



The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m., March 19, 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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made

Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

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

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.

- 3 You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; *
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me *
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, *
and my cup is running over.

- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on 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 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put

mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Kelsey

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

Keep this thy family, Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; 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.

Trinity Food Ministry

I heard Leonard Cohen's song Anthem earlier this week. It continues to ring in my head.

Ring the bells that still can ring.
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in.

Every Pantry, every Hot Lunch, I see people who are cracked wide open. I know because I see the light shine through them. Regardless of their affliction, their trial, or their sorrow, they shine.

We are all broken or cracked in one way or another. Life does that to us. We do not need to be fixed. We only need to learn to let the Light shine through us. Like the two beautiful women who bring flowers to me. Like the sweet young man who was so excited Tuesday because someone had dropped off a box of toys and he was going to take them to his son. Like the lady who always wants to pray with me, calling on our “benevolent and beneficent God”. Like the volunteers who come seeking that Balm in Gilead to sooth their own wounded hearts. So much brokenness! Yet so much Love. It is no wonder that there is a bright glowing in that SPH!

TFM is a food ministry and that is what we do – offer food. Yet, I understand that food is not our primary goal; rather, it is simply a means to an end. The end, or the goal, is to be part of a whole.

There is a world in which people live that many of us cannot, would never recognize. Since we do not understand it, we assign reasons for what we see. What we assign, what we allow our eyes to see is not the reality. We are looking at the brokenness yet do not see the light shining through the cracks. We are unable to hear the bells ringing. We are looking for a perfect offering, one WE believe is perfect. That isn't what God wants. God wants us to see the Light shining through the cracks, to see that in spite of all other things, there is joy and love. We are all broken in one way or another. See the Light shining through others. Let God's Light shine through you.

Love always, radically love.
Deacon Barbi

Needs this week at Pantry:

(THANK YOU to all who responded so generously!)

Condiments – oil, flour, sugar, pepper, salt

Canned Chicken and/or Spam

Pasta Sauce

Pasta

Cereal – hot or cold

Ramen Noodles

Wednesday Café Continues

You are invited to come and share a cup of coffee, a bowl of soup, and a lot of good conversation. 11 am to 1 pm.

Action Alert from the Diocesan Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

Every year there is an effort to allow guns on public transit. Every year we have spoken out against it and it has died in committee. So, here we are again. Last week SB224 was heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety. It would allow people with a Conceal and Carry Weapons permit to carry firearms on public buses and trains. If you believe that allowing weapons on public transportation is a risk to public safety and not in the best interest of the people of Missouri, please take a few minutes to contact the members of the committee. The week of March 13 the senate is in recess, so an email might be more effective. To email these senators, go to <https://senate.mo.gov/Senators> and find their individual home pages which have contact links. After March 20, their assistants will be answering the phones.

Sen. Travis Fitzwater, R-District 10 (Callaway, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles): 573-751-2757

Sen Justin Brown, R-District 16 (South Central MO): 573-751-5713

Sen. Jason Bean, R-District 25 (Bootheel and South Central MO): 573-751-4843

Sen. Bill Eigel, R-District 23 (St. Charles County): 573-751-1141

Sen Greg Razer, D-District 7 (Jackson County): 573-751-6607

Sen. Nick Schroer, R-District 2 (St. Charles County): Sponsor of the Bill 573-751-1282

Sen. Brian Williams, D-District 14 (St. Louis County): Gun Sense Candidate 573-751-4106

If you would like to receive email action alerts about gun safety, please send an email to Missioner Mary Haggerty at mhaggerty19@gmail.com (<mailto:mhaggerty19@gmail.com>)

Thank you for taking action to reduce gun violence!

The Trinity Book Group will meet in Trinity's North Parish Hall this coming Saturday, March 18, after 6PM, for snacks. At 7:00 we will start discussing Octavia Butler's novel Kindred. All are welcome whether you've finished the book or not, but if you have a County Library copy, please bring it so it can be returned with the Book Bundle. If you would like to join the discussion via ZOOM, please contact Anne Hennig (henniganne07@gmail.com) (<mailto:henniganne07@gmail.com>).

The family and close ones of Martha Ficklen thank Trinity very much for the warm and consoling funeral and reception held here, this past Saturday. Special thanks to Deacon Harry Leip for the service and our preparation for it and especially for his homily written in the company of Martha's poems – as her motto says, “To know each other and be known.” And further to Jeff Nall at the organ, Joyce LaFontain for her welcome, Molly Perling for her reading from H.D., Kate Worland and Lisa Will-Smith for all things reception, Angelo Shell for serving as sexton, Bill Ader for a tricky program -- and to all who attended and who pitched in to help and support us and Team Trinity. As Martha wrote in her poem about “Going to Heaven,” “transportation will be provided”—it was! -- Nan Sweet

Did you know?

Laetare Sunday, also known as the fourth Sunday of Lent, comes to use from the latin word for rejoice and for many years Trinity has celebrated this Sunday liturgically with our pink set of vestments (designed by parishioner Jeff Wunrow). The Church recognizes that along with Lent's call to penitence, fasting and prayer, Laetare Sunday is a reminder of the hope and joy which awaits us in just a few weeks at Easter. It is also Mothering Sunday (in the UK and Ireland), celebrated since the 16th century, which celebrates mothers everywhere.

This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

Joan Dunbar is now living at 4624 Lansdowne, St Louis MO 63116. I was hoping that anyone who ever received a card from her, might send her one now.
- Hazel Kirk

Diocesan News

Queer Holiness: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 11:00 AM at Church of the Holy Communion, 7401 Delmar Blvd.

All are invited for a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Charlie Bell, exploring the history, anthropology, and moral imperative for the Church to recognize the gifts of LGBTQIA+ people. Bell is a priest in the Church of England, practicing psychiatrist, and author of *Queer Holiness, a Theological Exploration of Same-Sex Relationships*.

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 link in Etimes.)

Find the latest news from the Diocese including articles on evangelism, creation care and many other items of interest: <https://www.diocesemo.org/news/>

Prayer List

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Diocese of Missouri: In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church (1869) in DeSoto and Gary, their Priest-in-Charge.

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 19-25: Kenneth Lehrmann.

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

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Readings for Sunday, March 26 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

Vestry

Senior Warden: Joyce LaFontain

Junior Warden: Lisa Will-Smith

2024

Matt Bernico
Joyce LaFontain
Abby Thacker
Barbara Uhlemann
Lisa Will-Smith

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Amy Barnes
Mary Moore
Hal Morgan

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Bill von Glahn