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MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Sunday, February 14

The Last Sunday after Epiphany



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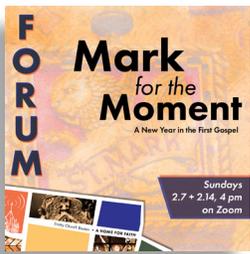
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THIS WEEK



Mark for the Moment: A New Year in the First Gospel

Sun., 2/14, 4 pm, **on Zoom**

Mark is the eldest of the four gospels, breathtaking in its pace and portrayal of Jesus' ministry. It is the gospel we'll hear from most frequently in this

still-new church year. What is distinct about the structure and themes of this "proto" gospel? For what should we be listening, and what watchwords might Mark have for us as 2021 unfolds? Join us on Sunday afternoon to see what Good News Mark offers us in the face of the Cross and Empty Tomb.



Dial in with 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: **827 2525 5709**

ANNUAL MEETING

Remembering Our Dead at Annual Parish Meeting

We'll take time during our Annual Meeting on the morning of Sun., Feb. 28 to remember those members of our parish who have died since last year's March meeting. To submit the name of a parishioner, please email pwdard@trinitychurchboston.org by Fri., 2/19.



LENT

Ash Wednesday Worship: Plant a Seed

Wed., 2/17, 7:30 am, on **our website** and **Facebook**

12:10 pm & 5:45 pm, **on Zoom**,

As the Bishops of our Diocese have forbidden the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, in addition to Scripture and sermon, prayers, and music, our liturgy will re-imagine the beginning of Lent by each of us planting a seed in a pot of soil. The soil is a good symbol of our humility in the face of all the brokenness in our lives and the wider world, and the seed is a good symbol for our hope that God will work in us to bring new life out of that brokenness. To that end, we invite you to prepare for Ash Wednesday by obtaining a pot of soil and seed to plant during the Ash Wednesday liturgy.



At 12:10 pm & 5:45 pm, dial in with 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: **812 3725 8578**

Sing, Trinity!

Since September, during the hymn singing in "Worship from Home" the choirs have been joined by some 20 regular "Sing, Trinity!" participants from among the congregation. Want to jump in? Lent is the perfect time for new faces and voices in the mix. The recording process is simple, fun and not at all intimidating. We'll gladly send you instructions. No musical background necessary!

You can sign up via this form.

For more parish news about Lent, please see the TrinityVoices section at the end of this document.



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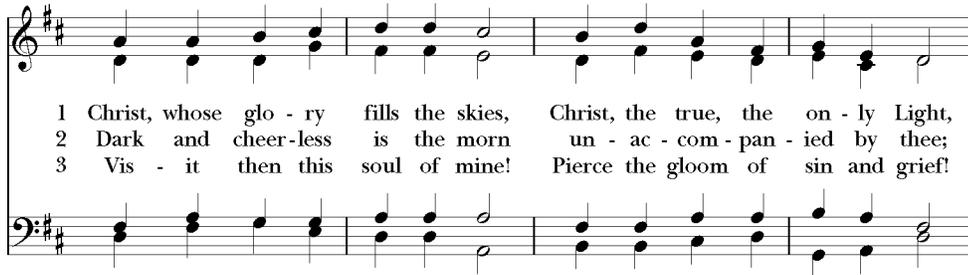
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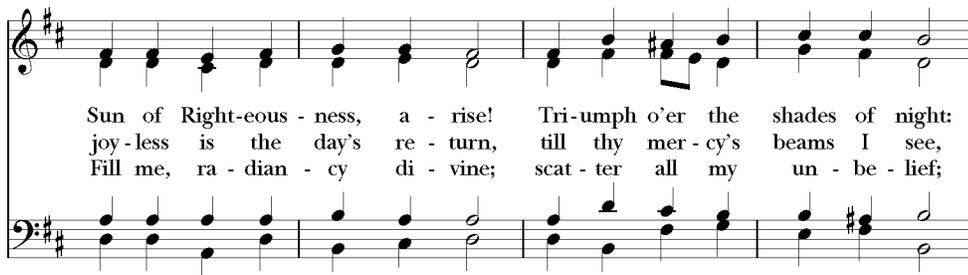
GATHERING

Prelude 'Meditation on *Wareham* (Hymn 137)
Richard Webster (b. 1952)

Hymn 7 'Christ whose glory fills the skies'



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Worship at Trinity

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Leaders of the service will also lead these **bold responses** for the benefit of those worshipping from home.

Opening Sentences

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ,
in the presence of the Holy Spirit wherever we are,
let us open ourselves – our souls and bodies –
with one minute of silence,
and with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by God's infinite goodness and mercy ...

Open Space

... Almighty and most merciful God,
**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own
hearts, we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
all according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name.
Amen.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
may this Holy One forgive us our sins,
set us free from every bond,
and empower us for the work of the Gospel.
Amen.

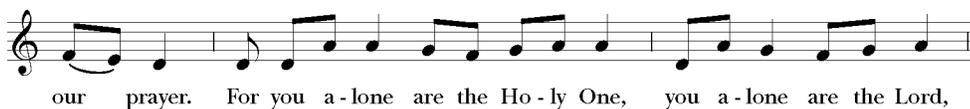
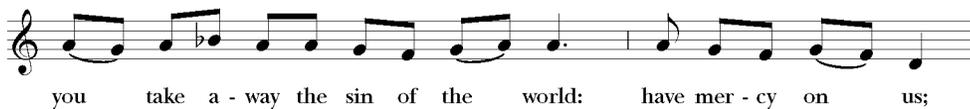
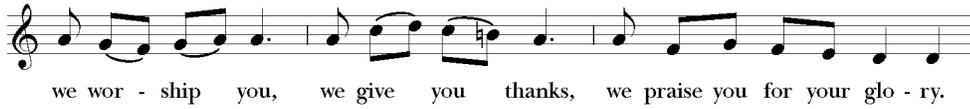
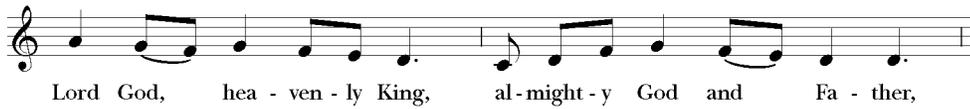
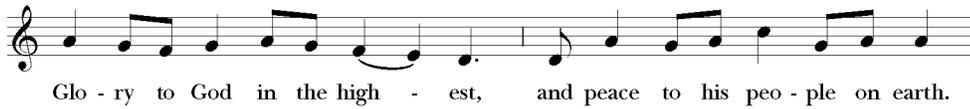
THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Canticle 'Gloria in excelsis'
adapt. Mason Martens (b.1933)

Sung by all.



The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
“Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

THE LESSONS

Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 'Dignus es'
Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

All sing the refrain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Introduction' and 'Antiphon'. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a double bar line. After the double bar line, it continues with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, then a half note G4, and finally a quarter note G4. Below the notes are the lyrics: 'Splendor and honor and'. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, then a half note G4, and finally a quarter note G4. Below the notes are the lyrics: 'kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,'.

Antiphon

Splendor and honor and kingly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being.

Antiphon

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

Antiphon

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.

Antiphon

Reading Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 488 'Be thou my vision'



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, inequity, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessions

For the ministry of all the baptized, remembering our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, especially ... and for all those who serve among us at Trinity Church, especially ...

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including ...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially ...

We hold before you all those expecting the birth of a child, remembering especially ...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering especially ... give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Our prayers

In addition to praying for the needs of the living, for those we love and see no longer, and in thanksgivings, we invite your prayers weekly, through two cycles of prayer, for both the ministries of our parish and the faith communities across our wider Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. .

Amen.

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Collects are prayers that “collect” our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the “Collect of the Day,” the Officiant will pray additional collects appropriate for this Sunday.

Title: Christ, whose glory fills the skies, H 7. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Gloria in excelsis S273. Music: Plainsong, Mode 7; Mass 13 (12th cent.); adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Dignus es. Music: Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, H 488. Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: O wondrous type! O vision fair, H 137. Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turlle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: What star is this, with beams so bright, H 124. Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902 All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378 • Title: Songs of thankfulness and praise, H 135. Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378

Hymn 137 'O wondrous type! O vision fair'

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Sermon The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, *Senior Associate for Program*

Offertory Anthem 'Christ upon the mountain peak'
Richard Webster (b. 1952)

Christ upon the mountain peak
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.
Alleluia.

Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting.
Alleluia.

Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by Name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!
Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him;
first and last and only One.
Let creation now adore him!
Alleluia!

TEXT: BRIAN WREN (B. 1936)

Presentation Hymn

To God the Fa - ther, heav - en - ly Light, to Christ, re -
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

To make a gift online, please [click here](#) and you will be taken to the secure form on our website.

SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 135 'Songs of thankfulness and praise'

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Postlude 'Trumpet Tune'

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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TrinityVoices

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT 2021

Dear Trinity Church and friends,

Grace and Peace to you this day. I hope this message finds you and yours well.

With a self-revelation packaging truth in the guise of good humor, I occasionally tease that I am “better” at Lent than Easter. On its surface, the idea seems ridiculous enough – ashes before oil, grief before joy, repentance before Resurrection ... “*No one would prefer that!*” – that my acknowledgement usually draws a gentle laugh from a coffee hour. On cue at mid-chuckle, I will then credit my preference for Lent to my Roman Catholic roots, which can prompt another chortle - *Oh, those Catholics and their guilt*” - that unfair attribution Episcopalians too often indulge.

However, if I lean into the tenderness behind that laughter, I confront the admission that The Christian Hope, so-called, often seems to me unsatisfyingly fragile and far away. The task of believing in the “reconciliation of all people to God and to one another” seems like such a reach that I prefer hedging my Easter with continual repentance for our world’s sin – for my own sin. Keeping a more comfortable distance between myself and the reassurances of Beloved Community affords me cynicism’s cold comforts. I tell myself that nursing a functional despair guards my heart and (more realistically) lowers expectations of the Church’s responsibility to inaugurate God’s hopes: “*Yessir, Saint Peter, those are ashes in my pocket, but I won’t bring any more than this small stash of sin into heaven – it’s only a reminder of my mortality, I promise.*”

... we at Trinity Church now approach a different kind of Lent, a season that seeks to emphasize our preparation for Resurrection with hope and expectation rather than in guilt and regret.

Yet, this Lent feels different – immediately and forcefully, different.

I date the pandemic’s beginning to Wednesday, March 11. After several fraught days of planning how to make safer Trinity’s worship and programming for the upcoming Sunday, that night I arrived home late after a Vestry meeting. My wife and children were watching the

GROWING IN LOVE: COMMUNITY

Shrove Tuesday Zoom Pancakes

Tues., 2/16, 6 pm

Join fellow parishioners for a time of fun and fellowship as we gather to “clean out the larder” in preparation for Lent. [Find more information here.](#)

Daily Lenten Reflections

Wed., 2/17 – Sat., 4/3

Much like our daily calendar videos during Advent, we will have a new message from a different parishioner each morning (except Sundays) during the forty days of Lent. If you would like to help film one of our daily messages, please email Paige Fisher at pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sun., 2/28, 11 am

Join us on Zoom for the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting, when we will elect new officers, Vestry members, and diocesan delegates; and hear reports on our 2020 and 2021 budgets and ministries.

[Find more information here.](#)

Community Hour

Sundays, 2/21, 3/7 – 3/21, 11 am

Join us on Zoom where we will break out into small groups for prompted conversation.

[Find more information here.](#)

GROWING IN TRUTH: FORMATION

ABBS Forum: Total Praise: The Promise and Power of Anti-Racism with Arreon Harley-Emerson

Sun., 2/21, 4 pm

Our Bonnyman Forums this year explore our life in church through considerations of space, sound, and Spirit – and in this second of three forums our guest, **Arreon Harley-Emerson**, will explore music, tradition, and anti-racism.

[Find more information here.](#)

Forum: We Are What We See

Sun., 2/28, 4 pm

With feminist film theorist Laura Mulvey's *Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema* as a primary text, Morgan and one of his oldest friends will consider how film as a form informs our ideas about the world. [Find more information here.](#)

Price Lecture: Grow On Flow On: A Conversation with ProBlak

Sun., 3/7, 4 pm

For **ProBlak**, graffiti acts as a contemporary form of hieroglyphs, a way to document and pay homage to underserved, underheard communities in the city. His vision- to beautify the predominantly black and brown communities of Boston- is a driving force behind his artistic practice.

[Find more information here.](#)

Forum: Hunger Games and the Tyranny of Merit

Sun., 3/14, 4 pm

What makes *The Hunger Games* an implicitly religious work, and what are the messages of its hugely popular serialization for 21st century Christians? [Find more information here.](#)

Price Lecture: A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Conversation and Music with Emily and Don Saliers

Sun., 3/21, 4 pm

Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls, and her father, **Dr. Don Saliers**, Theologian-in-Residence at Emory University's Candler School of Theology will talk about music as a spiritual practice, and about the power of music to amplify healing, grief, delight, and justice. [Find more information here.](#)



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Mavericks-Nuggets game when word started circulating on our phones and – live on television – throughout Dallas' American Airlines Center that the NBA was postponing the season within hours. Mavericks' owner, Mark Cuban, stood gap-jawed from his seat as the news hit his handheld device, and, with that heavy domino falling, the postponements and cancellations started. By Friday, we at Trinity Church would close our offices and suspend in-person worship. So it began and, in so many ways, so it still is.

That Sunday, March 15, 2020, was to be the third Sunday of Lent, and this upcoming Sunday, February 14, 2021, feels more like the fiftieth Sunday of “self-examination and repentance ... prayer, fasting, and self-denial” than the Sunday of the Transfiguration, last Epiphany, or Valentine's Day. Living in all these ashes for this long, I am aching for some Easter: *“Mr. Peter, I didn't mean it about those ashes: if you will point me to the light and the life, I want to leave all this death behind!”*

Mindful of this weariness and this readiness – in our parish and in our world – we at Trinity Church now approach a different kind of Lent, a season that seeks to emphasize our preparation for Resurrection with hope and expectation, rather than in

guilt and regret. Indeed, as Bill has written for our Ash Wednesday worship, “Our word, ‘Lent’ comes from our ancestors, whose Old English word *lencten* meant ‘springtime,’ and referred to its lengthening of days.” Thereby, we will spend these forty days growing together in Spirit, Truth, and Love.

GROWING IN SPIRIT: WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday, February 17

7:30 am • 12:10 pm • 5:45 pm

Join us in Ash Wednesday worship as we re-imagine the beginning of Lent with the planting of a seed in a pot of soil, rather than with the marking of our foreheads.

[Find more information here.](#)

Morning Prayer, Rite II, with The Great Litany

Sun., Feb. 21, 9:45 am

As we look together into the coming months, both into Lent and Easter and into new life beyond the constraints of pandemic, how might the image of “transfiguration” guide us forward as God’s people? Worship with us [on our website](#) or [on Facebook](#).

Quiet Morning: Wisdom in Pandemic-Tide

Sat., 3/6, 9 am - 12 pm

Lady Julian of Norwich has particular wisdom for our time of pandemic, because she herself lived through the plague that struck her city repeatedly in the 15th century. A quiet morning of guided meditations, quiet time off Zoom, music, art, and conversation. More details to come.

Our “Growing In Spirit” will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17. To keep our community healthy and whole, we must forego the in-person imposition of ashes. While grieving this loss, the necessity also provides a creative opportunity, and we invite you to re-imagine the beginning of Lent with the planting of a seed in a pot of soil, rather than with the marking of our foreheads.

At our worship on this day – a liturgy “premiered” via Facebook at 7:30 am with Zoom gatherings to follow at 12:10 and 5:45 pm – we will plant seeds together as part of our prayers. More details about other Lenten worship opportunities may be found in the pink sidebars throughout this document.

“Growing In Truth,” we will share rich formation experiences every week, and we collect our Sunday Forums under the common theme, “Art At The Intersection of Faith And Justice.” These presentations will begin on February 21 with **Arreon Harley-Emerson**, the second of our three Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium Forum speakers, who will explore music, tradition, and anti-racism in the sounds of our worship life. We will also welcome three Price Lecturers across two events: first, on March 7, **Rob “ProBlak” Gibbs**, a visual artist and organizer who has been transforming the cultural landscape of Boston through graffiti art since 1991, and, on March 21, **Emily Saliers** of the Indigo Girls, and her father, **Dr. Don Saliers**, Theologian-in-Residence at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology. More details about these and our other Christian education opportunities may be found in the pink sidebars.

Thereby, we will spend these forty days growing together in Spirit, Truth, and Love.

“Growing In Love” we will share meaningful community experiences throughout the season. These will begin on Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 16, with a larder-emptying pancake feast of good fun and food, and continue with our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 28. We hope, too, that you will make our Lenten Reflections part of your daily devotions. This program will offer opportunity for engagement with ideas and images of the season (including our plantings), as well as with other members of the broader Trinity community. Once more, more details about these and our other community-building opportunities may be found in the pink sidebars.

Finally, I note that what we plant on Ash Wednesday will take time to grow. At first, that growth will remain unseen, and I can already feel the temptation for me to lower my expectations, to reach for the familiarity of cold comforts: anxiety, cynicism, commiseration. Oh, let us resist together such functional despairing! And, instead, let us dare together the hope of that joyful Resurrection for which we ready.

Toward Easter,
Morgan Allen
Rector

GROWING IN SPIRIT: WORSHIP (continued)

Lenten Meditations

Wednesdays, 2/24 – 3/24, 8:15 am

Join the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman for fifteen minutes of quiet and reflection during this Lenten season. [Find more information here.](#)

Weekly Evensong

Wednesdays, 5:45 pm

Join the Trinity Choristers for weekly Evensong at 5:45 pm. [Find more information here.](#)

Compline

Weeknights, 2/17 – 4/2, 8:30 pm

Join us weeknights at 8:30 pm for Compline, the last of the four services in the Daily Office. [Find more information here.](#)

Morning Prayer, Rite II

Sundays, 2/28 – 3/21, 9:45 am

Worship with us [on our website](#) or [on Facebook](#).

Sing, Trinity!

Sing with us! Lent is the perfect time for new faces and voices in the mix. No musical background necessary! [Find more information here.](#)

