



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

*Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. (John 4:39-40)*

Testimony. Word. Language matters in our Christian tradition. After all, Jesus is known as the Word of God, the Word made flesh. Anglicanism, of which the Episcopal Church is part, is a shared spiritual identity largely through words: the words of the Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer Book has many versions published in over 50 countries and in a reported 150 languages. In the Episcopal Church's version of the Prayer Book, we have six options for Eucharistic prayers, in addition to the outline of a more free-form version and approved supplemental texts like *Enriching Our Worship*. So, we do not say every word the same in every church. But we are united in a shared Anglican ethos, which has been shaped more than anything else by the heritage of the Book of Common Prayer. And the Prayer Book derives largely from the words of the Bible: a reported 87 percent of the Prayer Book is from the Bible. As the theologian J.I. Packer said, "The Book of Common Prayer is the Bible arranged for worship."

Language matters. To us, as Anglican Christians, but also to everyone. Language shapes how we think and how we act. A common Anglican saying is "prayer shapes believing." The language of our prayer shapes what we believe about God. Since language matters so much, it is important to think about how we use it. I was dismayed this week to read the Washington Post columnist George Will's opinion piece on "Woke word policing." While I do not often agree with Mr. Will, he is not a reactionary and is a generally thoughtful person. So, I was disappointed at his plucking of the lowest-hanging fruit of his opponent's argument rather than treating the issue seriously. In fact, he made it clear that he finds efforts to adjust our language in more sensitive ways to be ridiculous. In using a Stanford University IT publication that gave guidance on avoiding potentially harmful language as his foil, Will pointed out the most extreme examples instead of praising the pages of insightful, well-researched commentary. For example, I learned that "cakewalk" has its origins in a pre-Civil War custom in which plantation owners judged dancing contests in which enslaved people competed for the prize of a cake. Despite the racist origins of the practice, enslaved people used the opportunity to be subversive, poking fun at their enslavers without them even realizing it. Language is complex. No one is saying "cakewalk" is a racist term that should be avoided at all costs, but that we benefit from learning the context and how some people might hear language. You can learn more from a Dec. 23, 2013 NPR piece by Lakshmi Gandhi, "The Extraordinary Story Of Why A 'Cakewalk' Wasn't Always Easy."

In talking with volunteers at our Social Justice programs or in remarks to community groups, I often point out that at Trinity we strive to use person-focused language like "people experiencing homelessness" rather than "homeless people" because people are people first, not the condition in which they find themselves. How we speak about ourselves and others affects how we and our listeners think about--and act toward--one another. Words are wonderful, so why not expand our vocabularies? And as we do so, we just might expand our minds and hearts!

Peace,  
Chase+

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)*
- 9 AM Santa Eucaristia/Holy Eucharist in the Church**  
*Spanish-language service*
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**  
*Joyous, sung music*

### Monday-Friday:

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F**  
*Resources available at [www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship](http://www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship)*
- 7:30 AM Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

### Wednesdays:

- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**  
*Healing Service first Wednesday of the month*

## Connect with Us

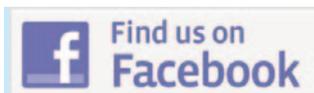
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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## 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 & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN:** The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.  
Questions? Contact Derek at [Derek@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at [Deborah@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:Deborah@TrinityNJ.com) for information!

### **PARISH LEADERSHIP** (*Vestry*):

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## Parish Staff

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## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this wee

Yvonne	Kevin McDonald	Jacki Sharpe	Doug Renigar
Karl Kaufman	Stephanie Lorenzo	Carolyn	Nick Papadopoulos
Faye Hudson	Jerry Fargo	Harvey Mendelssohn	
MaryLou Leask	Peggy Vida	Jen Coombs	
Dave Burkey	Joyce	Bill McCloughan	

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](mailto: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 readed 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](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

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

3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17
Robin Collins	Alexis Comodore & Deborah Knight	Thomas Conway & Frank Tragno	Connor Crafton- Tempel	Brian Craig

## News & Notes

### Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

**Sunday School** - Our Sunday School program begins at 9:45am and meets in the office wing. Please join us for a time of spiritual learning and fun! Children will still return to church at the Peace/Announcements period.

**Nursery** - Our Nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45am until the end of the service. The nursery will accept children aged 6 months through 4 years. The nursery is located at the end of the hallway in the office wing.

### Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Two of our Trinity Kids will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after the 10am service today! Support our young parishioners and their commitment to the community as they learn, explore, and have fun - all while you are eating cookies or purchasing some for a friend! You can also order online at either of the links below:

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/gavie860534>

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/amelia447543>

### Easter Flowers and Music Gifts ~ Due April 2nd

This Easter, would you like to remember a loved one who has passed away, honor someone in your life, or give thanks for a blessing? We invite you to make a gift to the Easter Flowers and Music fund. These gifts will support the beautiful flowers that will grace our church for our Easter celebrations and our music program that works to bring music and song into our hearts all year long. All Thanksgivings and Memorials will be printed in a special insert available both online and for in-person worship. Please use one of the enclosed envelopes or fill out our online form located in our weekly email blast.

### Adult Confirmation/Reception/Refresher Course ~ Sundays in Lent at 9am

Interested in understanding the history, the main texts used, polity, worship and rituals of the Episcopal Church? We will meet in the Conference Room to discuss these topics. We will be using the *Confirm, not Conform* curriculum for the 5 week series. Sessions will be in the office conference room and taught by Dell O'Hara, Dcn Gail and Dcn Carolyn.

### Lent at Trinity

#### **Lenten Study: Displaced ~ Tuesdays in Lent at 6pm**

Please join us on Tuesdays at 6 pm for fellowship and a shared meal (bring your own food and beverage). Our study and discussion will begin at 6:30pm. We will meet in the conference room. The Lenten Study Program will be co-led by Fr. Chase and Dcn Carolyn. We will be using "DISPLACED," a five-unit biblically based sequence of Lenten study materials prepared by members of the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Task Force. The units explore the experience of displacement due to hunger and famine, loss and grief, war, persecution and fear, and political violence. Please contact Dcn Carolyn (732-768-5781 / cbmswphd@gmail.com) if you will be participating so that materials may be prepared for your use.

#### **Lenten Study: Letters to the Church~ Bible Study with Fr. Geoff ~ Mondays at 5pm on Zoom**

On Mondays during Lent, we will focus on three letters to the Church. The first will be Paul's letter to the church in Rome; the second will be Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter to the churches from the Birmingham Jail and the third is Michael Gorman's imagining of a contemporary letter from St. Paul to the Church in North America. We will juxtapose these three letters to explore what it means to be the Church of the Messianic Future. All are invited to participate. The study is led over Zoom and recorded. Contact lindacurtiss@gmail.com to sign up.

#### **Lenten Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays in Lent at 6pm**

On Wednesdays in Lent, we invite you to journey the Way of the Cross in a new format. Each Wednesday at 6 pm, we will hear spiritual reflections from various authors interspersed through the Stations: March 15, Sister Joan Chittister; March 22, reflections on global justice and reconciliation. On March 29, we will use Trinity's own gender-expansive language version of the Way of the Cross.

#### **Lenten Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm**

Come join us on our Lenten Journey Wednesday nights at 5pm. We will be combining readings and meditations for a contemplative time apart each week. Bible Sharing will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm then mass at 6:30. Everyone, Please feel welcome and make Wednesdays at 5pm a special time in your Lenten Observance this year.

#### **Bloomin' 4 Good at the Neptune Stop & Shop**

For the entire month of March, Trinity's Food Justice program will receive \$1 for every \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Neptune City Stop & Shop on Route 35. Support our Food Justice program and spread some joy! Thanks Stop & Shop!

#### **Volunteering at Our Saturday Community Meal Soup Kitchen Social Justice**

Social Justice at Trinity invites you to volunteer on Trinity Saturdays at Saturday Soup on the first Saturday of every month. We save four spots for Trinity members to serve with and for our community. Volunteers show up at 10AM and work until 1:30PM doing anything from talking to community members, making a salad, cooking the main meal, buttering bread, to serving food and cleaning it all up. Please sign up here :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-trinity1>

#### **In-Person Morning Prayer Day Change ~ Now Meets Wednesday Mornings at 7:30am**

Our in-person weekly Morning Prayer service has moved to Wednesday mornings at 7:30am.

#### **Mobile Giving at Trinity ~ Support Your Parish**

**Venmo ~ @TrinityChurch** If you have the Venmo app, you can scan the QR code on the right or search for us at @TrinityChurch to make a contribution. Let us know what it's for when you make the donation.

