

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating 180 Years of Life and Ministry



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Noon - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (*spoken*)

6:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (*with music*)

*W*elcome to Trinity! Since its founding in 1845, Trinity has been a sacred space for Mobile. From the beginning, worship has been central to our common life. Trinity strives to be a humble outpost of the Kingdom of Heaven by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and walking the Way of Love.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 264

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day: **Ash Wednesday**

BCP 264

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-12

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. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom

be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in..

Psalm 103.8-14 (*Chanted by the Choir at 6:00*)

BCP 733

The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and

dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Hymnal 142 (6:00 pm) Lord, who throughout these forty days *St. Flavian*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Sermon

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh

The Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

BCP 264

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling, as able.

The Imposition of Ashes

BCP 265

Psalm 51

BCP 266

The Litany of Penitence

BCP 267

The Absolution **BCP 269**

The Peace **BCP 269**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, please fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available.

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

The Sanctus **BCP 362**

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation to Communion **BCP 364**

The Ministration of Communion

*During Communion, all are welcome to light a candle
at the prayer station in the Lady Chapel.*

Postcommunion Prayer **BCP 366**

The Lenten Blessing

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymnal 147 (6:00 pm) Now let us all with one accord

Bourbon

SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh. ***Altar Guild*** Dana Burton, Laurent Cadden, Pat Cyrus, and Brenda Mussell.

Noon

Ushers Tommy Murray and Wilson Castle. ***Lector*** Florence Crawford.
Chalicist Nell Gustavson.

6:00 pm

Ushers Jill & Mike Grimes. ***Lector*** Anna Lisa Tessier. ***Chalicist*** Anne Gill.

THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

This Week: Doris Benson, Byron & Kay Cruthirds, Pat & Darrel Cyrus, Tom Holmes, Brenda Howard, Mona Porter, Nettie Robertson, Leona Rowan, Shane Sawyer, Brandy Snider, Shae Street, and Mary Stewart Stephens.

Others we are praying for: Scott Anderson, Micki Ankerson, Linda Bennett, Latrelle Brown, Karen & Roger Clinton, Linda Dumas, Derrick Freeman, Christopher William Forwood, Katherine Galanos, Dottie Gill, Chris Gregory, Butch Harbaugh, David Hart, Adam Hicks, Bill Holmes, Carol Ann Holmes, Fred Bradley Holmes, Fred Holmes, Jr., Annette Kelley, Pam Lane, Rev. Scott Lenoir, Kerry Senne Logan, Jessica Luce, Ashley Holmes McCrary, Kay Biggers Overstreet, Tom Rotterman, Rev. Pam Strobel, Monty Thull, David Whatley, Keith & Cathy Williams, and Stacey Yim.

Armed Services: Matthew Anderson, Marie Lacy, Charles Lewis, Jr., Robert O'Bryant, and Kevin O'Rourke.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One
9:15 am Faith Matters Discussion Group
10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Nursery available at 10:30 am only

Tuesdays

5:30 pm Compline
in Schroeter Chapel

Wednesdays

The Imposition of Ashes

Labyrinth

Walk our beautiful Labyrinth anytime in the Meadow.

Food Pantry

Mondays

9:30 am to 11:30 am
Except for major holidays.

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Mondays and Thursdays

5:30 pm

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity or becoming a member of our community, please speak with our priest or call the church office at (251) 473-2779. Our office hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. You can also learn more about us through our website, www.trinitymobile.org.

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The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, *Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast*
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Ken Weber, *Organist*

Trinity Church Vestry

Anne Gill, *Senior Warden* (2027)
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