

PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

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How do we keep a holy Lent?

As we enter into a deep Lent, the most penitential season of our liturgical year, we also begin to offer again Christian Formation for all ages. Our Lenten Series *Keeping a Holy Lent* will allow us to explore the meaning of the invitation to the

observance of a holy Lent that we hear only at the Ash Wednesday service: “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.” Just how do we keep a holy Lent? This series will be



facilitated by Mother Mary Jayne with additional presentations throughout the five weeks by Deacon Terry, Bob Howard, Anna Lisa Tessier, and Bill Treutel. The series begins 1 Lent, Sunday, February 21 in Irving Hall and continues each Sunday through Lent as we journey into a deeper relationship with God.

Youth ages 5th through 12th grade will journey through Lent with their beloved teachers John Goff and Ben Harris. As

John expresses, “Every question deserves an answer. *I don't know* is acceptable only if followed by *Let's find out*. I accept



Classes for All Ages



From deacon intern to priest for the Diocese

On January 30, we at Trinity were delighted to host the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Lydia Knizley Johnson. Lydia, pictured above wearing the precious children of the world stole given to her by the parish, served Trinity as a deacon intern for six months beginning in August of 2020.

Lydia is one of six others who graduated from the diocesan School for Ministry last year, who were first ordained as transitional deacons. Then, after serving their respective parishes, they were ordained to the priesthood.

As the new diocesan Missioner for Development, Lydia will focus her passion and time to develop a diocesan team to support congregations and convocations in cultivating the spiritual practice of evangelism and extending mission beyond the status quo.

We are grateful for her time and ministry with us here at Trinity and look forward to continuing our relationship with her through diocesan ministry together.

and encourage anyone to sit in. Ben and I will welcome anyone with a curiosity!”

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd prepares Covid-safe classrooms for our children

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd returns this Sunday, February 21 at 9:15 am! All children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to join us in Irving Hall at 9:15 am each Sunday in Lent. From there, the catechists will walk your children to our dedicated space. Catechists will present a Lenten-themed lesson. Together we will spend three weeks pondering the parables of the Good Shepherd, the Found Sheep, and Psalm 23. After that, our focus will turn to Jesus’ last days in Jerusalem. The children will receive a packet with their own personal materials to continue their prayers and thoughts on the scriptures read.



Register for Classes. Everyone and anyone going to a class should check in at the registration table in Irving Hall, then report to your respective classrooms. Adults remain for the Lenten Series, youth go to their classroom upstairs, and children ages 3 through 4th grade will be escorted by their catechist to their special space.

Please note that the Nursery is open! Miss Jasmine is back with us to care for our little ones on Sundays during services and during Christian Formation from 9:15 to 10:15.

Our Vestry & Officers

Mike Cadden, Junior
Warden

Allison Castle

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Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Ben Harris, Chancellor

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior
Warden

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Nathan Poole

David Quittmeyer

Carolyn Watts-Smith

Attending the 50th Diocesan Convention

Delegates

Bob Howard, Anna Lisa
Tessier, and Jameson White

Alternates

Martha Jones and Anne Gill

Clergy Delegates

Mother Mary Jayne
and Deacon Terry

From our Rector

Together we began this new year at Trinity in prayer. At noonday on 1 January 2021 we gathered in the Church to pray. What better way to usher in the promise of new beginnings than in conversation with God? I can think of none.

Our Catechism, An Outline of the Faith in our Book of Common Prayer (BCP), on page 856 defines prayer thus: *Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.* Wow. Responding to God by what we think and what we do whether we say anything or not! So we can pray even if we're not led in corporate worship. We can pray in a group, with our families, in the morning, in the



evening, by ourselves—alone with God, when we're mad, if we're happy, when we serve, as we sing, from outdoors or on vacation, extemporaneously or by rote, as we exercise, if we're tired, incessantly with a mantra or with a cry of a single word, aloud or in our hearts ... you continue the ways!

Interestingly, if asked to describe our prayer life, many of us struggle. I believe we all do 'have' a prayer life, but to be in deep conversation with God is a holy discipline. And that's when Lent helps. On Ash Wednesday we hear the invitation to the observance of a holy Lent, BCP 265. We are told several ways to do this, and prayer is but one of them. I invite you in the name of the Church to examine your prayer life during this 40-day gift of the most penitential season of the year. My prayer for you is that you will come out on the other end of Lent with a deeper relationship with God and a clearer sense of how God is calling you in 'thought and deed.'

The best thing about all of this is that we get to do this together. Our Lenten Series *Keeping a Holy Lent* will focus on the Ash Wednesday Invitation, and we'll share our stories of faith as we journey through this sacred time. Through my own deep, prayerful discernment, God brought me to you, and I am so incredibly grateful to be in prayer with you in all that we say and do.

To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+



The Trinity Geek Squad comes to you!

One of the many ways we try to communicate with you is through our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. If you are not on these media, please let us know if we can help you get set up. It's a great way to see our worship services and to keep up with what's going on at Trinity. Contact Trinity Geek Squad Chair Anna Lisa Tessier, altessier1020@gmail.com, if you need help.

Consecrated Wafer Pickup

As long as we continue to livestream our 10:30 Sunday Holy Eucharist, we are making efforts to include everyone in the ministration of communion. Already consecrated wafers to be consumed during this service may be picked up at the Parish Office every week on Thursdays.

We welcome these brand new members into our Trinity family ...

Matthew Bees and Addison Metcalfe

Emily and Andrew Blejwas
and Stan, Andrew, Leo, and Katie

Jennifer Snow and Shane Sawyer

Newcomer Ministry

We are so excited to see many new faces in our midst at our worship services and recently at our Mardi Gras festivities. Many people seeking a church home are communicating with us via Facebook and email. Passersby are literally stopping to inquire about our offerings, and our Meadow is getting noticed. If you would like to be a part of this ministry of hospitality, contact Newcomer Ministry Chair Rita Treutel, ritabtreutel@gmail.com.

A special thank you from our friends at Wilmer Hall

We received this sweet card from the residents of Wilmer Hall in thanksgiving for the Angel Tree Christmas gifts we provided. Thank you, Trinity family, for your continuous generosity to those in our midst and in our community.



You can make a pledge commitment anytime in the year

Although our Fiscal Year 2020 has ended, parishioners can literally pledge any time of the year. The Finance Committee is currently working on the 2021 Budget to present to the Vestry at their February meeting. Know that it's never too late for your prayerful commitment to the vitality of our life and ministry together to help us plan our 2021 Budget.

To pledge simply use these links. [Here](#) to print a pledge card. [Here](#) to read the letter from the Stewardship Committee. [Here](#) to learn about proportional giving. If you have questions or need information contact our Finance Administrator, susan@trinitymobile.org.

Friends of Trinity

Many of our friends have a fondness for Trinity—this sacred place and her faithful people. We believe these Friends of Trinity may wish to support financially our ministries. If you know someone who has an affinity for Trinity, please contact Friends of Trinity Chair David Quittmeyer.

Grant Writers

Contact the Rector right away if your skill set is grant writing!



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. ~ 1 Chronicles 29.14

It's a new year, we have called our new Rector, and we can already see some changes and wonderful new things happening in and around beloved Trinity. During the interviews with the Search Committee we, together with Mother Mary Jayne, identified a few challenges ahead and some areas we felt needed a fresh look. One of the biggest, and also supported by the data in our Parish Profile, was Trinity's financial state. We are so ever grateful for the generous outpouring of your love for Trinity through your pledge commitments. However, we know from our past that we have navigated many financial challenges, including the ability to provide a healthy maintenance budget to properly preserve our campus.

With that in mind Mother Mary Jayne has been meeting with the Finance Committee to help her review our revenue streams as part of our role of overseeing the financial affairs of our Parish. Throughout this year we will identify different ways to save on expenses and repurpose income to better support new and existing ministries. We will also explore other avenues for income, such as grants, our endowment interest, bequests, and the Friends of Trinity.

In the next few newsletters we will feature a series of articles explaining how we are exploring new, innovative sources of revenue to help maintain and support the ministries of our Church. We will strive to share our financial plans and goals by defining terms and clarifying best practices and procedures. We vow to communicate with you how we are, on your behalf, practicing the theology of good fiscal stewardship of all that God has given us to share abundantly.

Faithfully,
Pat Rodgers
Finance Committee Chair

Confirmation Class and Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Russell Kendrick will visit us on Trinity Sunday, which is May 30. Inquirers Class for both adults and youth will begin in March. These classes are designed to prepare confirmands for the rite of Confirmation and are also open to anyone wishing to learn more about the Episcopal way. If you are desiring to explore the possibility of becoming an Episcopalian, contact maryjayne@trinitymobile.org.



What's an Ember Day?

Among many Christians, it is a custom to observe Ember Days, a cluster of four sets of three days in the calendar year. They are set aside by the Church as days of reflection and ways to mark the passage of the seasons through prayer and fasting. The Lenten/Spring Ember Days are February 24, 26, and 27. Try journaling, enjoying the out-of-doors, or prayerfully serving.



Sunday, February 21, 1 Lent
8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:15 am Lenten Series
10:30 Pre-recorded Service on Facebook

Wednesday, February 24 at Noon
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist Resumes
Wednesday Facebook Reflections Continue

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
February 24, 26, and 27
Ember Days

Friday and Saturday
February 26 and 27
50th Diocesan Convention

Sunday, February 28, 2 Lent
8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:15 am Lenten Series
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and Live on Facebook

Sunday, March 7, 3 Lent
8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:15 am Lenten Series
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and Live on Facebook

Sunday, March 14, 4 Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins
8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:15 am Lenten Series
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and Live on Facebook

Saturday, March 20
Daughters of the King Diocesan Assembly

Sunday, March 21, 5 Lent
8 am Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:15 am Lenten Series
10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church and Live on Facebook

Life, Ministry, and Love in the Time of Corona

Now a year into the crazy life to which the coronavirus has introduced us, we prayerfully continue to persevere. Instead of lamenting 'we can't do this or that because of the virus,' we ask 'how can we do this or that differently—more innovatively or creatively?' Know that we are constantly in discussion about ways to bring us into fellowship, service, and worship in safe, healthy ways.

Now hear this to enhance your worship experience!

Now that we are offering in-person worship at 8 am and soon at 10:30, we want to make sure you can hear what's going on during the service. We offer Assistive listening devices (ALDs), which are small amplifiers that bring sound directly to your ear. They separate the sounds, particularly speech, that a person wants to hear from background noise—improving the 'speech to noise ratio.' They can be used with or without hearing aids or a cochlear implant. Just let an usher know if you would like to try one, so you can hear the sermon!



Somebody's very happy about our media upgrade!

For almost an entire year through the challenges of the coronavirus, faithful parishioner Carolyn Watts-Smith has literally been behind the camera to live-stream our Sunday service. You'll recall in October we returned to in-person worship at the 8 o'clock service and began live-streaming the 10:30 service, but with no congregants present.

Carolyn began this media ministry with a ladder, her cell phone, and a Wi-Fi extender. Months later, she 'upgraded' to a laptop and then back to the cell phone with a little fancier swivel thingy on a tripod. Then in early February the Wi-Fi extender ran out of extension, just weeks before our major media upgrade was planned, so that is why we are currently recording the 8 am service then uploading that to Facebook.

The good news is that by the end of this month our media ministry will undergo a tremendous upgrade. Thanks to an incredibly generous anonymous donation of \$10,000, we are able to enhance our audio and video capability. This means that we will soon resume the presence of congregants while at the same time the 10:30 service is being live-streamed to those who are unable to attend in person. This major media installation is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26. If all goes as planned we will be able to resume our in-person 10:30 service on Sunday, February 28. We will spread the definitive word as soon as we know for certain!

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