

# Trinit-E News



## Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to  
restore people to unity  
with God and each other  
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

As we enter into the Lenten Season, you will recognize in the worship service a change in our *Entrance Rite*. No longer will the opening acclamation have the celebrant say, "Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." And the people respond, "And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen." We will switch, and the celebrant will say, "Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins." Then the people will respond with, "His mercy endures forever."

What is interesting about the entrance rite is that there used to never be an entrance rite. The Eucharist service naturally began with the first of the readings, possibly preceded by a salutation from the celebrant (Hatchett, 315). Most likely, the entrance rite began to be used when Christianity became legal under the rule of Emperor Constantine in the fourth century. Christianity's legalization resulted in an increase in the number of Christian worshipers, and therefore a need for something more formal to address those who came to worship. And thank goodness, because we Episcopalians need all the formality we can get!

The development of the entrance rite was intended to be nothing more than a gentle preparing for the liturgy of the word. Of course, now our entrance rite, as beautiful as it is, has been reformed to something much more cumbersome than what the first Christians would have experienced. We are much more elaborate. Beginning worship with a hymn, a procession, the opening acclamation, the collect of purity, a hymn of praise, the salutation and collect of the day.

As I said, we Episcopalians have the tendency to be overly formal and elaborate. Yet we do have a beautiful liturgy, so in this case, perhaps our elaborateness is okay. Yet sometimes it is striking to me how elaborate our Lenten disciplines can be. We can tend to conjure up a grand Lenten discipline of something to give up or do for 40 days. Indeed, that is all fair and well, especially if it brings one a deeper sense of their own life with God. Yet sometimes if our disciplines are too elaborate, filled with too much of our desires for ourselves, and if we do not succeed at them, we can feel guilty.

Guilt from a failed discipline can have the adverse effect of what is supposed to happen to us during Lent. Lent is a season of penitence, letting go of ourselves, and finding renewal in God. It is a time to remember our own mortality in that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return." We must not forget the dust from which we were created is our most bare form, and it is always loved by the everlasting God.

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Though, we may think we know exactly what we need to do to improve our sinful states, “no chocolates, no swearing, etc.” The truth is these are spiritual rigors often used to fulfill our or others expectations of ourselves. Lent (which the word itself is derived from an Old English word meaning “spring,” is not a mournful opportunity for us to deny our humanity awaiting Easter. Instead, it is an opportunity for us to surrender ourselves from ourselves and back into the hands of God so that we grow more fully into the Resurrected life of Jesus Christ.

Therefore my friends, no matter your Lenten endeavor, in this season of Lent, may you find through steadfast faith strength and renewal through our wonderful counselor and Savior, Jesus Christ. For his mercy endures forever. *Amen*

Hatchett, Marion J. 1995. *Commentary on the American Prayer Book* . New York: Harper Collins.

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	2
3 Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30 Confirmation class Pot Luck	4 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	5 No office hours	6 Ash Wed 6 pm 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	7	8 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	9
10 Fr. Lindsay Holy Eucharist 9:30 Vestry meeting	11	12 Choir Practice 5	13 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30, 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous ECW Deanery	14 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	15 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	16
17 Canon Manning Holy Eucharist 9:30	18	19 Choir Practice 5	20 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	21 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	22 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	23
24 Fr. Stephen Holy Eucharist 9:30 Unction	25 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	26 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 Choir Practice 5	27 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	28	29 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	30
31 Fr. Lindsay Holy Eucharist 9:30						



16—Cathy and Barry Broussard  
 24—Mark and Anne Jones

03 Ivan Garber  
 08 Tim Cheramie  
 09 Claire Parsiola  
 13 Kloey Cuvillier  
 15 Alexandra Chellette  
 16 Mark Chellette  
 17 Brian Coats  
 17 Skyla Webster  
 17 Samantha Kinchen  
 17 Matt Hughes  
 18 Celia Coats  
 18 Abram Webster  
 24 Father Roy Mellish  
 26 Lillian McSpadden  
 28 Tamara Jones  
 30 Eston Rogers  
 31 Kelly White  
 31 Rev. Stephen Shortess

### Ministry Schedule March 2019

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	April 7
<b>CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT</b>	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Lindsay	Canon Manning	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Lindsay	Fr. Stephen
<b>PREACHER</b>	“	“	“	“	“	“
<b>SERVER(S)</b>	Joshua Jones	Tim Cheramie	Austin Blair	Sean Dennis	Tim Cheramie	Joshua Jones
<b>CHALICE</b>	Judy Weber	Tim Cheramie	Lisa Parsiola	Tammy Cheramie	Tim Cheramie	Judy Weber
<b>LECTOR</b>	Mary Hughes	Tammy Cheramie	Charles Parsiola	Jane Webster	Judy Weber	Elizabeth Blatt
<b>INTERCES- SOR</b>	Mary Hughes	Tammy Cheramie	Lisa Parsiola	Jane Webster	Judy Weber	Dez Kapp
<b>GREETERS</b>	Peggy Coats	Drew Mauro Ben Mauro	Peggy Coats	Drew Mauro Ben Mauro	Peggy Coats	Drew Mauro Ben Mauro
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Mary Hughes	Cathy Broussard	Judy Weber Jennie Rogers	Jane Webster		Mary Hughes
<b>VESTRY ON DUTY</b>	Mary Hughes	Sam Jones	Peggy Coats	Charles Parsiola	Ed White	David Webster



## Faith journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

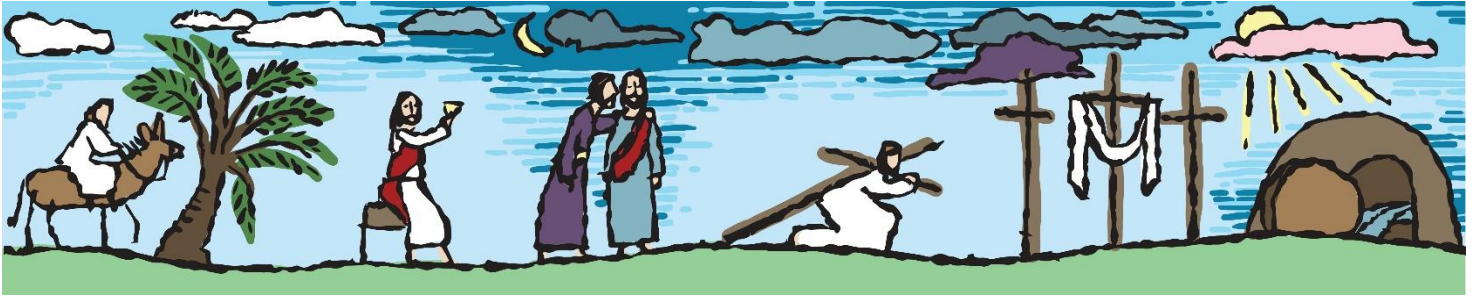
**Please Pray For:** Ellen, Nancy, Astrid, Cathy and Barry, Kay and Mike, Roy, Norma, Elizabeth and Irving, Lonnie, Trinity, Joe, Debi and Roger, Thomas, Catherine, Elijah, Travers, Sharon and Steve, our partner in ministry: St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.



## Scout Sunday at Trinity

Scoutmaster Doyle Dennis, Assistant Scoutmaster Sean Dennis, and Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster Austin Blair, along with Fr. Shortess, represented the Boy Scouts on Scout Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A special prayer was said for continued guidance, as the Scout Oath is as follows:

*On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the  
Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and  
morally straight.*



Robert Herrick (1591-1674) was an Anglican priest and poet. Born in London, Herrick was educated at Cambridge University. Except for a thirteen-year period of being deprived of his living, as a royalist, during Oliver Cromwell's reign, Herrick served from 1630 until his death in 1674 as vicar of Dean Prior in Devonshire. Over the course of a long life, Herrick wrote many poems on both secular and religious themes. "To Keep a True Lent" invites the reader to consider the deeper meaning of Lent as a time of fasting, spiritual self-examination, and renewed commitment to the Christian life. The poem's very short ("thin") lines evoke the self-denial sometimes associated with Lent.

### To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep  
The larder lean?  
And clean  
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish  
Of flesh, yet still  
To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
Or ragg'd to go,  
Or show  
A downcast look and sour?

No; 'tis a fast to dole  
Thy sheaf of wheat  
And meat,  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
From old debate

And hate;  
To circumsise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;  
To starve thy sin,  
Not bin;  
And that's to keep thy Lent.

—1648

Notes: “larder,” a large cupboard for storing food; “flesh,” animal meat; “ragg’d to go,” to be seen walking around in ragged clothes; “bin,” an enclosed place for storing grain; “meat,” not only animal flesh but food of any kind.



The devil led him up to a high place and ...

*said to him ...*

“If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Luke 4:5-7, NIV



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Tree Planting and Care Workshop, March 16, 2019,  
St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 718 Jackson Street, Thibodaux

The public is invited to attend a Workshop on Tree Planting and Care set for Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9 AM to 12:30 PM. The participants will be Dr. Hallie Dozier of LSU Ag Center, speaking on Tree Varieties and When and How to Plant Them; Frank Thibodeaux of Bob's Tree Preservation in Church Point, LA, addressing Stress Management for Aging Oak Trees; and Scott Courtright, consulting arborist from Baton Rouge, who will talk about Principles of Tree Care after Planting.

Weather permitting, the workshop will include a tour of the Campus, with its old live oaks. The admission charge will be \$10 per person. Please let the Church Office know that you will attend, 985-447-2910.

*SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED*



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#### Mission Statement

St. John's Episcopal Church is a diverse, welcoming Christian family. We are committed to using our God-given talent to continually grow and improve in our desire to worship, spread God's love, and minister throughout our communities.

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Sunday Services  
9:30 AM

Rev. Stephen Shortess

### *Our Vision*

*Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.*

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