THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
The Holy Eucharist – Rite I
March 8, 2020  7:45 am

Wherever you are in your faith journey, we welcome you at Trinity. God’s grace sustains us as we strive to know, love and serve others in our daily lives. Thank you for worshiping with us.

THE LITURGY
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 340
The congregation is invited to make all the responses printed in **boldface** type.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER
BCP, p. 319

KYRIE ELEISON
BCP, p. 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON
The blessing of God upon Abram • Genesis 12:1-4a
The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

THE GRADUAL PSALM
Levavi oculos • Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
   from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the LORD, * 
the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved * 
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * 
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The LORD himself watches over you; * 
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * 
nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * 
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * 
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON  
_The promise to those who share Abraham's faith_ • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

THE GOSPEL  
_The mission of Christ: to save the world_ • John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

_Glory be to thee, O Lord._

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born
from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord. 

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Denise Guinta

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, p. 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Mark Bourlakas, our Bishop; Denise Guinta and John Lane, our priests; Shirley Ruedy, our deacon; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to our companion churches. For the people of Christ Big Stone Gap and their rector, the Rev. Ray Moore. For the people of the Maya Deanery in the Diocese of Honduras, especially the churches of The Holy Spirit, St. Nicholas, San Antonio, San Francisco de Assisi, St. John the Evangelist, Santa Cruz, San Miguel Arcángel, Santa Maria Virgen, and Christo Redentor. For the people of the Diocese of Haiti, especially St. Marc's School in Cerca-la-Source. For the people of the Diocese of Leeds, and to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.
We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Donald Trump; Governor Ralph Northam; Mayor Carolyn Dull; and County Chair Gerald Garber; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

We pray for those among us who are sick or have other needs. (Names with an * are members of Trinity.)

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for our Armed Forces; for our enemies; for migrants; for the people on our southern border; and for the victims of war everywhere. We pray for:


We pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, particularly Tommie Duke, Michelle Frank, Ben Green, Wick Vellines, John Aycock, Anne Moody, Katie Lockridge, Claire Fiechtl, Kay Watkins; for those celebrating anniversaries; for those in whom healing has begun; and for those thanksgivings we now name (pause).

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Mary Minge Moncure Coleman & Granville Baxter Coleman, Ruby Harber Bailey & Troy Clifford Bailey, William Seth Bailey, Hedley Smith (brother of Juliette Swenson), Ted Neofotis (cousin of Ruth Bugas), Terry LeMasurier, and those we name (pause); beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 331

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SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCARISTIC VISITORS

At the conclusion of communion, the Eucharistic Visitors go to the altar rail.

We send you out to share Communion this day.

May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

THE ALTAR VASES ARE PRESENTED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Mary Minge Moncure Coleman & Granville Baxter Coleman
Ruby Harber Bailey & Troy Clifford Bailey
William Seth Bailey

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PRESIDER & PREACHER: The Rev. Denise Guinta
ALTAR CHAIR: Susanna Larner
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Sally Mueller

LECTOR: Tom Bell
USHER: Tom Bell
GREETER: Doris Goode

Announcements

Children’s Corner: All children are welcome to use the Children’s Corner, in the back of the church, with children’s bulletins to color, books, activity bags, etc.

Nursery Care is available for children from birth to age 3 on the lower level of the Parish House from 8:30am - 12:30pm. A healthy snack is provided.

Happening TODAY

Trinity’s International Mission for Education (TIME) Collection is our response to the challenge of ending poverty by providing educational opportunity, which allows access to information, to skill development, to job possibilities, to informed choices, to possibilities for improvement individually and collectively. If you would like to support TIME, please write TIME on the memo line of your check or use the envelope placed at the end of your pew.
**Come one, come all!** Bible Buzz is an intergenerational event will take place on Sunday March 8th at 10am in McCracken Hall during the Sunday School hour. Join us for crafts, story and song. If you would like to help this month or in upcoming months please contact Crystal Fiechtl at (423)367-0570 or crystalfiechtl@gmail.com.

**Newtown Neighborhood Soup Social**: Sunday, March 8 in McCracken Hall. Program at 5:30pm, “Community Entrepreneurship”; Soup’s up at 6:30pm. Home-made soup, bread, and drinks provided. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Live music provided by The Whiskey Jackets. New Memberships and Renewals $10.

**Happening this week**

**Lenten Program: “Serving with Love.”** Each program begins with a potluck supper at 6pm. Please attach a description for those who have special dietary needs or fasting for Lent. After supper, we will introduce the speaker who will share how they “Serve with Love.” All are welcome!

March 11 - Trinity - Noon Lunch Program
March 18 - UPDATE Allen Chapel - Prison Ministry at Augusta Correctional Center
March 25 - Trinity - St. Salvator’s Chapel Choir from St. Andrew’s University in Scotland
April 1 - UPDATE Emmanuel - Shenandoah Green, community environmental responsibility and awareness

**Happening next Sunday**

**Sundays at 5, March 15 at 5pm**: Jared Johnson, organist at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, SC, will delight listeners with a fabulous program of organ music during our Annual Carl Broman Organ Concert. Reception to follow.

**Reception Food Needed for March 15**: Finger foods, savory and sweet, are requested for the reception following the Carl Broman Organ Concert. Due to an awareness of a growing number of food allergies to nuts, gluten, milk products, meat, etc., please accompany your offering with a list of ingredients. Thank you!

**April Newsletter Submissions** are due on March 15. Please email your submissions to communications@trinitystaunton.org.

**Other Announcements**

**Sign Up! The deadline is March 16th!** Celebrating Ourselves and Our Stories Women’s Conference at Trinity Church. **Keynoter**: Martha Bourlakas. **When**: 6:30-8:30pm on March 27th, 9am-4pm on March 28th. **Cost**: $30.00 for the weekend! **Open** to all Trinity women and friends. **For information** go to www.trinitystaunton.org, select Happenings and choose Women’s Conference.

**Who will pick up where Lee left off?** Each year Trinity has supported African Team Ministries by offering items made in Africa for sale over a two week period. ATM has supported churches in East Africa for over 20 years. They resettle displaced people, support orphans, provide AIDS education and prevention and literacy training. In the past, Lee Nancarrow volunteered to set up the items for sale and to repack any unsold items. Now that Lee has moved I’m reaching out to you! Do you feel called to
support this ministry once a year? If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Deidre at the church office 540-886-9132 or communications@trinitystaunton.org by March 23.

**What a terrific response to our request to help vacuum pew kneelers.** We immediately had (15) volunteers willing to come help this past week, what we thought would be a few days of work. However, on Monday (9) volunteers came and finished the task by 4pm! A huge thank you to Steve Carpenter, Juliette Swenson, Michelle Tillery-Duvall and her children, Carl and Pat Henderson, and Tom and Diane Fechtel. To those of you who offered to come the rest of the week, thank you for your offer, but a blessing that we finished this project earlier than expected. Thank you, thank you!

**Donate to The Bishop’s Dollar Fund:** This year during the season of Lent, Bishop Bourlakas extends his annual invitation to reflect on our discipleship in Jesus' name. As you journey through the forty days of Lent, we encourage generous support of The Bishop's Dollar Fund to continue to address a variety of initiatives and needs throughout the diocese not otherwise covered through our annual program budget. You may send donations to the Diocesan Office made payable to The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern VA with "Bishop's Dollar" in the memo line. Mail to: Attn: Bishop's Dollar Fund, PO Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009. Or, donate online at dioswva.org/online-giving.html.

The summary of the Cottage Meeting discussions are in the latest edition of The Tribune. Please take a look. The number one stated desire for Trinity is more opportunities to get together for worship and socializing to that end Bishop Mark will be joining us on March 22nd and we will have ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 10am with a potluck reception to follow. Please attach a description for those who have special dietary needs or are fasting for Lent.

**No Sunday School on March 22.**

**KYN Interfaith Program:** The next Know Your Neighbor program will be held at Temple House of Israel on Sunday, March 22 from 4-6:30 P.M. Mingling, set-up of dinner, and looking at exhibits will be from 4:00-4:30. Potluck dinner will be from 4:30-5:30. Program will be from 5:30-6:30. The program is entitled “Rituals of Departure – Death in our Religious Traditions.” There will be speakers from the Jewish, Muslim, Episcopal, and AME congregations, and a display table of exhibits.

**Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm, St. Salvator’s Chapel Choir** from St. Andrews University in Scotland will perform at Trinity. Joined by our Senior Choristers, the concert will feature music for the Feast of the Annunciation. St. Salvator’s Chapel Choir has performed at Washington National Cathedral, Princeton University, as well as many international venues.

**The ECW will be collecting baby food** throughout the Lenten season to donate to the Verona Food Pantry. A box/bag is located in the narthex through Easter Sunday. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated by our neighbors in need. Contact Sally Mueller (290-4832) with any questions.

**Maundy Thursday All Night-Vigil Sign Ups:** Please remember to sign up for the all-night vigil on Maundy Thursday (April 9). A signup sheet is at the back of the church. Please contact Deidre at the office with any questions 540-886-9132.
The Easter Bunny Needs You! The EB is looking for candy donations and/or small treats that would fit in small Easter eggs (we have plenty of eggs!). If you would like to help, please bring candy/treat donations to the Copy Room by Friday April 3. The EB thanks you for your support! AND, Middle School and Senior High youth are needed to help the Easter Bunny hide eggs Easter Sunday, April 12 at 9:45am in the churchyard. Questions? – email Muffie Newell at formation@trinitystaunton.org.

This Week at Trinity
Several AA groups meet throughout the week, please contact our office at 540-886-9132 for details.

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| 10:00 AM     | Musikgarten             |               |                           |
| 6:15 PM      | Evening Prayer          |               |                           |
| 7:00 PM      | Trinity Adult Choir     |               |                           |
|              |                         |               |                           |
| SATURDAY     | — March 14 —            |               |                           |
| 9:30 AM      | Altar Guild Setup       |               |                           |
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| SUNDAY       | — March 15 —            |               |                           |
| Newsletter Submissions Due |               |               |                           |
| 7:45 AM      | Holy Eucharist – Rite I |               |                           |
| 8:45 AM      | Holy Eucharist – Rite II|               |                           |
| 10:00 AM     | Sunday School / WKYUAN  |               |                           |
| 11:00 AM     | Holy Eucharist – Rite II|               |                           |
| 5:00 PM      | Sundays at 5: Organ Concert |           |                           |
| 6:00 PM      | Reception               |               |                           |

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