

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.*



Daily Devotion

If you find yourself going in many directions and having to miss church there is a way to deepen your relationship to God by giving a few minutes to daily devotions. Many people read the Forward Day by Day, but I find this to be quite a shallow read. There are much better devotionals available. Now you do not even have to get a book. You can have an online devotional pop up when you start your day at work. It can even be specialized: Daily devotionals for Men, Daily Devotionals for Kids; Daily Devotionals for Busy Mothers, etc. My favorite is a classic: My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers. It pulls no punches and really challenges you to get out of the way of God's workings through you. Another favorite modern writer is Richard Rohr. His devotionals are also profound and are available online and in book form. Whatever you decide to do, be gracious and understanding with yourself. If you miss a day, that is ok. If you start in January and bog down by June, do not beat yourself up. God is in your life. Keep trying to do something every day.



Another option is always the reliable Daily Office in the prayerbook. I found this quite unwieldy until I discovered the Daily Office Book which includes all the Bible readings in order so you do not have to spend so much time just finding the lessons for the day. Rebecca Gregory does her office on her iPad on an app. I prefer books. What is really nice about the daily office is that you

get a much longer Old Testament lesson than we do on Sundays.

Over time you would be surprised how these daily intentions to be in touch with God will polish your prayer life as smooth as a stone and help you reflect the Lord each day. God bless you in this journey. I would love to hear of your experiences.



In His service,

The Reverend Ally Perry+

Young Adults

Young adults and all of those YOUNG at heart will be gathering at the home of Matt & Erin Rogers on Sunday, May 15th at 5 p.m.

Children of the Church

We are hoping to get all our children involved in Sunday School, our musical offerings – the Trinity Lights, and other activities as the church and the world continue to open up following the pandemic. We want no one to be left out, but we have a problem. There is no complete roster of our children. Please help us remedy this. Parents, if your children are attending Trinity, please either text me (334-412-6826) or email me (sarahcater50@yahoo.com) the following information:

Name, Age, and Birthdate of each child

Parents' contact info (cell phone number, email address, postal address)

I will compile this and share it with the Church Office. Thanks for your help.

Sarah Cater

This Week at Trinity

May 08:		Easter IV – Mother's Day
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Jack McDaniel
	9:15 a.m.	Family Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, The Rev. John Bagby
	11:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet
May 09:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
May 10:	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
May 15:		Easter V
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Jack McDaniel
	9:15 a.m.	Family Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, The Rev. John Bagby
	11:30 a.m.	Meet Greet

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Holly McDaniel, Amy Jones and Jack Ruppert who celebrate their Birthday this week;

And to Arthur & Donna McGinnis who celebrate their Anniversary this week

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Branson Robertson, Linda Staley, Thames Pemberton, Oliver White, Marilyn Hunter, Martha Lackey.

Shut-Ins: Louise Lambert, Maxine Compton

Continuing Concerns: Avery White, Sheila Rigby, Bill Dunn, Kenzie Ray, Joni Thomas, Robin Chadderdon, June Ward, Ray Howell, Carol Wright, Crawford Kennedy, Johan Beumer, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Kelley Wright, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham.

Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income	\$	3,462
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income	\$	62,316
Received Sunday, May 01	\$	7,310
Received Year to Date	\$	68,502
Over/(under) Budget.....	\$	6,186

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 questions about the budget or financial situation.

Sunday Ministers

Easter IV May 8, 2022

LEM – 8:00 a.m. No LEM
10:30 a.m. Richie Bailey
Acolytes – Rutledge & Gaines Rogers
Lector – Tonia Ayers
Epistoler – Tim Bailey
Intercessor – Susan Powers
Altar Guild – Susan Hayes, Anna Chappelle
Flower Guild – Belyn Richardson
Vestry of the Week – Wayne Turner
Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flowers – Phyllis Kennedy
Meet & Greet –
Women Who Care – Becky Bannon
A/V – Calvin Chappelle, Nana Waldrip

Easter V May 15, 2022

LEM – 8:00 a.m. No LEM
10:30 a.m. Tim Bailey
Acolytes – Phillip & Tyler Baughman
Lector – Tim Bailey
Epistoler – Richie Bailey
Intercessor – Kathy Atchison
Altar Guild – Sue Beumer, Jenny Bailey
Flower Guild – Lucie Wadsworth
Vestry of the Week – Lucie Wadsworth
Greeters – Beverly Roberts, Sandy Hallmark
Flowers – Christy Cooper
Meet & Greet –
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HYMN NOTES

Now the Green Blade Riseth Hymn #204

John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) wrote this delightful hymn of the resurrection to be paired with the French carol melody Noel Nouvelet. Crum was born at Mere Old Hall, Cheshire, England, and died at Farnham, Surrey, England. He was educated at Eton and New College in Oxford. He lived a lifetime of service in the Church of England. Following his ordination as a priest in 1900 he held various positions including chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford, assistant curate at Windsore, vicar of Mentmore at Ledburn, and finally canon at Canterbury. While serving in the church, Crum worked in a variety of theological areas and wrote on biblical and architectural topics, studied historical works, and wrote children's books. This hymn, first published in the 1928 edition of the Oxford Book of Carols exhibits Crum's ability to capture one's imagination, perhaps an extension of his children's writings. This snippet from one of his children's hymns provides insight into his writing style and use of imagery.

To God who makes all lovely things
How happy must our praises be;
Each day a new surprise He brings
To make us glad His world to see.

The imagery of this hymn is based on John 12:23-24 and I Corinthians 15:37-38. The simple phrase "Now the green blade riseth" reminds us that Jesus is risen today just as He rose on that first Easter morning. The third line uses "Love" as a metaphor for Jesus, reminding us that Jesus came to the earth because "God so loved the world." In the fourth stanza Crum emphasizes that no matter what we are going through, "Jesus' touch can call us back to life again."

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green,
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Sarah