

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

This month I share a reflection/meditation from the book *The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community*, edited by Kathy Galloway, entitled "If You Want To":

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help. "If you want to," he said, "you can make me clean." Jesus was filled with pity, and reach out and touched him. "I do want to." He answered. "Be clean." At once the disease left the man, and he was clean. (Mark 1:40-43, TEV)

"If you want to."

Of course, Jesus wanted to, for his prayers and his actions were rooted in love, the love of God that set him free to be vulnerable and to care and to live. Of course, he wanted to. Love always wants the best for other people, be they lepers, mothers-in-law, strangers, or friends, love always wants their lives to be whole and glad and free.

And of course, he wants us to. For in our streets and communities it is our hearts and lives he uses to make his love and his healing and his justice real. It is through how we live and what we do that good news and good things come to other people. And today he wants us to. For he is here among us, and it is our hands and our prayers through which he comes to us and to those we pray for. And it is his love, born and alive in us, that will heal us and set us free.

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Healing Service via Zoom Thursdays at Noon

We continue to offer a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. The Zoom link is emailed via our Constant Contact email service on Wednesdays along with a copy of the order of service for the week. The order of service is also shared on the screen during the service itself. We commemorate a “saint” from the Episcopal Church utilizing the resource ‘A Great Cloud of Witnesses’ and share a little healing music from a variety of sources.

Annual Meeting

March 19th after the church service in Stone Hall

Our Community Engagement Coordinator, Liz Hulse, guest presenter

Church of the Trinity’s annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19. Liz Hulse, Trinity’s new Community Engagement Coordinator, will be present to share what she has been up to in the community and discuss with the congregation the ways in which she can be helpful in making connections with our wider Coatesville community.

We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who would be a good vestry member or delegate as our Annual Meeting approaches. We have four slots open and four members willing to run again: Greg Bentley, Donna Fleck, Minnie Kirwin and Tom Swett.

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision.
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures.
- Establishes action plans.
- Maintains property.

The deanery/convention delegates are elected to represent Trinity at our annual Diocesan Convention and vote for people in Diocesan leadership positions, the Diocesan Budget, various changes or new initiatives in our Diocese, etc. Our convention is usually held on a Saturday, at the end of October or beginning of November at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. Opening Eucharist and social time occurs on Friday evening. There may also be an occasion to attend one or two other meetings in our Brandywine Deanery throughout the year.

Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Join us for Stations of the Cross in our sanctuary on Friday, March 31st at 7 p.m. This is a moving service where we take time to think, pray, and meditate at each station. This can help us intentionally spend time with Christ, thanking Him, praising Him, and learning from Him as we remember Jesus' love, sacrifice, and forgiveness; His journey to the cross.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2023

April 2	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday The Liturgy of the Palms; Dramatic reading of the Passion and the Holy Eucharist	9:30 AM
April 6	Maundy Thursday The Washing of Feet (<i>optional</i>) The Stripping of the Altar	7:00 PM
April 7	The Good Friday Liturgy	7:00 PM
April 9	Easter Sunday (<i>special music – harp</i>)	9:30 AM

All Services in-person (masks optional) and live-streamed to Facebook Live

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2023



This year again, we will be ordering a variety of flowers to decorate for Easter. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number and how many flowers you are ordering along with the name of the person(s) placed in memory of. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$13.00. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your payment to the parish office by March 26.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____

NAME/S OF PERSON/S PLACED IN MEMORY OF: _____



Jean Carroll	1-Mar
Caroline Puma	3-Mar
Adeline Hamburg	5-Mar
Antonio Wilson	6-Mar
Chris Haak	7-Mar
Mildred Coveleski	9-Mar
Esther Harvey	14-Mar
Michelle Butler	20-Mar
Meg Devereux	26-Mar
Joseph Kirkner, III	29-Mar
Robin McWilliams	29-Mar
James Shreve	29-Mar

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SH Rented		AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Annual Meeting SH Rented		AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Vet Brunch		AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		



Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2023

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
3/5	Erika Haak	Deborah Murray	Chris Haak
3/12	Betty Sullivan	Tom Swett	Minnie Kirwin
3/19	Greg Bentley	Paula Jennings	Bill Terry
3/26	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Seth Haak

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Mission Statement

**Church of the Trinity is a
congregation rooted in the
faith and love of Christ, unified
in diversity, seeking to grow
and nourish the Trinity family
and our Coatesville
community.**

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

**Jamoca Harkins,
Parish Administrator**

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 530PM-8PM

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Church School

Sundays 9:15 AM