



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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Lent 2024

From the Rector

The Rev. Dr. Timothy H. Graham

Dear Friends,

Prayer is our way of communicating with and connecting to God. There are many forms of prayer and there is no one right way to do it. Just as our conversations with others around us can vary for all sorts of reasons, our conversations with God can be different depending on our circumstances. There is a formal way that we pray to God in our corporate worship. Our Book of Common Prayer guides our thoughts and words toward God in beautiful and poetic ways. But in other times, when we are alone, we relate to God differently. In our alone time with God we are free to express our thoughts, concerns, desires, even our praise and thanksgiving in a relaxed and informal way. (This photo was taken this past summer: a member of my study group praying alone in a church near Jerusalem).

Developing a daily habit of prayer is one of the most helpful things a Christian can do. But it can also be challenging. We can feel inadequate at times and we can also feel distracted and overwhelmed and neglect our relationship with God.

St. Frances de Sales said this about our private prayer life:

"Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy – then we need an hour."

This year our Lenten lunch series is about prayer. Our speakers will share with us some personal stories and helpful advice about how to pray.

I hope you will attend these Monday lunches. I hope that this season of Lent is a time for you to improve your prayer life, and by doing so, that you also grow closer to God.

God bless you all.

Timothy H. Graham + Father Tim



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

Susan Batastini
Sammy Caves
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Philip Day
Sydney Flournoy
Becky Goldsmith
Mary Johnson
Hariot Lippmann
Robert Marcus
Karyn Marra
Jean Miller
Jo Myers
Nancy Palmer
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Meta Rickard
Keith Slaney
Fleur Stearns
Mona Thorington
George Trussell, Jr.
George Wade
Johnny Walden
Libby Wells
Marg Williams
Kay Young

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.

Friends

Scott Badcock
The Barria Escobar Family
Nan Boyett
Jim Buntin
Leandra Burke
Garrett Tante Burns
Lorraine Callendar
Mike & Heather Cashwell
Carl Charest
James Cochran
Sara Coleman
Buddy Coulter
Stephanie East
Jimmy Farr
Sherry Green
Jeff Griffen
Lynn Hahn
Tom Haskell
Richard Hill
Terry Hurley
Ward & Betty Joines
Milton Jones
Christi Kernodle
Whitney Kiger
Kim Kimbrough
Devon Levy
Carol & J.W. Martin
Drew Norlock
Sue Phillips
Alta Ploeger
Julie Powell
Larry Ray
Dorothy Reese
Gerd Reno
Paul Rickard
Martha Robert
Price Robinson
Hadley Scott
Susi Seroni
David Twigg
Bob Upchurch
The Williams Family

Memorial and Arts Committee

Have you ever noticed that there is beauty everywhere inside and around Trinity Church? One of the main reasons why is that we have a committee dedicated to helping us maintain our buildings and furnish them tastefully and appropriately. The Memorial and Arts committee meets monthly with the Rector and Parish Administrator to discuss building and ministry needs. Decisions about style and décor originate in this committee and are sent to the vestry for approval on large projects. The most recent project of this committee is the renovation of the bathrooms near our chapel that is near completion. Another of the functions of the committee is making decisions about memorial gifts. When there is a death of a parishioner and memorial funds are given to the church, this committee works with the Rector and the family of the deceased to determine the best use of those funds. Many of the items used in our worship (vestments, altar hangings, linen, silver, and brass) have been memorial gifts through the years. There is a memorial book in the foyer in a display that holds the record of past memorial gifts. The current members of the committee are: Katherine Waddell, Jack Collins, Ashley Holt, and Johnny Cargill. We are grateful for the dedication of this committee, for the beauty of our church and its furnishings, and the memorial gifts given to the Glory of God and in memory of our dear loved ones.

Refugee Resettlement Project Underway *Trinity Prepares to Welcome New Neighbors*



This season, a group of dedicated Trinity volunteers are engaged in a major outreach effort to help resettle two separate immigrant families who are coming to the United States with refugee status to join relatives who are already here. While resettling in a new country can be a golden opportunity for a better life, it is also a major hardship. It involves mountains of paperwork and so many new things to learn, from the English language to rules of the road to cultural norms. Trinity's team of lead volunteers are applying their expertise to be ready to assist these families when they arrive and help them acclimate quickly to American society. In addition to disbursing government aid to the families, Trinity is collecting monetary donations, clothing, furniture and other basic necessities for these families. Trinity's volunteers will offer rides, logistical support, and a welcoming community to the refugees in their first 90 days of arrival, sometime this Spring. If you would like to make a donation or join this effort as a volunteer, please contact James Dudley (jamesldudley@hotmail.com).



Adult Bible Study in Lent *Take and Read*



Starting Wednesday, February 21st, Trinity's Adult Bible Study will begin reading the Book of Exodus together. As we make our own journeys through the season of Lent, we will follow the story of Moses, exploring the meaning of his prophetic challenge to Pharaoh and the deliverance of the People of God from bondage in Egypt. The weekly Bible study meets over coffee every Wednesday at 10 a.m., in the Parlor. Come and see what it's all about!

Trinity 101 Returns February 25 *Explore the meaning of the liturgy*



Is something that happens in church that has always made you wonder: *why do we do this the way we do it?* Immediately following 10:30 worship, **Sunday, February 25th**, both newcomers and longtime Trinity parishioners are invited to gather near the baptismal font for **Trinity 101**. In this short, 25-minute open forum, Trinity's clergy will facilitate a conversation and do their best to answer any and all questions related to the Episcopal church, the meaning of the liturgy, and the significance of the art and architecture that surrounds us on Sunday mornings.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services

These will be joint services held between the Downtown churches- Trinity Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, & St. Luke Church, Monday - Thursday of Holy Week at noon. This year the ecumenical service will take place each day at First Baptist Church. Father Tim will be preaching at the service on Thursday, March 28.

Traditional Language During Lent

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Don't let this call-and-response catch you off guard! Trinity has shifted from using our usual contemporary language liturgy, called "Rite II" in the Book of Common Prayer, to the traditional language liturgy, also known as "Rite I." There are many differences between Rites I and II beyond all the **thees, thys, and thous**. While both liturgies follow the same broad pattern, they each contain their own unique prayers and phrases that contribute to the rich heritage of our worship tradition. The Rite I Eucharistic prayer you'll now hear on Sundays at Trinity is as old as the Episcopal church, having been adapted for use in the United States from the Scottish Episcopal prayer book at the time of the consecration of Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop, in 1784.

To match the style of Rite I, Trinity is also reading its lessons from the King James Version of the Bible during Lent. While newer translations of the Bible prioritize advances in scholarship and modern clarity, the King James Bible, also known as the Authorized Version, is unparalleled for the beauty and dignity of its prose, and has withstood the test of time as one of the great contributions to the English language. While both Rite I and the King James Bible may take some getting used to, we hope they help Trinity to connect with its roots, to "ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name" and to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!" (Psalm 29)

Upcoming Birthdays

February:

Gardiner Garrard (2/19), Harlan Price (2/19), Rob McGurk (2/20), Emma Yancey (2/22), Lawton Mullin (2/23), Chandler Shinkle Rohwedder (2/25), Alex Saunders (2/25), Nathan Carr (2/26), Comer Hobbs (2/27), John Johnston (2/27), Gabriel Echols (2/28), Paige Swift (2/28), Ginger Ollman (2/29)

March:

Batten Caves (3/1), Patricia Lamson (3/1), Jack Passailaigue (3/1), Gary Cason (3/2), Mike Jennings (3/2), Emerson McCambridge (3/2), Fray McCormick (3/3), Bethany Smith (3/3), Adam Smitherman (3/3), David Fox (3/4), Wynn Mullin (3/4), Craig Courville (3/5), Rob Poydasheff (3/6), Christy Rueh (3/6), Pat Beavers (3/7), Bryan Clark (3/7), Joyce Curry (3/7), Leigh Ann McCullough (3/8), Sam Silitto (3/8), Schley Smallman (3/8), Lizzy Van Ingen (3/8), John Blanchard II (3/9), Mark Graham (3/9), Lee Grogan (3/9), Carl Robertson (3/9), Banks Berard (3/10), Billie Jennings (3/11), Sarah Rid-dick (3/11), Juliana Caligaris (3/12), Hap Perkins (3/12), Eve Tidwell (3/12), Gunby Garrard (3/13), Lucy Tresp (3/13), Ted Henson (3/14), Sharon Sprouse (3/15), John Crouch (3/16), Helen Hobbs (3/17), Ken Solomons (3/17), Brooks Whilden (3/17), Ann Blackmar Howard (3/18), Dee Fox (3/20), Susan Morris (3/21), Jack Winn III (3/21), Grayson Heider (3/23), Gene Perkins (3/23), Mark Simkins (3/23), William Morris (3/24), Celeste Patterson (3/26), Eloise Twigg (3/26), David Halmrast (3/27), Roberto Caligaris (3/30), Harry Waddell (3/30), Ben Smith IV (3/31)

*Is your birthday missing or inaccurate?
Call the church office and let us know!*



Holy Week at Trinity 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24 - Easter Sunday, March 31

Trinity Episcopal Church 1130 First Avenue Columbus, GA

Palm Sunday March 24

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)

**10:30 AM Blessing of the Palms:
Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)**

Maundy Thursday March 29

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (Nave)

*Will include foot washing and
stripping of the altar

7:00 PM Night Watch (All Angels Chapel)

After the Maundy Thursday service, all are invited to stop by the All Angels Chapel for a time of silent prayer and meditation on Jesus' night in the Garden of Gethsemane. This time of prayer will end at 8:30 pm.

Good Friday March 29

12:00 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.

**6:00 PM Walking Stations of the Cross
Linwood Cemetery**

Join Trinity's clergy as we walk and pray with Jesus along the way of his suffering and death. Park and meet near Linwood Chapel, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Holy Saturday March 30

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

The Great Vigil of Easter March 30

**8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter
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 March 31

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

*Full choir

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

*Full choir, brass, & timpani

This service will be available to watch via
livestream on our website.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 10:30 Service