



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

We don't know his name. Was anyone else struck by that omission in today's Gospel selection? We don't know the name of the rich young man but we are told that Jesus loved him. Does that mean that this rich young man was known to Jesus and the disciples but Mark felt the name was not important to the story? Perhaps it is an example of how Jesus loved all unconditionally and calls us to do the same. Historically, though, "Anonymous" is a woman or someone or something that for social reasons should not be named. In 1892, Lord Alfred Douglas, in the poem, *Two Loves*, coined the phrase "the love that dare not speak its name" to describe love between men. So, what is Mark's purpose in omitting the man's name?

Mark describes the young man as having many possessions. But despite Jesus' love for him, when asked to sell what he has, give the money to the poor and follow Jesus, the rich young man walks away from Jesus and chooses to retain his possessions. Perhaps then this selection is meant to remind us of the "cost" of discipleship.

Mark's Gospel focuses on Jesus' call to follow Him; on a life of discipleship. In this selection we see once again Jesus turning the dominant paradigm on its end. It is not his wealth that makes discipleship difficult for the rich young man. It is his inability to use his wealth to aid the condition of others. In telling the young man to sell what he has and give the money to the poor, Jesus calls for a radical change in the man's relationship with the poor...and with his wealth and status. The young man is to actually see the poor, identify with the conditions in which they live and aid them. Such action would mean not only an economic loss but a loss of status and power.

Authentic discipleship went against the dominant values of the culture then as it does today. It goes against our inherent need for self-preservation and security as discipleship requires the surrender of one's whole self to God. Jesus is not asking us to live as ascetics but to first trust entirely in Him and then to create caring communities in which the needs of all are acknowledged and met. In such a world, no one would be marginalized, oppressed or anonymous.

This Sunday at Trinity we continue our annual Stewardship Campaign and we celebrate National Coming Out Day. The theme for our stewardship campaign is "Christ Be Our Light" from the hymn many know and love. The concepts in this hymn resonate with many LGBTQ+ people as they have lived in darkness, in secrecy, due to prejudice and ignorance on the part of the dominant society or due to shame regarding their sexual orientation, gender or non-binary identity. Our call to discipleship asks us to create communities where everyone can live in light and truth and receive the love and support of fellow disciples.

Presbyterian pastor and out gay man, Chris Glaser, has suggested that coming out is a sacrament for LGBTQ+ people because it sets us on a lifelong path of manifesting God's grace in our lives. Coming out is crucial to our spiritual life as embracing our LGBTQ+ identity is an invitation to go deeper in our spiritual journey. It is also a radical political action as the personal is always political. But such action is not without risks as hate crimes against LGBTQ+ people rise and not all 50 states provide legal protection against loss of employment or housing discrimination.

But Jesus has made us His own. Let us share that Good News with all and build communities in which no one is not named, loved or accepted for who they truly are.

Blessings, Deacon Carolyn

Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
A gentle, said service (no music)
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Joyous, sung music
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia/Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Bilingual service

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with Us

CONTACT US

Trinity Church, 503 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

Tel: 732-775-5084 • Fax: 732-775-3865

Email: office@trinitynj.com • Web: trinitynj.com

In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



Text "TrinityAP" to 22828



Facebook.com/TrinityAP



Instagram.com/TrinityChurchAP
(#TrinityChurchAP)

Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: During this health emergency, The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11 AM-1 PM and on Saturday, a hot meal is served to-go from 11 am-12:30 pm.
Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact the office for information

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)
Russell Bennett, Gregory Curatolo, Charles Hagon, Wendy Jaghab, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestry-wardens@trinitynj.com

Parish Staff

The Rev. Chase Danford, Priest-in-Charge
FrChase@trinitynj.com

The Rev. Tom Conway, Assisting Priest
Frtom@trinitynj.com

The Rev. Gail Bennett, Deacon
Associate for Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry
Deacongail@trinitynj.com

The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Bradley, Deacon
Director of Pastoral Care and Adult Christian Formation
Cabradleydcn@trinitynj.com

The Rev. Lucille Donahue, Assisting Pastor
Revolu@trinitynj.com

Jim Balmer, Interim Director of Music
Jim@Trinitynj.com

Kevin Dyer, Property Supervisor
Kevin@Trinitynj.com

Kris Hlatky, Social Justice Worker
Kris@Trinitynj.com

Derek Minno-Bloom, Director of Social Justice
Derek@trinitynj.com

Siobhan Noland, Social Justice Development Manager
Siobhan@Trinitynj.com

Jill Osis, Director of Operations
Jill@trinitynj.com


Patrick Sizemore, Property Assistant

Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Joanne	Tom Deverin
Yvonne	Eric	Gina & family, victims of
Karl Kaufman	Family of Andrew Herges	flooding
Marie Annunziata	Cynthia Gordon	Nicko
Faye Hudson	Debbie Lee	Eva
Hank Neubert	Barbara Muzychka	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

 **Prayer Team Ministry.** During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15
Nancy Feindt	Leslie Feingold	Isabelle Ferreira & Fabiula Silva	Patty Forbes	Helen Ford

News & Notes

Take a Piece of Trinity Home with You!

Our hope is that everyone who walks through our doors takes a piece of Trinity home in their hearts. Now you can also bring a beautiful piece of Trinity stained glass home with you! We are delighted to introduce an exciting fundraising opportunity ~ The Trinity Historical Glass Project. The 1909 original stained glass window, located behind the altar in the Chapel, was replaced in 2008 with a window given by the Henderiks Family. Now glass from the original window, in place for 100 years, is being repurposed to create exquisite Trinity-themed pieces of stained glass artwork. Samples of each of the eleven pieces will be on view starting this Sunday after the 8:00am and 10:00am services.

Local artist, Rafael Da Silva of Happy Bear Glassworks, combines a portion of the amber glass from the original window with other vibrant, colorful glass to form a meaningful, tangible symbol of Trinity Church. Each piece you order will be handcrafted, making this gift for yourself or a loved one a unique way to own a historic part of Trinity while supporting our building and window conservation and renovation. Projects supported by this fundraiser include: window restoration, ADA access, building renovation and conservation.

See the display at the back of the church or in your email blast for details on ordering one or more Trinity Historical Glass gifts. Order soon and have them in plenty of time for Christmas. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity to honor Trinity's history and build toward our future!

Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration at Trinity, October 11, 2021, 12 pm

The Racial Justice Project at Trinity Church, Asbury Park, invites you to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021, now an officially recognized holiday by the City of Asbury Park and the Diocese of New Jersey! The second Monday of October each year is an internationally recognized day of celebration to recognize and honor the resistance, heritage, cultures, and valuable contributions of Indigenous People, the original occupants and stewards of the land of Turtle Island (the United States). It is also a day to work for justice, remembering the great sins of settler colonialism, land theft, and genocide that the United States has and continues to perpetuate towards Indigenous people. Special Guests: Claire Garland, Director of Sand Hill Indian Historical Association and Members of the Ramapough Lenape Nation. Please join us!

Coffee Hour Conversations on Zoom Return Today!

Our Zoom Coffee Hour Conversations will be returning on Sunday, October 10 at Noon. Each week will offer a different host with a unique theme. Add Coffee Hour Conversations to your calendar and plan to join us for fellowship and lively conversations! Here are the upcoming themes:

Oct. 10 A conversation on Indigenous concepts of gender and sexuality ~ Derek Minno-Bloom will facilitate for pride month in NJ, National Coming Out Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. We will also discuss the origins of Indigenous Peoples Day in preparation for The Racial Justice Project at Trinity's celebration of Indigenous peoples Day on October 11th at Trinity.

Oct. 17 A Poetry Reading ~ Deacon Gail will lead us in reading and discussing the poem "Audience" by Rachel Levitsky. We'll talk about how it might speak to this time and place in our lives or in the past.

Oct. 24 "What are Your Pronouns?" An Introduction to Gender for Today's Church and World ~ An interactive workshop on gender. What is gender? Is it different than sex? Is gender biological? What is the importance of pronouns? We will explore these questions and more in an affirming, respectful, fun, and participatory space facilitated by Liza Minno, a former Gender Studies professor.

Oct. 31 Celtic Spirituality ~ Deacon Carolyn will share some of the basic tenets of how within the Celtic tradition God speaks to the people and the importance of nature as a place to find God. Material for this discussion comes primarily from J. Philip Newell's text, *The Book of Creation*.

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 858 5328 1723 Passcode: 425711 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Safe Church Training ~ Saturday, October 23, 9am-3pm

On Saturday, October 23rd, we will offer the Diocesan Safe Church Training program. The training is intended to prevent sexual exploitation and harassment of both children and adults. This training is required every five years for clergy, wardens, employees, church personnel, lay Eucharistic visitors, and anyone regularly working with or around children or youth. It is recommended for all vestry members and ministry leaders. This is a great opportunity to take this training while it is being offered here at Trinity. The training begins at 9am and ends by 3pm. Our own Deacon Carolyn will be facilitating the training. You must sign up in advance. Please do so as soon as possible as the link will be opened up to the entire Diocese after this week. The link to sign up (through the Diocese) is

<https://tinyurl.com/SafeChurch10232021>

Once the slots are filled, no registrations will be accepted.

Book Study: *Love is the Way* with Pastor Katherine Cunningham

Bishop Curry leads readers into a way of reflecting on the experiences, challenges and insights of one's personal life as a framework for learning about love and its trials and hopes. The class will be using his framework to engage in discussions about the "ways" of love in our own lives. Though the book, *Love is the Way*, is the "text" we'll share, this class is not a book study as much as it is opening a space to be guided by Michael Curry into our own journeys, and offering the opportunity, as one feels comfortable, to share some of those stories with one another. We will be encouraging each other to start the **Love in Action** process found in the appendix of the book at page 249. Our discussions will keep focused on finding God's love and in living a life of love, even when we have experienced so many trials including exclusion, loss and hurt.

SESSION 1: Chapters 1-4, with a focus on Chapters 3 and 4 especially.

Questions: How do I find the energy to keep loving when the world seems to be going the other way? Can love really change the world?

SESSION 2: Chapters 5-8, with a focus on Chapters 6 and 8. (Questions will be shared later.)

SESSION 3: Chapters 9-12 (Questions and conclusion will be shared later.)

To register for these zoom sessions to be held at 6:30pm on Tuesdays, 10/19, 10/26 and 11/9, please contact Dcn Carolyn at cbmswphd@gmail.com

Bishop Calls for State Reparations Task Force, Invites to Rally

Bishop Stokes has called on the congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey to rally for the establishment of a state-wide Task Force for Reparations to examine New Jersey's role in perpetuating slavery (at one point, over 2/3 of enslaved persons in the North were held in our state) and white supremacy (NJ was a major Northern hub for the KKK in the early 20th century). The task force would then issue public policy recommendations. The bishop invites us to attend a Zoom rally on Monday, October 11 at 7 pm and an in-person rally on Saturday, October 30 at St. Peter's, Perth Amboy (the burial site of parishioner Thomas Mundy Peterson, the first Black person to vote under the auspices of the 15th Amendment). For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, please go to:

<https://dioceseofnj.org/event/say-reparations-now-virtual-rally/>

You can contact Derek Minno Bloom, Social Justice Director, for information on joining the conversation on reparations in Monmouth County.

Afghan Refugee Response: Items and Volunteers Requested

The Diocesan Afghan Refugee Response Task Force has drafted a plan of action for immediate, short-term, and long-term assistance to families who are being resettled in New Jersey. Three needs are immediate: 1) New or gently used (very clean) strollers and baby boxes for families still housed at the Joint Base, 2) Volunteers with project management experience who can work remotely, and 3) Pro-bono immigration attorney assistance (remote, for now). If you can donate a stroller or baby box, bring it to church this Sunday, October 3 or next Sunday, October 10 or have it shipped directly to Christ Church in Bordentown (please let us know if you ship an item so that we can record it). If you would like to learn more about volunteering or want to refer an acquaintance, email Fr. Chase.

Save the Date! Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 21

Trinity will have a special liturgy on Sunday, November 21 in recognition of The Transgender Day of Remembrance. This annual day of remembrance raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people and publicly mourns and honors the lives of transgender people who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the Day of Remembrance, transgender people and their allies express love and respect in the face of national indifference and hatred. We are looking for parishioners to help plan and participate in this special liturgy. If you wish to help, please contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com; 732-768-5781).

Don't forget to Smile if You Love Trinity! Support Us by Shopping!! It's Easy & Doesn't Cost You Anything!

If you are an Amazon Shopper, you can help raise funds for Trinity by using the Amazon Smile Program! Go to smile.amazon.com to sign up to support "Trinity Episcopal Church Asbury Park". Every time you shop, just start at smile.amazon.com and Trinity will receive 0.5% of your purchase! Prices are exactly the same and there is no extra cost to you. It is easy and simple and a lot to Smile about!!

Outdoor Service with Children's Homily ~ Every Sunday at 9:15am

Our Outdoor Family Service will be held every Sunday at 9:15am on the east lawn as long as the weather permits. During each service, Father Chase will be leading an informal and brief service of Holy Communion on the east church lawn adjoining Grand Avenue, with a children's homily, from 9:15 to 9:40 am. Bring a chair or a blanket and come join us!

Please Join us for a New Season with Bible Sharing! Wednesdays at 5:15pm

We will gather at Trinity at 5:15pm on Wednesdays to study the first chapter of the Gospel of John with study aid, "Full of Grace and Truth," by Wayne Monbleau. We are planning study sessions that will include reading from the Bible, reading from Wayne's amazing book, and writing our own reactions! See you there!

Fr. Chase's Weekly Reflection

Peter said to Jesus, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." (Mark 10:28)

Trinity has long participated in Jersey Pride festivities here in Asbury Park, and we had planned to do so again this year when it was rescheduled for October. When it was postponed again we had already made plans to observe Pride at Trinity, so we pivoted: our newly formed Pride Committee, led by Deacon Carolyn, elected to observe National Coming Out Day this weekend and Trans Day of Remembrance in November. We will incorporate thematic prayers and sacred music in the 10 am service, while keeping in place the appointed lectionary readings and the structure of our liturgy. The Pride Committee invites us to consider the various ways in which all of us, not just those of us who identify as LGBTQ+, have "come out" (or ways we might need to come out).

The disciples themselves had what we might now refer to as a coming out experience. No, I'm not referring to Terrence McNally's controversial 1997 play, *Corpus Christi*, which portrayed Jesus and the apostles as gay men in modern day Texas; I mean that in following Jesus, in being true to themselves and God's calling, the disciples had to "come out" to family, friends, and community about their identity and mission. In doing so, some of them experienced rifts in their family. They all left everything and everyone behind to follow Jesus. The early Church produced many martyrs who died to follow Jesus, and people still suffer and flee persecution for their religious beliefs. This is a rather familiar story to many queer-identified people, who have often had to leave their family and hometowns not only to live authentically, but also to seek safety. On this Coming Out Sunday, let's all give thanks for Trinity's culture of welcoming and including all as a sign of God's unconditional love. How will we, who are part of this refuge and sanctuary, come out as people who strive to share God's love?

Peace,
Chase

Music Notes

In celebration of National Coming Out Day, today's prelude is a piece by Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976). Britten was one of the central figures in twentieth century music, known particularly for his operas, chamber music, choral music, and orchestral pieces. He was also known for his very long partnership with Peter Pears, a tenor for whom many of his vocal parts were written. Britten and Pears met in 1937 and were together until Britten's death in 1976. Authorities at Westminster Abbey wanted Britten to be buried in the Abbey near many of the greatest English composers -- but Britten had made clear before his death that he wanted Pears buried next to him when the time came.

Our communion anthem was written by David Lohman, a gay composer who has been a leader in LGBTQ+ music for the church. "For All the Children" was written when David had just started working at the Institute for Welcoming Resources, part of the LGBTQ+ Welcoming Faith Movement. This piece was written in honor of Rev. Ann B. Day, retiring from the United Church of Christ, and her long-time partner Donna Enberg. "For All the Children" has become a mainstay of inclusionary worship in churches of all denominations.

Our postlude, *Erschienen ist der herrlich' Tag* (Appeared is the glorious day) is by the English composer Ethel Smyth (1858 – 1944). Smyth's output spanned all the major genres, including a Mass, a well-known Concerto for Violin, Horn and Orchestra, and several operas including "Wreckers" which some musicologists consider the greatest English opera written between those of Henry Purcell (d. 1695) and Benjamin Britten (b. 1913). Smyth was the first female composer to be made Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE), and she was given an honorary D. Phil. by Oxford University. In addition to her music -- as if that wasn't enough -- Smyth was a leader in the suffrage movement, even serving prison time for her activities. Her "March of the Women" became the suffragette anthem, and she was a close associate, and possibly lover, of Emmeline Pankhurst. Late in life, Smyth fell in love with Virginia Woolf, but they only became friends!

I don't think the offertory has any connection with the LGBTQ+ community, but who could know? It is from the very first book of organ music ever printed: *Tabulatur etlicher Lobgesang und lidlein* (Tablature of Some Hymns of Praise and Little Songs) issued at Speyer in 1512.

Today's hymns were selected by the Pride Committee.

- Dr. James Balmer, Interim Music Director