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Holy Week & Easter at Holy Trinity



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 20

7:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite I
begins in the Courtyard

10:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II
begins in the Courtyard

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

HOLY WEDNESDAY—MARCH 23

12:15 p.m. Healing Service, Chapel
6:00 p.m. Office of Tenebrae, Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY— MARCH 24

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Church*

GOOD FRIDAY—MARCH 25

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy/
Stations of the Cross, Church
7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy, Church*

HOLY SATURDAY—MARCH 26

9:00 a.m. Decorate the Church
10:00 a.m. Spring Fest & Egg Hunt
7:00 p.m. Holy Baptism, Great Vigil of Easter, Church*

EASTER DAY—MARCH 27

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
8:30 a.m. Assembly of Flower Cross
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Lenten Soup Supper & Healing Service

At 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent, we will have a simple soup supper sponsored by various ministries of the church—as we have done in the past. This year the clergy will be adding a healing service following the soup supper (in addition to the Wednesday 12:15 after-

noon healing service) in the church at 6:30 p.m. Anointment of Unction (Anointing) is the basis for this part of the life of

A healing service is an opportunity to pray for spiritual or physical healing for oneself or another person. Prayer for the body, soul, and spirit has a long history in the life of the Church. The sac-

Soup Supper



From the Associate Rector



Gentle Ones,

By the time y'all read this letter we will be half-way through our Lenten journey. Before this month is finished we will observe the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week culminating in the joy of Easter. The hardest part of the Lenten fast is the final few days – they seem to go on and on, and we wonder, will Easter ever come? Yes, Easter is coming! In the meantime I urge you to keep on observing a Holy Lent. This year during Lent we're trying something different – instead of a program during the week, we're offering a simple supper of soup and bread beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Healing Eucharist in the Stringfellow Chapel. A "Healing Eucharist" is a celebration of the Eucharist with special prayers for healing for ourselves and others. An opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Unction (Anointing) is also available. This is a chance to do something different – to shift the focus for this year's Lent. Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a brief article describing both the Sacrament of Unction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The reason for keeping a Holy Lent is that by observing it, we are able to enter more deeply into the events of Holy Week and the joy of Easter. The emphasis is not to beat ourselves up (we do that enough without Lent adding to it), but rather to open ourselves up to receive more of the light given at Christmas and to understand more fully the meaning of grace that transforms us into the image and likeness of God. In Jesus' death on the cross, we see God truly as God is – drawing us into Himself, forgiving us of those things of which we are most afraid. In Jesus' resurrection, we see humanity as God intended for us in the beginning. The only way I know of for this to happen is to walk the whole Lenten observance, and to contemplate, once again, those mighty acts which brought our redemption to light.

The Holy Week and Easter schedule are posted in this newsletter. I invite you to continue your Lenten observance, to participate in all of the Holy Week's services, and to anticipate the Easter joy. I wish you a Holy Lent and Easter joy!

Peace,
George+



Music at Holy Trinity *presents*

The Gainesville Brass Quintet

Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m.

*Concert is presented free of charge
with reception (wine and hors d'oeuvres) following.*

HT Kids & Youth

Church School News



Message from Kristen

The HT Children & Youth have entered into a Holy Lent like many parishioners at Holy Trinity. The HT Youth helped us get rid of many of the things that tempt us through Lent at their Mardi Gras Party & Pancake Supper. The parish turned out in droves and help them raise almost \$500 toward their summer trip to Kanuga. Ms. Dee's Solemn Communion class melted our hearts as they each signed the enrollment book and received their Bible for study. We have all been having fun participating in Lent Madness, an online voting-based Lenten program that teaches about the saints.

Looking ahead, our 4th-6th graders are heading to Camp Weed for Breakout! A fun-packed 24 hours that sets them on their faith journey. High Schoolers have a special lock-in planned for them. Finally, everyone in the HT Youth Ministry will come together on Good Friday for a meaningful overnight, preparing them for Easter.

I hope you all have been having a Holy Lent just like the children & youth at Holy Trinity.

Lift & Let Lift,
Grace & Peace,
Kristen

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ☉ March **FAMILY SERVICE** will be on March 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
- ☉ **CHURCH SCHOOL MEETING** Join us on March 20 in Room 210 at 8:30 a.m. to talk about upcoming programs and events. All teachers, assistants, subs, and behind-the-scenes helpers are welcome!

FAMILY SERVICE, 3/6

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. in Page Parish Hall. This service, with Eucharist, is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to worship together in a relaxed atmosphere. Younger children are welcome to join their parents in the Parish Hall and pray together, sing together, feast together and offer up their thanks and blessings.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Please support the Girl Scouts who meet at Holy Trinity! Visit the cookie table at 9 a.m. in the Lillycrop Room and 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall on both February 28 and March 6.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY LOCK-IN

All HT Youth (5th – 12th Grade) are invited to celebrate Good Friday together with an overnight at the church, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. We'll start off at service and end walking the labyrinth in the Parish Hall. Come find out why Good Friday is Good! Please sign up at <https://goo.gl/iWd2bk>.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Spring cleaning time is here! We need your antiques, collectibles, dishes, glassware, household items, furniture, costume jewelry, watches, hats, working toys with all pieces,

etc. Proceeds will support the Children and Youth Ministries at Holy Trinity! The White Elephant sale will take place during the Spring Arts Festival in Page Parish Hall.

- April 2, 8 a.m.-9 a.m. — Holy Trinity Sneak Peek
- April 2: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- April 3: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

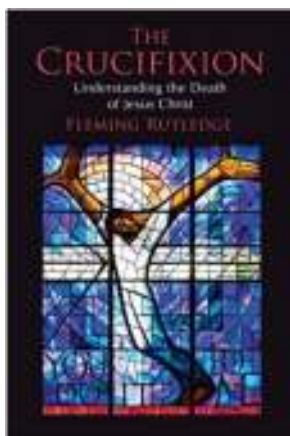
From the Parish Library

Jane Mitchell, Librarian

The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ

Fleming Rutledge
Eerdman's Publishing 2015

Katherine Sonderegger of Virginia Theological Seminary writes: "Fleming Rutledge here lays out the horror of the cross with unflinching honesty and with a patient, full exposition of the rich themes of Christ's redeeming death. She does not shy away from the demands of her theological vision, taking up motifs of satisfaction, substitution, rectification, and divine wrath in turn. Throughout, Rutledge draws on the rich storehouse of a preacher. The whole world stands under her gaze — literary examples, political folly and cruelty, horrendous evils of war and torment and torture, religious



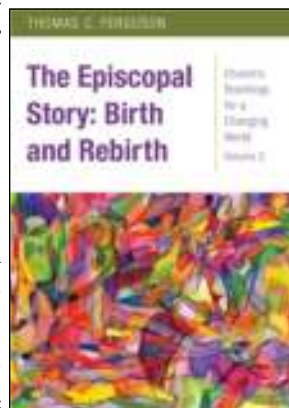
timidity and self-deception, human faithlessness and sin. But always the gospel rings out. Christ's cross has won the victory, and it is all from God. This book is a moving testimony to the courage, intelligence, and faithfulness of one of the church's premier preachers. Every student of the Scriptures needs this book."

The Episcopal Story: Birth and Rebirth, the Church's Teachings for a Changing World, Vol. 2

Thomas C. Ferguson
Morehouse Publishing 2015

Bexley Seabury: an Episcopal Center for Learning and Discipleship congratulates Academic Dean Tom Ferguson on the publication of The Episcopal Story: Birth and Rebirth, his account of the history

of Christianity with a focus on the emergence of the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church. Volume 2 in the series Church's Teachings for a Changing World, Ferguson's book is intended to provoke new insights for seasoned church leaders while also offering a primer for individuals who may be new to, or outside the church. The book was scheduled to be in bookstores on October 10, 2015. "Tom Ferguson is well known for his encyclopedic command of church



history and excellent teaching skills. I can think of no one better suited to tell this story," said Bexley Seabury President Roger Ferlo. "We're delighted that anyone with an interest in the development of Christian thought and practice can, in effect, study with Tom through this book."

Tidbits From the Holy Trinity Archives

Carolyn Horter, Historiographer

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the fire that destroyed the 1907 church on January 21, 1991.

Priestly Anniversaries:

- In January, the Rev. George Holston celebrated 35 years as a priest.
- In February the Rev. Louanne Loch celebrated 20 years since ordination AND the parish also noted the 8th anniversary of her installation as the 29th Rector of Holy Trinity on February 7, 2008.
- Another anniversary celebration is to come. Stay tuned!

March Ministry Spotlights



March 6

PASTORAL CARE

- **Eucharistic Visitors** — Trained and licensed members of the congregation assist the clergy by taking communion to those who are unable to attend services at Holy Trinity.
- **Daughters of the King** — The Holy Trinity Spirit of Life Daughters of the King Chapter is a group of women dedicated to prayer, service, and evangelism.
- **Prayer Shawls** — “Let this Prayer Shawl be a reminder that you are wrapped in the Prayers of the People of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Gainesville, Florida.” This label is attached to every prayer shawl knitted or crocheted by parishioners and given to those suffering with serious health problems.
- **Mediation Group** — Affiliated with the World Community of Christian Meditation, this group gathers for silent meditation on Tuesdays.
- **Anglican Prayer Beads** — Praying the Rosary involves a series of short prayers which can be led by a parishioner and allows for emphasized reflection before our worship service. Prayers are read on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

March 13

ST. ELIZABETH'S CIRCLE — The circle provides support, fellowship, and spirituality to its members and outreach needs to the church and community. Through projects, proceeds, and close fellowship, we work to meet the needs of others. Each meeting consists of devotional prayers, project reports, and inspirational programs, followed by a beautiful luncheon. It is the parent organization of the Holiday Bazaar and The Shop at Holy Trinity.

March 20

PALM SUNDAY

March 27

EASTER

Donate an Easter Lily in Memory of a Loved One

EASTER MUSIC & EASTER LILY MEMORIALS

Easter Lilies that will adorn Holy Trinity Church at Easter may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. You may also make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one for the glorious music. Please find the envelope in the newsletter for your contribution. Please carefully print the names of those you want remembered in the Easter bulletin. Also, if you would like to designate your gift for the music or

flowers, please
on the envelope
provided.
deadline date
your donation
Tuesday, March

DECORATE THE CHURCH

We will need
help decorating
church with
and lilies this
would like to



look its glorious best for
occasion, call Carolyn Rob-
378-0692. We will decorate
Saturday, March 26 at

Healing Sacraments

by the Rev. George Holston

While the healing of our souls lies at the heart of all the sacraments, there are two that focus specifically on this ministry. The first is the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the second is the sacrament of Unction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, along with Unction, are probably the most misunderstood and therefore least used of the Church's sacraments. Both are mentioned in Holy Scripture, and have a long history in the Church's life and ministry.

The neglect of these two sacraments comes from a misunderstanding of their purpose and intention. The sacrament of Unction, for example, is most often associated with "Last Rites," or "Extreme Unction," which are administered as death approaches. On several occasions, I have walked into a hospital room with a Communion Kit, only to have the parishioner anxiously ask if I'm there to give "Last Rites." The same goes for Reconciliation. There is the mistaken belief that making one's confession will result in many hours on one's knees repeating prayers; hence, the statement made by many, "I don't need to confess to a priest; I can go straight to God on my own." Yet, we pray the "General Confession" every Sunday during the Eucharist.

The heart of both sacraments is a gentle touch, along with comforting words, reminding us that God loves us, forgives us, and wants us to be whole. In other words, we are reminded that we are never left to face the changes and chances of this life

alone. The sacraments of Unction and Reconciliation remind us that we are a part of a faith community that prays for each other, especially during times of conflict.

The sacrament of Unction, or Anointing, is mentioned in the Epistle of *James (5: 13 - 16)*, this passage also contains a clear reference to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The oil used is simple olive oil that has been blessed. Thus, connecting prayers of the Church family visit someone in the hospital, especially if I'm administering Holy Communion, I will lay my hands on the person and pray for their healing, marking the cross on their forehead. This is a practice in the ministry of the Church.

A second sacrament with the intention for providing an opportunity for healing is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or Penance. I prefer Reconciliation because the emphasis is restoring and renewing our relationship with God. This sacrament is not mandatory for admission to communion, but it is available to help with our struggles that aren't addressed by the "General Confession." The old Anglican adage re-

garding the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "All may, none must, some should" is ascribed to Archbishop Thomas Cranmer; "The Exhortation" (BCP, p.316 - 317) encourages using this sacrament as a part of preparing for Communion.

If in your preparation you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, counsel and removal of scruples, the assurance of God's mercy, and the healing of your heart.

Some of the priests at Trinity are willing to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will simply call the priest in appointment. The seal of the Sacrament of Confession is absolute - meaning the priest will NEVER disclose the contents of your confession to anyone. Finally, the most important thing to remember about the Sacrament of Reconciliation is that it is not airing one's dirty laundry in the presence of a holy person, it is one sinner telling another sinner where grace, love, and forgiveness can be found.

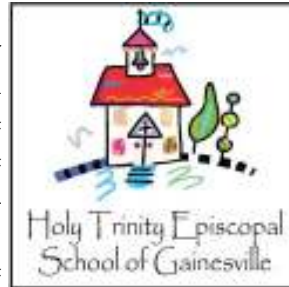


From Holy Trinity Episcopal School

A few weeks ago we were reminded by one of our Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) students the importance of our school as an outreach of the church. The student said to our director, Ms. Norma, "You know what, Ms. Norma? My mom and dad don't believe in God, but I do." His statement touched Ms. Norma's heart as she knew this seed had been

planted by our weekly Godly Play classes and our Chapel that is held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. We will pray that this child's faith will continue to grow as he gets older. We are thankful for Reverend George and our volunteer Ms. Liz, who share

their spiritual gifts with the children each Wednesday at Chapel. If you would like to see how God could use you at our school, please contact the Head of School, Jason Hill, 352-377-2290.



Thanks & Honors

Thank you all for the lovely reception honoring my 20th Anniversary to the priesthood. Historiographer Carolyn Horter reminded me that while my start date at Holy Trinity was December 1st, the 8th year Anniversary of my installation was February 7, the day of the reception.

-The Reverend Louanne Loch

I want to give a big thank you to all of the HT Youth members who flipped & served flapjacks, and helped all of the children & parishioners celebrate a wonderful Mardi Gras! We had authentic king cake and beads, not to mention the red beans and rice. Thank you to everyone who came out to support them; we raised almost \$500!

-Kristen Bryant



Marilyn Peterson was honored with the Bishop's Cross Award

From the Parish Register

TRANSFERRED IN

Kathleen Whiting from Church of the Mediator, Micanopy, FL
 Camilla Robb Murphy from St. Barnabas in Florissant, MO
 Gary & Carlotta Roberts from St. Pauls in Savannah, GA
 Jim & Nancy Wood from Grace Episcopal in Orange Park, FL

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Paul & Linda Booher to St. Peters Episcopal Church in Plant City, FL

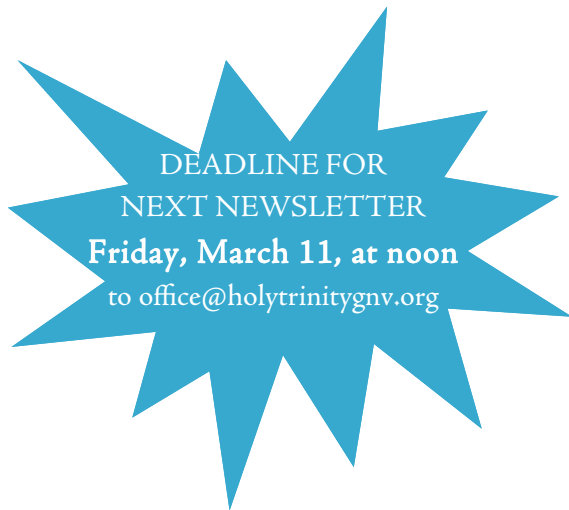
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Mary Stringfellow on February 9, 2016

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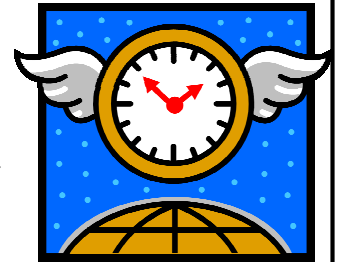
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TIME CHANGE

Remember to set
 your clocks *ahead* 1 hour—on
 Sunday morning, March 13.



Reminders for March 2016

March 2	Lenten Soup Supper followed by healing Eucharist service	6:00 p.m.
March 6	Family Service	10:30 a.m.
	Celtic Evensong	6:00 p.m.
March 9	Lenten Soup Supper followed by healing Eucharist service	6:00 p.m.
March 13	The Gainesville Brass Quintet	4:00 p.m.
March 16	Lenten Soup Supper followed by healing Eucharist service	6:00 p.m.
March 20	Palm Sunday	7:45 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
	Church School meeting	8:00 a.m.
March 23	Holy Wednesday	
	Healing Service	12:15 p.m.
	Office of Tenebrae	7:00 p.m.
March 24	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
March 25	Good Friday	12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
March 26	Holy Saturday	
	Decorate the Church	9:00 a.m.
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