



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Today we hear John's account of Jesus' healing the blind man. As often is the case with John's accounts of Jesus' healings, we are given a narrative of the actual healing and a long discourse to make us reflect on the identity of Jesus and his relation to the Father. Today's selection from John paired with the Hebrew scripture from Samuel focuses our attention on seeing rightly.

In the healing of the blind man, we hear the story of how faith progresses. We listen as the blind man moves from confusion and uncertainty to an affirmation of faith, "Lord, I believe." The narrative illustrates the conflicts believers experience in their faith journeys...antagonism between belief and unbelief, struggles to reconcile what is seen and what is felt, being physically sighted but remaining spiritually blind.

This account in John also raises the issue of sinfulness and the struggles between the powers of darkness and light, the struggle between belief and unbelief. The story asks us to consider how belief provides us with a liberating vision.

The question at the beginning of the reading, "Who sinned, this man or his parents?" is pertinent for us today as we consider our own "blindness" to the needs of people around us. While I would hope everyone who reads this reflection rejects the view that suffering is the result of sin, we often look for physiological or psychological determinants in the individual. We "blame the victim" rather than examine the societal structural issues which cause issues such as poverty, homelessness, etc. and have their origins in fears or prejudices.

John's Gospel focuses on Christology, the divinity of Jesus. But it also teaches us about community and the necessity of community in enacting the social justice message of the Gospels. Jesus forms community first in the calling of the 12 disciples. With this community, Jesus demonstrated concern for the marginalized by healing the sick, welcoming those on the fringes of society, tax collectors, Samaritans and women. John's Gospel provides a message to faith communities today that in living a life according to the teachings of Jesus we can, as He did, resist the oppressive power of empire. May we be among those who did not see but now do.

Blessings,
Dcn Carolyn

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
- 7:30 AM Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

Wednesdays:

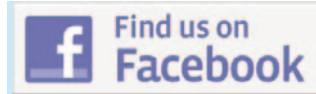
- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with Us

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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.

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

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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	WHN Women
MaryLou Leask	Peggy Vida	Jen Coombs	Douglas Staton Brugger.
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 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.

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

3/20	3/21	3/22 Carolina,	3/23	3/24
Gregory Curatolo	Andrew, Christina, & Anthony D'Amore	Richard, Tessa, James, Bran & Charles	Corrie & Lexie Dangler	Leann Davis

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.

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 blue envelopes located in your pew or at the back of the church 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.

Maundy Thursday Night Watch ~ Thursday, April 6th beginning at 9PM

Then Jesus said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful even to death; remain here, and watch with me." (Matthew 26:38 ESV)
Join us as we keep an all-night watch in the Chapel after the Maundy Thursday service. Spend time in quiet, in prayer, in watchfulness. We will take turns sitting for one hour in the chapel from Thursday, April 6th through Friday, April 7th. The watch will begin at 9:00 PM and will end at 6:00 AM. Someone serving as security will be here at all times to let you in at the glass doors. Come and keep watch with us! Sign up at the back of the church or by calling the church office!

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 in the conference room. We will be using "DISPLACED," a five-unit biblically based sequence of Lenten study materials exploring the experience of displacement due to hunger and famine, loss and grief, war, persecution and fear, and political violence.

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. 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 22, reflections on global justice and reconciliation. March 29, Trinity's own gender-expansive language version of the Way of the Cross.

Lenten Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

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.

Trinity's Got Talent! ~ May 20 at 6:30pm

"Your talent is God's gift to you, what you do with it is your gift back to God"

Whitney Houston gave back her talent beginning with her Church choir! Come share your gifts with us at our Trinity Talent Showcase! Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 6:30. Reach out to Alan Woodruff or David Clark (dclark921@icloud.com) for details!

Social Justice Coffee and Juice Hour ~ Sunday, March 26 after the 10am Service

Ethan Dayback from The PRN Prevention Resource Network and the Transgender Empower Program will give a brief talk and Q and A concerning the LGBTQIA+ Community and Domestic Violence and will provide resources and strategies from an anti-violence perspective to end domestic violence in our lives and community!

For our Trinity Kids ~ we will have our own time with a talk about bullying presented by our Social Justice intern, Sidney. Of course there will also be kid-friendly snacks and games!

Spring is Coming Soon and so are our New Small Group Gatherings!

Remember our wonderful fall connection gatherings? Coming soon ~ "Breath of New Life" Spring small group gatherings April 16- May 20th! The Stewardship committee is looking for HOSTS. You pick the day, time (day or evening), and food theme and we will coordinate 4-6 guest to join you for fun, conversation, and fellowship. Conversation starters provided. Interested in hosting? Call or email Wendy 732-616-8568 wendyjaghab@gmail.com

Retreat to Holy Cross Monastery, September 27-29!

Please consider joining us this fall for a casual retreat to the Benedictine community of monks in Esopus, in New York's Hudson valley. Stay at their guesthouse for 2 nights, pray the daily office with them in their chapel as you like, and enjoy their delicious meals and warm hospitality. Time will be allotted for personal growth and group development, so please enjoy this opportunity together with your fellow Trinity family members! Cost is a \$220 donation to Holy Cross monastery, though financial aid will be made available to those for whom cost is too burdensome. To learn more about Holy Cross visit Holycrossmonastery.com With any questions or to reserve your spot, please see or email Andy Place at andyplace33@gmail.com.