



# The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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**Lent 2023**

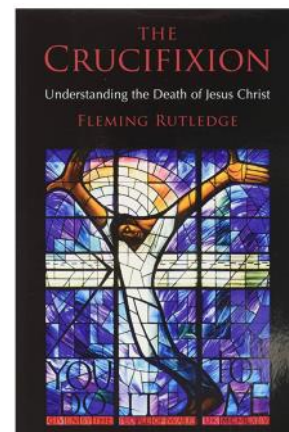
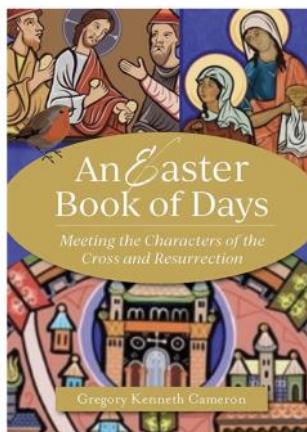
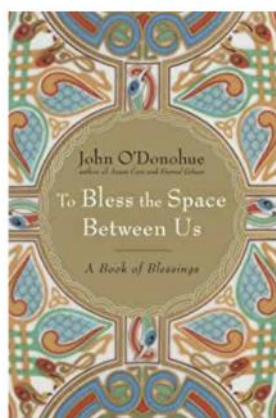
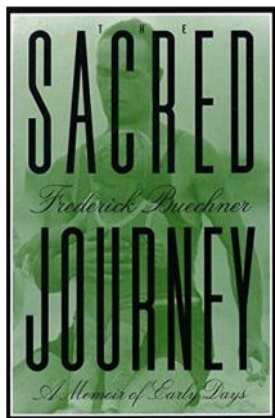
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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham*

Dear friends,

In the season of Lent we are invited to do some soul searching, to commit ourselves to prayer, fasting and self denial. In more simple terms we could say that during Lent we should try some experiments and exercises that may lead us closer to God. We often make sacrifices during Lent, like giving up a simple pleasure that we enjoy in an effort to replace that with something that is good for our soul. Also, in addition to giving up things, we can also take on a new discipline. Father Andy is introducing a new “walking with a partner” program that may be of interest to you. My suggestion for us all this Lent is to take on some spiritual reading. Find a way to be less connected to computer, television and mobile phone and instead pick up a book that may feed you spiritually. Your local book store or online book seller will have plenty of selections. Father Andy and I can also help you find something appropriate to read during Lent. I have four suggestions here, all of them available in our Trinity Store across from the secretary’s office:



First, Sacred Journey by Frederick Buechner is an easy read book that tells the story of one person's journey to faith. Secondly, To Bless the Space Between Us by John O'Donohue is a wonderful book of poetry and blessings that will provide good food for thought. Thirdly, An Easter Book of Days is a small easy to read book that identifies all of the characters from scripture around the story of the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Finally, Crucifixion by Fleming Rutledge is a wonderful, dense and challenging read that helps us understand more about significance of Jesus' death on the cross. I encourage you this lent to pick up a book and read- and may it be a feast for your soul.

Father Tim

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***Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.***

*"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;"*  
Psalm 88:2

### **In Our Prayers:**

#### **Parishioners**

Bill Batastini  
Sammy Caves  
Jack Collins  
Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Philip Day  
Sydney Flournoy  
Ken Followill  
Becky Goldsmith  
Mary Johnson  
Hariat Lippmann  
Robert Marcus  
Karyn Marra  
Bob Miller  
Lilah Morgan  
Jo Myers  
Bill Perdue  
Jacquie Rawls  
Fleur Stearns  
George Trussell, Jr.  
George Wade  
Johnny Walden  
Libby Wells  
Judy Wilkinson

#### **Friends**

Nan Boyett  
Jim Buntin  
Becky Cartledge  
Anthony & Brittany Estes  
Jimmy Farr  
Joe Higdon  
Milton Jones  
Whitney Kiger  
Kim Kimbrough  
Devon Levy  
Kenny Lewis  
Coles McKagen  
The Ortiz Family  
Sue Phillips  
Larry Ray  
Paul Rickard  
Martha Robert  
Hadley Scott  
Susy Sironi  
Bob Upchurch

*If you know of a parishioner who  
is in the hospital, has had a child,  
or is facing some crisis, please let  
the Parish Office know so our  
Parish family can respond.*

### **Bishop's 2023 Virtual Lenten Series**

*Jesus Makes the Difference*



Each week during Lent, the Diocese of Atlanta is putting out a teaching series online, prepared by Bishop Robert W. Wright, offering insight on the Gospel readings we will hear over the five Sundays of Lent (February 26th to March 26th inclusive).

Says Bishop Wright: *"Our purpose for releasing this lectionary based, Lenten teaching series entitled Jesus Makes the Difference is twofold: to offer Christian education in support of clergy and lay people alike and to provide a lexicon and useful way to talk about Jesus in everyday life."*

*"Our hope is that with the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit, this series will help all of us increase the depth of our commitment to making Jesus the Lord of our lives and enthusiastic and skillful communicators in sharing the 'hope that is within' us with the world."*

You can access the Bishop's 2023 Lenten Series as they are released during Lent across Diocesan social media, or in the Bishop's *For Faith* newsletter ([episcopalatlanta.org/for-faith](http://episcopalatlanta.org/for-faith)), or by subscribing to Bishop Wright's *For People* podcast wherever you listen to podcasts.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

*Let the Good Times Roll!*



Trinitarians of all ages, come and join us in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m.** for a Shrove Tuesday celebration! We will enjoy a pancake feast prepared by Trinity staff and served by the Brotherhood of St Andrew, relax together, and sing karaoke.

Because the church's liturgy suppresses the joyous word "Alleluia!" between Ash Wednesday and Easter, on Shrove Tuesday we will also perform a light-hearted service of "Burying the Alleluias" as a symbolic transition into the season of Lent.

### **Lenten Pilgrimage 2023**

*Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)*

Taking on a new prayer practice or "giving something up" during Lent can often feel like an isolated and private matter, and add to the stress of an already-busy time of year. In 2023, Trinity is exploring another way to observe a Holy Lent. Whatever your personal plans for Lent may be, this year you are also invited to take your Lenten journey outdoors and seek a moment of peace and renewal with a fellow traveler.

On the five Sundays of Lent, we will gather at 3 p.m. at a different scenic spot in Columbus to take a brief contemplative walk. Throughout these five Sundays, participants will be partnered in groups of two or three. You and your partners will share each walk, and be given open-ended prompts to inspire conversation as you stroll. These walks are simply a chance to rest in nature together, to get to know one another, and to reflect on the life of faith.

People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join the Lenten Pilgrimage, as the distance and pace of each walk is up to you and your partners. To sign up, fill out one of the forms available in the Trinity foyer, or email Father Andy ([blakemore.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blakemore.trinity@gmail.com)), indicating in your message whether you'd like to be partnered with specific people, or whether you'd like to take a walk with someone new!

## Ash Wednesday at Trinity



Trinity will mark the beginning of the Season of Lent through the traditional observance of Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, with services at noon and 6 p.m. The noon service will be held in the chapel, while the 6 p.m. service will be in the nave and include musical offerings from the Trinity choir. Both services will consist of the liturgy of the Word, the imposition of ashes, and Holy Eucharist.

Ash Wednesday is one of two solemn Fast Days designated in the church calendar, along with Good Friday. Not counting the five Sundays in Lent and Palm Sunday, there are exactly 40 days in the Lenten season, which stretches from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. These 40 days have much Biblical significance, connecting us to the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering in the desert (Numbers 14) and the 40 days Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness (cf. Luke 4). In addition to receiving the ashes on Ash Wednesday, it's appropriate to take on extra disciplines of prayer and fasting on this day to remind our whole selves—mind, body, and spirit—that as we enter Lent we are beginning a journey of repentance, renewal, and preparation for the Mysteries of Easter.

Wherever you are on your walk with God, we hope that you will join us for this year's observance of Ash Wednesday.

## First Sunday Funday Returns March 5th!



Calling all Trinity Kids in grades K-5: stick around **after the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 5th** for another First Sunday Funday! We will have lunch together, spend some time making a treat in the kitchen, and prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday by diving into the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Older youth are invited to come and lend a helping hand during First Sunday Funday. Parents are also welcome to join us on the 5th and on future First Sunday Fundays, or else feel free to take a lunch break or a quiet moment downtown, and return for **pick-up between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m.**

## Adult Sunday School During Lent

*Opening the Bible with Bill Stahl*



Are you looking to engage more deeply with Holy Scripture during Lent this year? Starting on February 26th and continuing through the five Sundays of Lent, Trinity's own Bill Stahl will return to lead a special Sunday School class. A structural engineer by training, Bill has also published a three-volume book series, *The Bible's Story of Salvation*, which helps readers make sense of the message and composition of the Bible.

Bill's Lenten Sunday school class will explore what Scripture has to say about the Way of the Cross. Beginning with Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, Bill will dive into the Biblical narratives that bring us closer to the suffering and death of Christ, and underlie the church's ancient Holy Week traditions. Adult Sunday School is held in the Parlor from around 9:30 until 10:15. We hope to see you there!

## Schwob Music Series at Zion

*Special Performance March 19th*

Zion Episcopal Church in Talbotton is a rare, wooden Tudor-style worship space, constructed in 1848 from the wood of Georgia's forests. The Schwob School of Music at CSU has planned another *Schwob Music Series* at Zion concert at Zion scheduled for **Sunday, March 19th at 4:00 p.m.**, followed by a reception across the street at the Straus-LeVert Hall.

This concert will feature Dr. Aesook Moon, Trinity's own Associate Organist and Choirmaster, performing on Zion's newly-restored 1850 Pilcher Organ. The organ is the oldest and only working hand-pumped Pilcher organ in the United States. In addition to the Organ works, the performance will include instrumentalists and solo singers in a variety of music dating from across four centuries.

Because Zion church only seats around 100 people, tickets are expected to sell out quickly. You can buy yours by going to [igfn.us/e/G56wyw](http://igfn.us/e/G56wyw) online.





# Trinity Episcopal Church Lenten Lunch Series

**February 27** - Dr. Jimmy Elder, Pastor of  
First Baptist Church, Columbus, GA

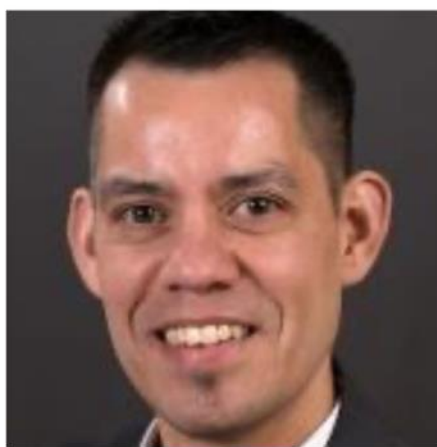
**March 6** - The Rev. Kenya Thompson,  
Director of Leadership Development &  
Education at Emmaus House,  
Atlanta, GA

**March 13** - The Rev. Marion Fortner,  
Rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church,  
Jackson, Mississippi

**March 20** - The Rev. Dr. Bill Allport,  
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Englewood, NJ

**March 27** - The Rev. Rob Wood,  
Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Cashiers, NC

**Mondays at Noon in Trinity's Parish Hall**  
1130 First Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901





# Holy Week at Trinity 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2 - Easter Sunday, April 9  
Trinity Episcopal Church    1130 First Avenue    Columbus, GA

## Palm Sunday

April 2

**8:30 AM    Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)**

**10:30 AM    Blessing of the Palms:**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)**

\*Please gather Outside for Procession, Incense will be used at this service

**11:30 AM    First Sunday Funday**

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## Monday

April 3

**12:00 PM    Ecumenical Service at St. Luke**

A Joint service held between the Downtown churches- Trinity Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, & St. Luke United Methodist Church

## Tuesday

April 4

**12:00 PM    Ecumenical Service at St. Luke**

## Wednesday

April 5

**12:00 PM    Ecumenical Service at St. Luke**

**5:30 PM    Tenebrae Evening Prayer (Nave)**

Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” In ancient times, Tenebrae offices were held at night during Holy Week as preparation for the events in our Lord’s life between the Last Supper and the Resurrection. Trinity’s abbreviated Tenebrae service will include the reading of psalms and lessons interspersed with the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church.

## Maundy Thursday

April 6

**12:00 PM    Ecumenical Service at St. Luke**

**6:00 PM    Maundy Thursday Service (Nave)**

\*Will include foot washing and musical offerings from the choir

**7:00 PM    Night Watch (Chapel)**

After the Maundy Thursday service, all are invited to stop by the Chapel for a time of silent prayer and meditation on Jesus’ night in the Garden of Gethsamene. This time of prayer will end at 8:00 pm.

## Good Friday

April 7

**12:00 PM    Walking Stations of the Cross**

Join Trinity's clergy, Fr. Tim Graham and Fr. Andy Blakemore, as we walk and pray with Jesus along the way of his suffering and death. This service will begin on the front steps of Trinity and will travel a few blocks around Downtown. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

**6:00 PM    Good Friday Liturgy (Nave)**

In this service, we'll hear scripture on our Lord's Passion, including a dramatic reading of John's Gospel. There will be a time for venerating the cross, and communion will be served from the reserved sacrament from Maundy Thursday celebrations.

## Holy Saturday

April 8

**12:00 PM    Holy Saturday Service (Courtyard)**

**8:00 PM    The Great Vigil of Easter  
at Linwood Cemetery**

This rich service begins in darkness outside Lummus Chapel with the lighting of the new fire, from which the Paschal candle is lit. Lessons are read followed by the renewal of baptismal vows. This is the first Eucharist of Easter. The service ends in the chapel in glorious light with alleluias resounding.

## Easter Sunday

April 9

**8:30 AM    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Nave)**

\*Full choir, Incense will be used at this service

**10:30 AM    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(Nave)**

\*Full choir, brass, & timpani, Incense will be used at this service