



**February 21, 2021**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am**

**Ministers of the Liturgy**

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

**Members of the Vestry**

Beth Moeller & Lisa Ruggiero, Wardens

Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman, Steve Ketcham,  
Karen Carig-O'Neill, Cindi Scrimgeour, Wayne Stochaj

**Musicians:**

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, & Jeff Lukas

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. [Psalm 51:10]*

*Mystery of Goodness, by whose gaze we are called into being and held in life:  
teach us the secrecy of prayer which seeks no reward;  
the generosity of love which forgets itself;  
the gift of a treasure uncountable and unconsumed;  
through Jesus Christ, the Son of the Wilderness.*

*-from Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

***This Weekend at Trinity:***

**Sunday:**

**9am** –Morning Prayer on Zoom. The link will be sent on Saturday

**10-11:30 am** – Private Holy Communion in the church

**4-5 pm** – Lenten Book Discussion: *Ladder to the Light* by Steven Charleston

**5:30-7 pm** – Sacred Ground: Session # 10

***This Week at Trinity***

The Parish office will be open Monday through Thursday: 10am – 2 pm.

Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194] or email.

**Monday 7:15 am** – Zoom Meditation: the link will be sent by email on Sunday.

**Tuesday 7-8:30 pm** – Sacred Ground: Session #9

**Wednesday 10 am** – Morning Prayer on Zoom: the link will be sent by email on Wednesday morning

**Wednesday 7:30- 8 pm** – Zoom meditation. The link will be sent by email on Wednesday

**Thursday 4 pm** – Grab n Go meals at Trinity

**Friday noon** – Bible Study: The Psalms

**Friday noon – Saturday evening** –The 30-Hour Famine led by the Youth Group



***The 30-Hour Famine***

The 30-hour Famine is a program sponsored by World Vision to raise awareness of global hunger and to raise funds for World Vision's hunger programs. Throughout the country, youth have pledged to fast from noon on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> until 6pm on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>.

There are 3 ways you can support them:

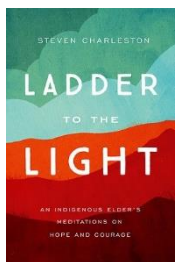
- Sponsor them through donations: Their goal is to raise \$200 for the weekend, which will feed 5 children for a month (or 1 child for 5 months). You may either make a general donation or sponsor individual youth @ \$20/volunteer.
- Join in the fast: Make a similar commitment to fast for 30 hours. This may be a fast from food, or from specific foods, or from some other activity that provides you comfort. You may participate anonymously or you can share your name as a remote member of the team
- Pray for those who are fasting – intentionally and mindfully, pausing at specific moments between noon on Friday and 6pm on Saturday.

## ***GFS Scholarships are available!***

Attention high school seniors and their families. It's time for the annual search for deserving recipients of the GFS Scholarships. Each year, Trinity gives monetary awards to qualified members who are entering an institution of higher education. These awards recognize attendance and service to Trinity Parish during the applicant's high school years. The application is available to download on the Trinity Church website at [www.trinitychurchmilford.org](http://www.trinitychurchmilford.org). At the home page click Resources- Scholarship -Trinity Episcopal Church GFS to download the form. Applications must be received by **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** and the recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. Please direct all questions to GFS Scholarship Committee at [gfs@trinitychurchmilford.org](mailto:gfs@trinitychurchmilford.org)

## ***Lent at Trinity***

***Lenten Book Study: Sundays 4-5 pm February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> on Zoom***



### ***Ladder to the Light by Steven Charleston.***

Steven Charleston is an Episcopal priest, former Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, and a Choctaw elder. *Ladder to the Light* draws upon the traditional Christian and indigenous teachings to offer insights into seeking hope and courage "in the valley of the shadows." We will discuss 2 chapters each week (about 25-30 pages).

***Weekly Bible Study: Fridays @ Noon on Zoom: February 26 – March 26: The Psalms***

Based upon reading a Psalm each day, we will discuss the theological, spiritual, and emotional range of this profoundly beautiful anthology of prayers.

***Lentopoly*** Lentopoly is a game that is meant to incorporate the 3 aspects of Lent: prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Based on the model of Monopoly, each square describes an act of fasting, prayer, or giving to be done by the players. By doing the charitable acts each day the child “earns” tokens (nails, pennies, beans, etc.). You can have a container full of tokens and each child has their own jar to put their ‘earned’ tokens into each day. Game materials are available upon request or on our website.

***Diocesan Lenten Retreat: Longing for God: Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – noon***

The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jones will lead a virtual retreat on Zoom. To learn more and to register go to our diocesan website: <http://www.diocesewma.org>



## ***Presidents' Day Grab n Go Lunch***

Thank you to Tessa Scrimgeour and the Leadership Program at Milford High School for preparing and distributing 70 lunches on President's Day, and to the volunteers from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church who partnered with us to donate DVDs. Special thanks to Tessa, Sophia Soares, Jason Darling, Stephanie Caetano, JiaLi Madden, Michelle Alves, Krissy Ferreir, Dwight Kee, Angus Scrimgeour, Cindi Scrimgeour, and Marge Donahue.

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## **Meditation for the First Sunday in Lent February 21, 2021**

*And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. [Mark 1:12-13]*

Lent is often described as a journey through the wilderness—through an “in between place” where the unexpected is to be expected. “Wilderness” shares the same root as “bewilderment.” Richard Rohr reminds us: *Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity; Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God. Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. It is the inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change.*”

These words can be our compass as we begin Lent, emboldening us to enter our own wilderness, confident that we will emerge with a stronger sense of self, a deeper trust in God, and a more vivid sense of the beauty of this world and of our place in it. We commit ourselves to a Lenten discipline not so that we will be “better persons” in 40 days, but so that we will experience more deeply the unending, unbounded and unconditional divine love that no one can take away from us.

Each of us has a wilderness within—a barren place, a place where emotions are not resolved, where hope feels like a fantasy and resentment resides, where our heart aches and our sense of purpose is fragile. Rebecca Lyman describes the “wilderness in our souls” as the place/time when *we survived and found unexpected grace. The wilderness within ultimately sets us free . . . When our expectations are shattered, we receive the unexpected. We are bewildered by grace.* ([www.journeywithjesus.net](http://www.journeywithjesus.net), February 21, 2010).

Lent is the time to go to a place where we will be *bewildered by grace*. Each of us has a wilderness just over the horizon of our everyday lives. It may be a soup kitchen, or a neglected relationship, or an abandoned source of joy, a cluttered room or a postponed delight. All of us have made assumptions about God that are getting in the way of our experience of a deep and abiding love that will make change possible. Each of us has a place in hearts where we need to relearn who we are.

Our Lenten journey begins with the conviction that we can change, that we can live without fear, and that bewilderment is a good thing. The wilderness is real and it is difficult terrain, but the only path to resurrection lies before us there.

***Our Prayers Are Offered For:***

**Parish Members & Friends:** Gloria Falcone; Barbara Feurtado; Valeri; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Michael Lambert; Brad Gustavesen; Evangeline Bushey; Arlene Person; Aretha Liverpool; Ray & Enid; Liz Pekkala; Bob Motuzas; Rita & Dick Cronan; Eli Johnson & Family; the Rev. Libby Wade; Sue; Charles Gustavesen; Karin Tourtellotte; Clinton Clark, III; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner and their families.

**Newborn:** Madison Claire Jones & Daley Grace Giangreco-Marotta and their families

**Homebound Parishioners:** Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

**Our Partner Dioceses:** Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:** Selena Phillips; Adam Karakeian; Caroline Yaroshefski; Martha Morese; Edla Ann Bloom; Nelson Sousa; Cecilia Adams; McKealy Locklin; Patti Kelly; Luke Manoli; Michelle Gagnon; Benjamin Corman; Melanie Figueroa; Melissa McGovern; Ann Masse; Kirsten Buddington-Davis; and Matt Nichols.

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***Our Mission Statement:***

*Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ  
and the Power of the Holy Spirit,  
through worship, ministry and fellowship.*

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