22. David will again be there to introduce and explain the show. We will carpool from Trinity and spend about an hour at the museum. Those who are interested will go to a nearby restaurant for lunch and conversation afterward. If you would like to join us, you can email jeff@jeffwunrow.com so we know not to leave without you. Or just meet us in the narthex after the 10:30 service. We hope you will be able to join us!





Evensong for Women's History Month
Sunday March 22, 2026 @ 5:00PM
Christ Church Cathedral - 1210 Locust Street

You are warmly invited to Evensong for Women's History Month at Christ Church Cathedral which will feature music by women composers, offered by the Cathedral Choir with featured guest organist Heather Martin Cooper, Associate Organist at The Church of St. Michael & St. George. Join us for this beautiful evening of prayer and music as we celebrate the gifts and contributions of women in the church and in sacred music.

A generous reception hosted by The St. Martha's Guild will follow the service.

No Kings Rally March 28



There will be No Kings rallies across the country on Saturday March 28th to vocalize that America does not belong to strongmen, greedy billionaires, or those who rule through fear. It belongs to us, the people.

We will organize a group to go from Trinity to the rally Downtown at Aloe Plaza (across from Union Station) at 1:00pm, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/NcLigs7xaSNV8Jmf7>) so we can coordinate a meetup location and further details.

We served 65 families last week (178 individuals) for the 2 pantries. Lunch on Wednesday was 38 people and Sunday was 27.

Our needs for this week:

- Chili with Beans (No Chili Beans)
- Ravioli in Cans
- Jam or Jelly (Grape or Strawberry)
- Vienna Sausage
- 1 pound boxes of Spaghetti



Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Fruit (Peaches, Mixed Fruit)

Pop Top Cans Are Preferred If Possible

This week, I want to talk about my immediate predecessor in this position, Deacon Barbi Cllick. While we didn't get to meet face-to-face, what started as a quick question about procedure here at the Trinity Food Ministry rapidly became regular emails between us. I passed on the well wishes of the community and she would give me pearls of wisdom about what she hoped would evolve here. Among the things she suggested was a book *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles that she said influenced her plans for TFM. She was amused by the fact that I tracked down a used copy in my hunt to "give cast off books a new home." I have been reading it and it is a journey of a young woman who became ordained and started a food ministry in San Francisco. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in that journey. I know that many of you came to know Deacon Barbi well and I regret I did not have that opportunity, but I will do my best to steward and grow what she built here at Trinity.

We restarted egg distribution at the pantry and are even able to get eggs in cartons. We do have an adequate supply of cartons should we have to get loose eggs in the future. For those of you who have donated them, our thanks but we no longer will be soliciting them. Should that change, I will let you know. As for other donations, the rainy season is definitely here and any waterproof coats or shoes would be greatly appreciated.

At the half-way mark of the Lenten season I encourage everyone to remember our community and the trials they face. Last Thursday we served 91 people, a large number for a Thursday. Your support of the ministry here makes a huge impact on people both in and beyond the neighborhood. We have one family coming from as far away as Jefferson County. As the weather gets warmer our numbers will increase. While that is a sad witness to our society, the fact that we can help is a testament that we are doing what Jesus asked us to do.

- Chuck



Film & Fellowship

For our meeting on Tuesday, April 14th, the Film and Fellowship discussion will include "The Secret Agent" and "It Was Just an Accident." Both films are streaming on Amazon Prime.

Everyone is welcome to join us for potluck at 6:30. The discussion begins at 7:00.

Episcopal City Mission Fundraisers at Pizza Hut (March 17) and Arby's (March 31)



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This Week's Core Value: Anglo-Catholic Worship

We believe that devotion to the Real Presence on the Altar leads us to devotion to the Real Presence in our neighbor. We gather for a multi-experience, rooted in consistency and ancient rhythms that anchor our wandering bodies and souls.



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March 22: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (1957) in Florissant and David, their Rector; and Susan, their Deacon.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Episcopal Youth Ministry (Ministerio Juvenil Episcopal).
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Montana—at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Fort Harrison, the 120th Airlift Wing Air National Guard, and the Fort Harrison VA Medical Center.

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

Nan Sweet
Bill Mayhan
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher
Nicole Adams
Etta Taylor
Helen Hendry
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Gloria Winston
Dolores Friesen
John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Treyvon and his parents.
Denise Huber, friend of Jerry Martin, recurring cancer.
Karen, friend of Ben Kiel, cancer.
Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Denise Huber
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Lou Adams, Al Adams' brother, degenerative disk disease, colon cancer.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: Desiree Bratton, diocesan canon; The Rev. Canon Doris & David Westfall; The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays March 22-28: Ashleigh Elser, Carlos Daughaday, Jan Kasalko, Karin Layher.

Departed: Deacon Barbi Click.



Women of the Passion

**Holy Tuesday
March 31
7:00 p.m.**

St Paul's Episcopal Church
6518 Michigan Avenue
St. Louis
314-352-0370
carondeletechurch.org

"Women of the Passion: A Journey to the Cross," written by Katie Sherrod, offers participants a unique Lenten encounter. Women from Scripture who were transformed by their encounters with Jesus narrate the story of Christ's Passion through the traditional 14 Stations of the Cross. Experience the Passion through the eyes of such women as the widow with the mite, the woman with the flow of blood, the bent-over woman, the woman taken in adultery, and, of course, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus. This evening service sets the stage with the anointing of Jesus by a woman, his denial by Peter as described by the High Priest's maid, and the dream of Pilate's wife. Then, Station by Station, readers accompany Jesus on his journey to the Cross. Listen as the service ends with Mary's wild grief over the loss of her son and the peace she finds as she places him in the tomb. Women and men, young and old, are invited to attend this moving Holy Week journey.

AIDS Memorial Quilt

Considered the largest community arts project in history, the AIDS Memorial Quilt helps us remember the unique lives and stories of those we've lost to HIV/AIDS. Donated by individuals and groups, the 50,000 quilt panels remember and celebrate the stories and lives of those ones lost to HIV/AIDS. <https://www.aidsmemorial.org/>



Easter Lilies Order Form (Cost: \$15)

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In memory of/thanksgiving for _____

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Readings for next Sunday, March 29

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

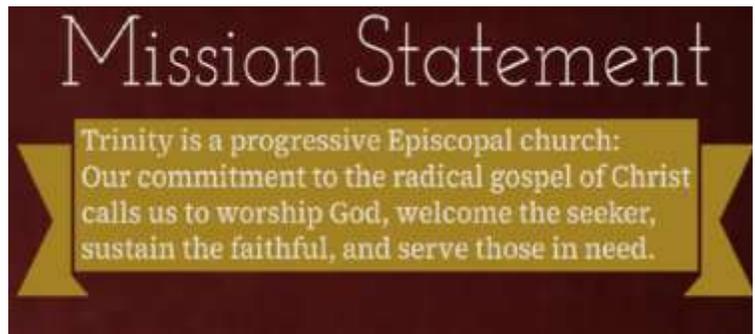
The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Psalm 31:9-16



Vestry

Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2027

Andrea Callard
Adrienne Fly
Mary Patton

2028

Carlos Daughaday
Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard

2029

Jackson Gress
Ted McNamara