

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two February 12, 2023 - 10:30am

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

Hymn in Procession, Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio)



∞ Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

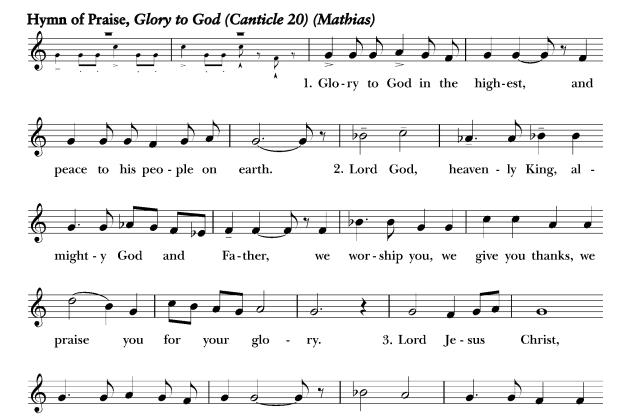
∞ Collect for Purity

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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.**



Lord God,

Lamb

of God, 4.you



∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading *The People sit.*

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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



Antiphon, sung by the Choir then All

Choir

Happy are they whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe his decrees * and seek him with all their hearts!

Antiphon, All

Choir

Who never do any wrong, * but always walk in his ways. You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them.

Antiphon

Choir

Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes! Then I should not be put to shame, * when I regard all your commandments.

Antiphon

Choir

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgments. I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly forsake me.

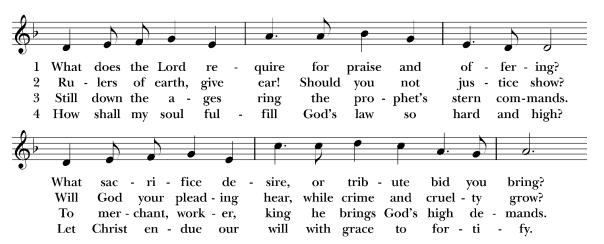
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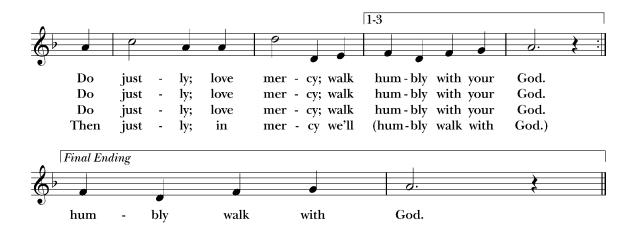
and so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Sequence Hymn, What does the Lord require (Sharpthorne)





∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 5:21-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

esus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ANDREW R. THAYER

∞ 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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, Give Me Jesus

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, 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.

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift 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.

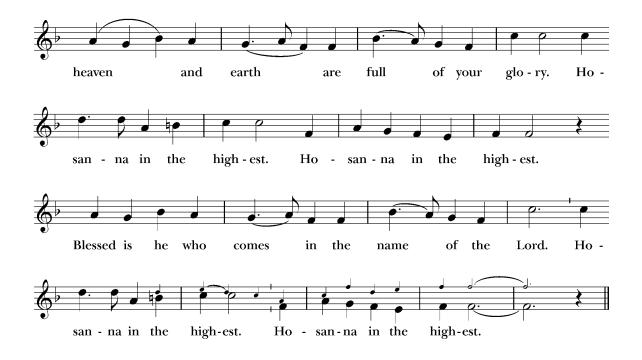
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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.



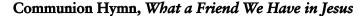
∞ The Invitation

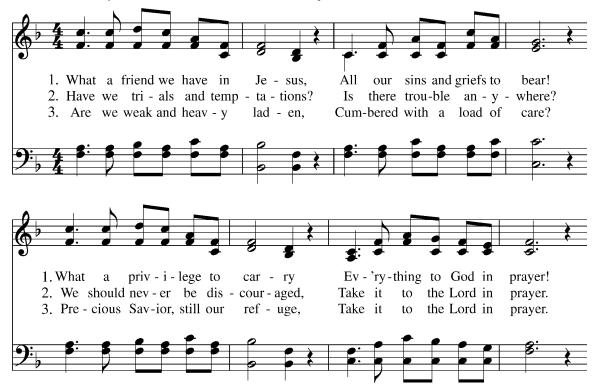
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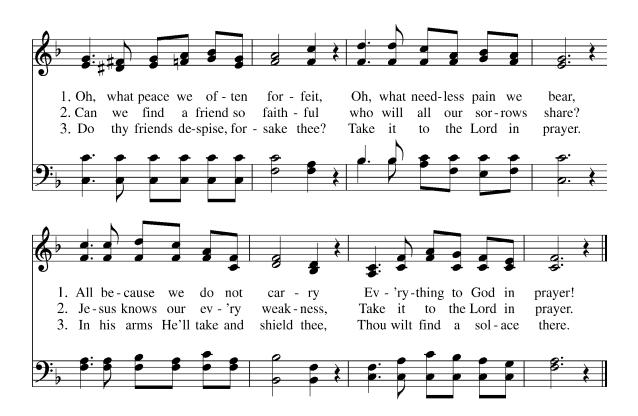
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your thoughts by faith, with thanksgiving.

∞ 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, Blessed Assurance





∞ 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, Jesus Is Our King



car - ry your re - deem - ing love To a world en-slaved by sin -

∞ The Dismissal

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. People

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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Preservation and Rebirth: Stewardship for 2023

To date, 391 households have made a pledge for 2023, totaling \$1,385,808 in pledged dollars for our budget year. We need everyone to participate in supporting the life and ministry of our Church. If you haven't yet made a pledge for this year, there's still time! Scan the QR CODE or grab a card and return envelope at Church on Sunday. With your help, we can meet the budgetary goal.



Children in Church

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

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 TODAY 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!

Today! 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 are available at the Welcome Table. Please BYOB and snacks to share!

Featured Events

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. Vegetarian option offered.

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 nmceastman@gmail.com 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.

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 bit.ly/restandrechargeretreat.

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. Enter thfough the Chapel door from Coliseum street or Bishop Polk Hall door from circle drive and memorial garden.

YogaMass (March 4) - On Saturday, March 4 from 10:30am - 12:00pm, join us for yoga and eucharist. Register at bit.ly.com/TrinityYogaMassRegistration.

The Season of Lent

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

Daily Weekday Eucharist (M-Th) through Lent - 7:30am in the Chapel

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 <u>abond@trinitynola.com</u> for more info and register for each session at https://trinitynola.com/lent.

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. Questions? Contact Rev. Carol Spencer at cspencer@trinitynola.com with questions. Please register at bit.ly/listenincommunity.

Lent Home Eucharist (March 1 and March 15) - On two Wednesdays in the season of Lent, Trinity will offer an in-home Eucharist at 6:00pm 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. Please pre-register. Questions? Contact The Reverend John Pitzer at <u>ipitzer@trinitynola.com</u>. Visit https://bit.ly/homeeucharist to 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, consistent attendance is encouraged. Ashley Bond will lead the class. Please let Ashley Bond know if your child will participate by email at abond@trinitynola.com. Classes are 10:30am in the School Library: March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2.

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.

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 kim@bestetravel.com 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 taylorks@aol.com 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 merryparis@yahoo.com.

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 athayer@trinitynola.com.

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.

Nursery Beautification - We're making an effort to update our nursery into a more a warm, inviting, peaceful, and functional space for our littlest members and visitors. If you or someone you know have any of the following gently used items that are taking up space in your home, please consider donating these items for our church nursery. The vibe will align with our Godly Play classroom aesthetic, which is natural materials, natural colors, and natural light. We're specifically looking for, bouncy seat(s), exersaucer/activity seat cubbies, shelves/bookshelves, rugs, small table with chairs, rocking chair, floor cushions, etc. Contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.

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 abond@trinitynola.com.

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

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.

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 www.trinitynola.com/restorative-justice/ or contact Rev. Carol Spencer at cspencer@trinitynola.com/.

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 michelle@chenault.net, Melissa Fanning at mlsfanning@gmail.com, 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.

Altar Memorials

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Cooney Duncan.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS

Trinity's 2023 Congregational Survey covers all areas of life and worship at Trinity Church - liturgy, preaching, music, service, formation, communications, leadership, fiscal responsibility, and more. We want to hear from you. Your participation is invaluable as we strive to honor our 175 year history and live into the great potential of our 175 year future.

The survey is 100% anonymous. Key takeaways will be shared with the congregation and used by our leadership to shape the future direction of our beloved Trinity Church.



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Today's Worship Leaders

PREACHER: The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer
CELEBRANT: The Reverend E. Gary Taylor
Deacon: The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer

VERGER: Mary Sutton
ORGANIST: Paul Weber

Members of the Vestry, 2022-2023

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