

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: Trust in the Lord and Do Good.

*Our Vision: become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*



Staying Connected

We continue to look for ways to help us stay connected with one another during this time of social distancing. For now, Facebook seems to be the best way we have, but we know that not everyone has facebook.

We urge everyone to establish a facebook account. You can do that easily AND avoid much of what people don't like about Facebook. Just open a personal page, search for join and Like "Trinity Episcopal Church, Wetumpka." You will get all our messages, posts and live-streams and, if you do not accept friend requests or post your own messages, you'll avoid much of the hassle of Facebook.

Here is our Facebook live-stream schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. - Service for Morning.
Grab your coffee and join us;
- 12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers from the Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. - Compline.
- 10:30 a.m. - Sunday Service on the Playground

Please, let your friends know about these live-streams AND have your prayerbook handy so you can join in. Unfortunately, the live stream files are too large to upload to email, but we are looking into other avenues of communication.

Many of us, for good reasons, feel the need to limit or even severely limit our contacts and stay at home. Others have hardly changed their lifestyle. We encourage everyone to do what they think they need and have to do.

Having said that, remember that no one who is presently assigned as a Sunday Liturgical Minister should feel required or pressured to service at the Outside Sunday Service. Hear that clearly: **NO ONE SHOULD FEEL REQUIRED OR PRESSURED TO SERVICE AT THE OUTSIDE SUNDAY SERVICE.** If you are listed on the

schedule but don't feel like you should be out or attend, just let us know by phone, text or email and we will take you off the list.

Our purpose in having the outside service is to serve those who need to worship in that setting, not to make anyone feel uncomfortable.

Please remember also that in Ministration to the Sick, the Prayerbook states:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP p. 457).

I am sure that the rubrical Nazis would vehemently disagree, but I believe that in our current situation and especially in light of those in the high risk category to protect themselves, if you "desire to receive communion" but don't feel like you can attend the 10:30 service or attend and not receive, you will, none the less, receive "all the benefits of Communion." God is not going to cut us off from a means of grace because we are protecting ourselves.

God Bless us and keep us



Shoppers Available

Beth Jones, Christy Cooper and Erin Rogers have volunteered to help “High Risk” people who need to stay at home but need help with grocery shopping. Beth is off next week, and asks that you call after 10:a.m, 734-717-7762; Christy - (334) 322-2332; Erin - (334) 312-1097. If others will volunteer to shop, please let us know.

A Note from Bishop Sloan

Hello, friends

Your diocesan staff is working from home for the foreseeable future, but I assure that we’re all still working – the work of the Church continues even if we can’t go to the office, even if we can’t gather together on Sunday mornings, even when we are in the midst of a pandemic. I think cancelling worship in the parishes of the Diocese of Alabama was the right call, but I’m also aware of how important it is, and what a painful decision it was to make, for all of us. Thank you all for your expressions of support, and for your creative flexibility in finding different ways of loving and encouraging each other in this difficult time. We’re going to be fine. I don’t know when, or how we’ll know we’re through this, but I know we’re going to be fine because I know that this is still God’s world, and that God still loves us.



A Message from Bishop Sloan

On Monday we started offering Noonday Prayers, and we will continue to offer this moment for us to come together every day at noon. I’ve done it for the first couple of days, and I’m struck with the opening sentences:

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

I don’t know how many times I’ve said these words, or read them, but I don’t know if I’ve ever felt them or meant them like I have for the last couple of days: “make speed to save us, make haste to help us.” Maybe I’m becoming more aware in a new and more real way of how dependent we all are on the grace and love of God.

And maybe – probably – a lot of other people are, too. I’m hearing that parishes who are offering their services online are being virtually visited by people who are not members, who may not be ‘church people’ at all, but need to connect right now. Our friend David Meginniss, the rector of Christ Church in Tuscaloosa, texted me about this: “Maybe it’s less threatening to see what we’re about online than physically visiting. Maybe it’s easier to invite friends to watch an online service than inviting them to come to church.”

A lot of parishes are offering services online, on Sunday mornings and elsewhere. I invite you to look into this, and invite your friends as well. There is a growing list of online worship opportunities on our diocesan website..

Please take care of yourselves. If you can stay at home, please do. Wash your hands, a lot.

Please watch out for the people most vulnerable to this virus: the elderly, the sick.

Say your prayers, in private and if you can, with others online.

There are other resources which you might find helpful on our website.

All of this will, of course, impact the finances of our parishes and our diocese. We still have to pay our bills, and our employees, even if we are working mostly from home. I **encourage you to continue to pay your pledges to the parish**, even as I remind you now that we need for the parishes to continue to pay their covenants to the diocese.

The Sunday morning communal worship is very important, of course, and so is the Eucharist. But those are means to an end, and not the end itself. The purpose of the Church is to shine the Light of Christ into the darkness of the day and to proclaim hope – so needed in this moment – into the current despair. *We will get past this.* And

when we do, when we're on the other side of this terrible time, I want us to be able to look back on the whole mess and say, "We kept the faith we were given, and we did the best we could to love and support God's children."

God's Peace,



Please Remember in Prayer

Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of:

Mike Bannon, Jasper Roberts, Emily Hare, Ray Howell & Tina Perdue who celebrate their birthdays next week; and to Richard & Carrie Pinckard who celebrate their Anniversary next week.

Those who have requested our prayers:

Immediate Concerns:

Bob Henderson, Voncille Lankford, Blake Parham, Mathew Connor, Billy Lacy, Ben Mullins, Crawford Kennedy, Avis Reid, Noah Cox, Ben Dunnam.

Shut-Ins: Mary Smith

Continuing Concerns:

Greg Jones, Louise Lambert, Rilla Keith, Jean Webb, Massey Gentry, Lauren Luckie, Bonnie Wright, Linda Summey, Linda Hobson, Gwin Burkett, Harriet Landrum, Ellen Williams, Harriet Waltman.

Prayer of the Week

Lord of all compassion

*We pray for all of those caught up in the midst
of anxiety & fear during this COVID-19 outbreak,
For all who have lost life & all working to save life,
For those who are worried for people they love,
For those who will see their loved ones no longer,
Lord Have Mercy.*

*For those who need your peace that
passes all understanding,
For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil,
For all who cry out to you in fear and in love,
Lord Have Mercy.*

*For those in confusion and those in despair,
For those whose tears are yet to dry,*

To Ponder

Today, Fr. Casey spoke about the health scare gripping our society around the coronavirus. Even as we have temporarily discouraged congregants from shaking hands and made hand sanitizer available in every pew, he cautioned us about letting our worries outgrow the actual threat posed by the sickness and to be on guard against the insidious tendrils of fear.

"I want to solemnly caution us all. This spreading sickness will not only test of health and medical resources. This will test our mental health and our spiritual resolve. We must resist the lure of fear, which will urge us to look upon neighbors and strangers alike with suspicion. Our fellow human beings deserve compassion, and that is what must orient all Christians through this scare.

[F]ear degrades our ability to experience God, . . . so my friends, let us pray that we will heed the refrain repeated by God and God's messengers throughout the Scriptures: 'Do not be afraid.'"

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, March 8

This lady gave me her food order. I repeated it back and told her, "That comes to \$6.66." She said, "Oh no. I don't like that total. Better throw in a corndog." Surely this woman is an inspiration. She's out here fighting off the powers of Satan with a corndog as her weapon of choice. Angela Gatewood.

This Week at Trinity

Mar 22: **The Fourth Sunday in Lent - *Leatare Sunday***

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist on Playground

Mar 23: 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers -Facebook Live-Stream

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers- Facebook Live-Stream

7:00 p.m. - Compline - Facebook Live-Stream

Mar 24: 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers -Facebook Live-Stream

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers- Facebook Live-Stream

7:00 p.m. - Compline - Facebook Live-Stream

Mar 25: 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers -Facebook Live-Stream

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers- Facebook Live-Stream

7:00 p.m. - Compline - Facebook Live-Stream

Mar 26: 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers -Facebook Live-Stream

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers- Facebook Live-Stream

7:00 p.m. - Compline - Facebook Live-Stream

Mar 27: 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayers -Facebook Live-Stream

12:10 p.m. - Noonday Prayers- Facebook Live-Stream

7:00 p.m. - Compline - Facebook Live-Stream

Mar 29: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday Ministers

Lent IV

Mar. 22, 2020

LEM: 10:30 a.m. – Tonia Ayers

Lector: Phyllis Kennedy

Altar Guild – Sue Beumer

Intercessor - No intercessor when using Litany

No Flowers

Vestry of the Week – Cyndi Townley

Greeters – Dennis & Dawn Kizziah

Flowers – LENT

WTC – Mary Hanby

Set-Up: We need to setup and take down chairs and the table

on the patio. **We have asked the Breakfast**

Teams to set-up and take down or arrange for it. They can always use helpers.

Breakfast Team : No Breakfast

Lent V

Mar. 29, 2020

LEM: 10:30 a.m. – Jack McDaniel

Lector: Rhonda Baughman

Altar Guild – Carol Wright / Beverly Roberts

Intercessor - No intercessor when using Litany

No Flowers

Vestry of the Week – Tim Bailey

Greeters – Beverly Roberts

Flowers – LENT

WTC – Mary Hanby

Set-Up: We need to setup and take down chairs and the table

on the patio. We have asked the Breakfast Teams

to set-up and take down or arrange for it. They can always use helpers.

In case anyone needs this: United Way has a COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund. They will help with bills, rent, and food. You can call 1-866-211-9966 and provide zip code and will be given a list of local agencies to provide assistance.
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Weekly Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income.	\$ 3,222
Received Sunday, March 15.	\$ 1,535
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income.	\$ 35,442
Received Year to Date.	\$ 33,230
Over/(under) Budget.	\$ (2,212)

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have any questions.