

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two February 5, 2023 - 10:30am

Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.

### Hymn in Procession, Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)



# ∞ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

## ∞ Collect for Purity

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 





# ∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *The People sit.* 

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



All

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Choir Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*
and their righteousness will last for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

All

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; \*
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Choir They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until they see their desire upon their enemies.

All

They have given freely to the <u>poor</u>, \* and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with <u>honor</u>. The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine <u>away</u>; \* the desires of the wicked will <u>perish</u>.

hen I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

### Sequence Hymn, O Master, let me walk with thee (Maryton)



# ∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 5:13-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

esus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after fighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND JOHN M. PITZER

∞ The Nicene Creed *All stand and say together* 

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Let us pray for the church and the world, saying: hear our prayer.

Intercessor Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ.

Heal our divisions, and give us one mind in Christ.

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Stir up your church to make the power of the cross known to all,

that people everywhere may see your great light.

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice.

Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth.

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain

our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation.

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Strengthen us to care for the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer

(especially . . . )

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the special intentions of this congregation (especially . . . )

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We remember before you those(especially . . . ) and all whom we love but

see no more. Give them eternal rest.

O God, most worthy of praise,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor O God, you revealed your will to prophets and sages. By your Holy Spirit,

show us how to serve you today, that all nations may know you in our

love, through Jesus Christ.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### ∞ The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### ∞ The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

### ∞ Announcements

### **Altar Memorials**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Godfrey Ross Parkerson.

# The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Anthem, Oh! For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Traditional, arr.
Paul Weber

∞ The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

∞ The Great Thanksgiving *The People remain standing.* 

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

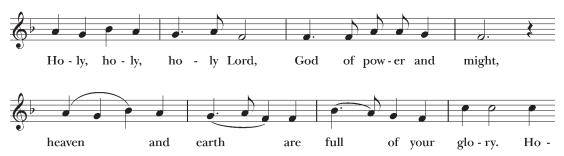
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

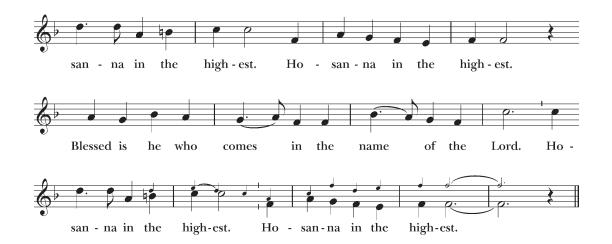
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

### Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)





The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

#### Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

## ∞ The Lord's Prayer

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.



#### ∞ The Invitation

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your thoughts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### ∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest. At this time, the wine may only be received by drinking from the cup, and not by intinction (dipping the wafer in wine).

#### Communion Hymn, His Eye Is on the Sparrow





# ∞ Sending Out Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Those who will visit the sick, home bound, and hospital bound are called forward.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy

gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the sacrament of

Christ's Body and Blood.

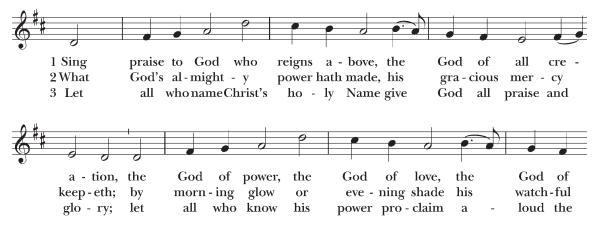
People We who are many are one Body, for we all share one Bread, one Cup.

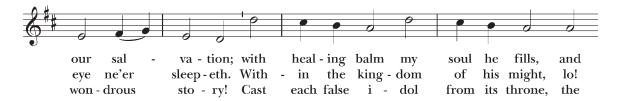
∞ The Post Communion Prayer *All stand.* 

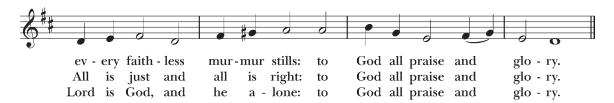
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

∞ The Blessing

# Closing Hymn, Sing praise to God who reigns above (Mit Freuden zart)







#### ∞ The Dismissal

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# YOUR INPUT MATTERS

Take the 2023 Congregational Survey

The real strength of Trinity Church is in its people – it's in you and me – it's in our bond and the community that we've built together.

We need to understand your views, thoughts and ideas. Tell us where we're getting it right. More importantly, tell us where we're getting it wrong. Share your brilliant ideas for how Trinity can adapt to meet the needs of modern families in changing times. Give us a piece of your mind, and/or a pat on the back. You decide.

The information this survey will collect is invaluable. It's 100% anonymous. The key takeaways will be shared with the congregation and used by our leadership to shape the future direction of our beloved Trinity church.

Paper copies of the survey are also available for pickup at Trinity Treasures, and should be returned to the school front desk during business hours.



Scan the QR Code

# Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice, and walk humbly with God.

#### All are welcome.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners, staff and clergy. You will find a coffee bar and other refreshments setup in the kitchen.

If you are a guest today, welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Please help us to connect by signing our online guestbook (scan the QR code) or visit with one of our greeters and clergy.



For more information, visit us online or call the church office at (504) 522-0276.



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## Children in Church

**Changing tables** are located in the handicap stalls of both bathrooms in the Bishop Polk Hall fover.

Nursery Care - Trinity's nursery is available from 8:30am - 12:00pm for children age 3 and under, including infants. At this time the nursery remains located in the original nursery location in the church undercroft. Email abond@trinitynola.com with questions.

**Spirit Bags** for children are located at the entrance to worship and available for children. Help yourself and please return as you exit.

**To Parents:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

#### Mardi Gras Service Times / Hours

**Mardi Gras Hours** - Please note, there will be no 6:00pm service on Sunday, February 12. On Sunday, February 19, Trinity will hold only the 8:00am service (no 10:30am or 6:00pm service). The 7:30am Eucharist on Tuesday, February 21 is cancelled. Church offices are closed Friday, February 17 - Tuesday, February 21. Have a fun and safe Mardi Gras celebration!

# **Featured Events**

**Tonight! Serve to Celebrate: Renewing the Altar Guild (February 5)** - A Training and Dinner on Sunday, February 5 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm in Bishop Polk Hallwith special keynote by Lay Minister Leader, Elaine Estefan, from St. James Episcopal in Fairhope, Alabama. All are welcome to explore a holy invitation to serve our Trinity worship experience through preparing the altar. Training will be offered, and all levels of experience and availability are welcome! Contact Rev. Annie Jung to RSVP at <a href="mailto:ajung@trinitynola.com">ajung@trinitynola.com</a>.

Mardi Gras Parade Tailgate (February 12) - On Sunday, February 12, gather on the route at St. Charles and Jackson with your church family! There will be a reserved area with tents on the neutral ground, and lunch/bathrooms in Molly's House by wristband restricted access. Wristbands will be available at all church services on January 29, February 5 and 12, or at the Trinity School front desk during office hours. Please BYOB and snacks to share!

**Silent Retreat at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center (February 24 - 26, 2023)** - Renew and discover the inner peace that is found in silence. SECC Parable Retreat will include reflection on gospel parables during morning prayer, Holy Eucharist, and evening prayer. This will all be entwined with contemplative silence. The retreat will be led by The Rev. John M. Pitzer of Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans.

Participants arrive between 4:00pm - 6:00pm on Friday, February 24 and depart at 9:30am on Sunday, February 26 after the Eucharist. The Registration fee is \$375 per person which includes 2 nights of private lodging and 5 chef prepared meals. To book your spot, visit www.seccla.org or call (985)748-6634.

**Walking the Mourner's Path (begins March 3)** is a Christ-centered, non-denominational grief support program. We believe grieving is not a lack of faith but a natural part of living. The next Walking the Mourner's Path workshops will begin on Thursdays, March 3 - April 27th (excluding April 6) at 4:30pm. We ask that you commit to all of the program sessions. Please contact Ninette Eastman at <a href="mailto:nmceastman@gmail.com">nmceastman@gmail.com</a> or Maria Elliott at (504) 670-2535 if you would like more information.

**Hey Girl, Hey! (March 3)** - On Friday, March 3 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm, come and join other spiritually-minded women in a casual evening of prayer, reflection, and nourishment- to enrich your body, mind, & spirit. Hosted by Kirsten Breckinridge, this alcohol-free evening will create a lovely space to unwind, center, and breathe wholeness into your weekend. Contact Rev. Annie Jung to RSVP at ajung@trinitynola.com.

#### The Season of Lent

Visit www.trinitynola.com/lent for all things Lent at Trinity!

**Ash Wednesday Services (February 22)** - Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent, with the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, imposed with the sign of the cross and the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (BCP, p. 265). Please join us for Ash Wednesday at 7:30am in the chapel, 12:00pm in the chapel, or 6:00pm in Bishop Polk Hall.

**Ash Wednesday Simple Supper (February 22)** - Following the 6:00pm service, all are invited to stay for a simple supper of soup and bread.

**Listening through Lent (begins February 26)** - Lent is a time to listen--to God, self, others, community, and the world. Join us for a 5-week lenten journey where we will learn, practice, discuss, and apply active and holy listening in our daily lives. Sundays at 9:15am beginning February 26. Email Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for more info and register at <a href="https://bit.ly/listeningthroughlent">https://bit.ly/listeningthroughlent</a>.

February 26 - Holy Listening, The Rev. Annie Knazs Jung

March 5 - Listening in Prayer, The Rev. John M. Pitzer

Special Evening Session\*
Thursday, March 9 at 5:30pm
Listening in Community Pt. 1, The Rev. Carol Borne Spencer and the Restorative Justice Committee

March 12 - Listening in Community Pt. 2, The Rev. Carol Borne Spencer

March 19 - Listening to the World, The Rev Andrew R. Thayer

March 26 - Listening to the Wisdom of the Circle, Trinity's Clergy

\*Special Evening Listening Session (March 9) - The community is invited to practice Holy listening as Trinity's Restorative Justice Committee will facilitate both a panel discussion and listening circles on Thursday, March 9 at 5:30pm in Bishop Polk Hall. The panel will give us information about the status of juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system in New Orleans, helping us to see that all are impacted by crime, and most importantly how we might, as individuals, contribute to solutions. Contact <a href="mailto:cspencer@trinitynola.com">cspencer@trinitynola.com</a> with questions or to RSVP.

**Lent Home Eucharist (March 1 and March 15)** - On two Wednesdays in the season of Lent, Trinity will offer an in-home Eucharist hosted by Trinity parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and worship with a small group of church family - a chance to connect with familiar faces and meet someone new. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share. Attendees are asked to pre-register. Questions? Contact The Reverend John Pitzer at <u>ipitzer@trinitynola.com</u>. Visit https://bit.ly/homeeucharistto register.

Faces of Easter Lenten Journey for 5th graders (begins March 5) - Using the Godly Play Faces of Easter story as our guide, 5th graders will gather five Sundays in Lent to create an object box that will, in the end, tell the story of their lives. Because we value the circle of children so much and want to help them build relationships with their church peers as they prepare to enter the world of youth ministry, a commitment to bring your child to all classes is super important. Ashley Bond will lead the class. Please register your child today by contacting abond@trinitynola.com. Classes are 10:30am in the School Library: March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2.

**Rest & Recharge High School Retreat (March 3-5)** for grades 9th-12th graders will be March 3-5 at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center in Loranger, LA. Teens will explore different kinds of rest–spiritual, creative, and emotional. This event is hosted by the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee (DYLC). Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com or register at <a href="bit.ly/restandrechargeretreat.">bit.ly/restandrechargeretreat.</a>

**Making a Palm Cross (April 2)** - After each Palm Sunday service, all ages are welcome to learn how to turn their palm into a cross. After the 8:00am and 10:30am services, gather in the school courtyard off of Bishop Polk Hall (weather permitting), or after the 6:00pm service, gather in the Moore Library.

# **Unique Worship Experiences**

**Evening Prayer with Healing (February 14)** - We pray together for healing from violence in our city, depletion from stress, care for our creation, exhaustion from economic uncertainty, hunger in any form, and the healing of our bodies and souls. Praying and singing together in community is a way of expanding our intentions and desires for wholeness with God's help. Your voice is an important one! Please join us at 6:00pm in the Chapel on the second Tuesday of the month. Questions? Contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

**YogaMass (March 4)** - On Saturday, March 4 from 10:30am - 12:00pm, join us for yoga, eucharist, and a little post-worship fun at the Namaste Cafe in Bishop Polk Hall. Register at <a href="https://doi.org/10.2007/bishop-polk-hall.">bit.ly.com/TrinityYogaMassRegistration</a>.

### **Adult Formation**

Waters of the Holy Land w/ The Rev. Michael Kuhn & Maria Elliott (Nov. 7-18, 2023) - The gift of water is a precious one that has been thought of as HOLY for centuries. Travel the landscape of Moses and recall how God saved God's people by providing water in the parched places of the desert and by rescuing them through the water of the Red Sea. Recall how John the Baptist purified the repentant in the waters of the Jordan River.Imagine yourself with the Twelve as they fished for their daily bread in the Sea of Galilee and implored Jesus to calm the troubled water.Contact Kim Este Campbell at (504) 547-2199 or <a href="mailto:kim@bestetravel.com">kim@bestetravel.com</a> for details.

**Daily Meditations emails** are offered each morning on Monday-Saturday so that you can begin your day with a reminder that you are Christ's Beloved! These meditations are written by clergy and parishioners using a bit of scripture from the Daily Office as a starting point, a brief reflection accompanied by art/music. If you wish to subscribe or if you'd like to try writing occasionally, please contact Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com.

**Confirmation and Reception 2023** - Adults curious about being confirmed in or received by the Episcopal Church, please contact Ashley Bond at <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u>.

**Bible Studies and Small Groups -** If you are interested in being a part of a bible study or small group, please email Ashley Bond at <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u>. A minimum of 8 committed participants is necessary to launch a new group.

#### **Sundays**

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets 9:15am - 10:15am in the Church Board Room and on Zoom. All are welcome to come and learn more about the 12 steps. No prior knowledge necessary! For more information contact Karen Taylor at <a href="mailto:taylorks@aol.com">taylorks@aol.com</a> or (203) 526-3590.

**Faith and Fiction Class** meets Sundays at 9:15am in the classroom just off the Trinity School Library or on Zoom. Our talented group of facilitators chooses mostly secular short stories to discuss from a Christian perspective. We look for glimmers of the divine, illustrations of God's grace, and insights about how to live our lives in accord with the teachings of Jesus. Contact Merry Toups at <a href="mailto:merryparis@yahoo.com">merryparis@yahoo.com</a>.

### Weekdays

**The Men's Prayer Breakfast** gathers for a home-cooked breakfast and Bible study with the rector, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer, from 6:30am - 8:00am on Wednesdays. Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:athayer@trinitynola.com">athayer@trinitynola.com</a>.

**Wednesday Morning Moms Group** - If you would like to meet some amazing women who want to grow spiritually, please come! We meet in the Parish House after morning carpools and usually get started around 8:15am. All are welcome. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

### Children, Youth and Families

**Guild of the Christ Child (GOTCC)** - Is your family growing? Please let us know! If you are expecting, adopting, fostering, and anything in between, please email Maria Elliott at melliott@trinitynola.com so that we can pray for you and your family. Upon the arrival of a new family member, our Guild of the Christ Child ministry team delivers a basket of love to your front porch.

The Pray Ground at the 10:30am worship service is a designated area where children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit bags, books, and Godly Play materials are available to help children stay engaged. Parents are encouraged to sit close to the Pray Ground.

**Godly Play** invites children ages PK3-5th grade to enter into a deeper and more playful relationship with God. Based on the Montessori method, Godly Play uses storytelling, creativity, and wonder to help children better understand themselves, their faith, and God. The children meet in the School Library and are led to their respective classrooms at 10:25am. Godly Play starts at 10:30am. Afterward children are led back to worship to join their families for communion. Contact Ashley Bond at <a href="mailto:abond@trinitynola.com">abond@trinitynola.com</a>.

**Confirmation 2023 -** Youth curious about being confirmed, received, or baptized in the Episcopal Church, please contact Ashley Bond at <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u>.

### Called to Serve

**The Vestry Nominating Committee** invites our congregation to nominate future church leaders. A Vestry term is four years and begins on June 1st. Candidates must have been a member of the church for one year, be over age 21, and have been confirmed or received into the EpiscopalChurch by a bishop of the church. Nominees must also have provided financial support, as confirmed by the Church's stewardship records, within six months prior to the Annual Meeting to be held in the Spring. Among expectations and responsibilities of Vestry members, these include:

- Regular Sunday worship
- Attendance at forums, special events, and programs of the church
- Active involvement in committees and programs of the church
- Service on Vestry committees (such as finance\budget, stewardship, endowment, buildings and grounds, youth/adult education and community ministry)
- Providing leadership in stewardship activities, including an annual personal pledge
- Participation in annual budget development and review
- Support of the ministry of the Rector and staff in carrying out the mission of the church
- Attendance at monthly Vestry meetings and annual Vestry retreat
- Participate (or have participated in) anti-racism training
- Active involvement in hospitality and welcoming activities

The Vestry nominating committee includes Michelle Cox and Melissa Fanning, Co Chairs, Will French, Tricia Aucoin, Skipper Bond, Bill Kearney, and Tim Trapolin. The committee will review all nominations and recommend a slate of four candidates for a vote at the annual meeting in the Spring. Please share your nomination(s) with Michelle Cox at <a href="mailto:michelle@chenault.net">michelle@chenault.net</a>, Melissa Fanning at <a href="mailto:mlsfanning@gmail.com">mlsfanning@gmail.com</a>, or any of our committee members. We welcome your input in identifying parishioners who are ready, willing, and able to serve and who are committed to advancing Trinity's mission: Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God. Thank you.

**Rummage Drop-Off Days and Hours:** Wednesdays, 7:30am - 10:30am, and Fridays, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Call (504) 670-2526 for assistance, and deliver items to back loading dock on Josephine Street.

**Altar Guild and Acolyte Teams -** Rev. Annie & Verger Mary Sutton are gathering names of people looking to become active in serving in these liturgical ministries. Please email Rev. Annie Jung <u>ajung@trinitynola.com</u> or Verger Mary Sutton at <u>msutton@trinitynola.com</u> to learn more.

**Altar Guild:** For services in the Chapel (8:00am Sunday, 7:30am Tuesday), and in Bishop Polk Hall (10:30am and 6:00pm on Sundays). Volunteers will be trained to set up (vest) the altar, take down (divest) the altar, and care for the very special pieces used on the altar. Volunteers will serve on a monthly basis.

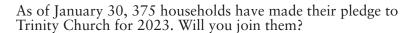
**Acolytes:** For services in Bishop Polk Hall (10:30am and 6:00pm on Sundays). Youth from grades 4th- 12th will carry the cross and torches, light and extinguish candles, lead the procession, and have small duties within the service.

**Trinity Treasures volunteers** are needed to staff the shop. Please contact Tina Grant at tgrant@trinitynola.com or (504) 237-5419 for more details.

**Trinity Restorative Justice Committee -** Inspired by Christ, the Trinity Restorative Justice Committee was formed to support Trinity's mission to "do justice" with a focus on the needs of at-risk youth and young adults in the city of New Orleans, supporting them and their families to avoid entry or re-entry into the Louisiana criminal legal system. To learn more about related volunteer opportunities visit <a href="www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/">www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/</a> or contact Rev. Carol Spencer at <a href="mailto:cspencer@trinitynola.com">cspencer@trinitynola.com</a>.

# Preservation and Rebirth: Stewardship for 2023

The 2022 Charitable Contribution Statements accounting for all of your contributions in the 2022 calendar year were mailed this week. Please contact the Church Stewardship Office with questions (504) 670-2537.



Pledge online at <a href="https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/">https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/</a>

### Together We Build: Capital Campaign

Trinity is proud to present the culmination of the Church and School's three - year strategic planning efforts with a joint \$13 million Capital Campaign, *Trinity 2024: Together We Build.* The Campaign goal and projects have been designed to create a more functional and attractive campus for Trinity that will ultimately build a more vital community for the future. For more information, please visit the Campaign website at <a href="https://www.Trinity2024.org">www.Trinity2024.org</a> or scan the QR code.



# **Clergy and Staff**

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# **Today's Worship Leaders**

PREACHER: The Reverend John M. Pitzer
CELEBRANT: The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer
Deacon: The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer

VERGER: Mary Sutton
ORGANIST: Paul Weber

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