



February 28, 2021
The Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am

Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Mary Frances Best, James Jones,
Elizabeth Klisiewicz, Touie Jackson, Millie Williams

Musicians:

Randolph Bloom, Beth Stochaj, 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

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.

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 morning

Thursday 4 pm – Grab n Go meals at Trinity

Friday 11:30 am – Bible Study: The Psalms

Friday 12:30 pm – ROMEOS on Zoom



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 26th until 6pm on Saturday February 27th.

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

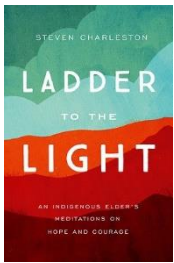
- Pray for those who are fasting – intentionally and mindfully, pausing at specific moments between noon on Friday and 6pm on Saturday. The insert suggests prayers to be said during the fast.

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. At the home page click Resources- Scholarship -Trinity Episcopal Church GFS to download the form. Applications must be received by **April 23rd** and the recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. Please direct all questions to GFS Scholarship Committee at gfs@trinitychurchmilford.org

Lent at Trinity

Lenten Book Study: Sundays 4-5 pm February 21st – March 21st 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

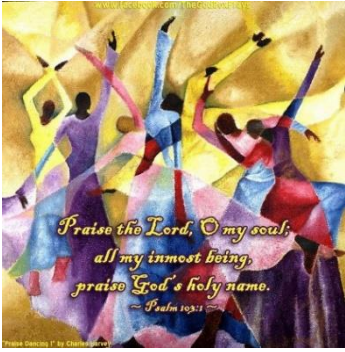
Based upon reading a Psalm each day, we will discuss the theological, spiritual, and emotional range of this profoundly beautiful anthology of prayers.

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.

Heifer International



Many of you may know the Heifer project as the organization that provides animals to people to help provide food and income. Heifer also provides more, such as seeds and education on farming. Families are able to provide food for their family and an income, for example if a they receive baby chicks, they will learn how to raise them, will have eggs for their family to eat, can sell the eggs they do not need, and have fertilizer to help with growing crops (another source of food for the family and income for what they sell). Heifer's goal is not only to end hunger, but also to end poverty. Heifer works in many countries around the world, including the U.S. Thank you! Mission Committee



Psalms for the Week

We are invited to read one psalm each day during Lent.

The Psalms for the coming week will be Royal Psalms. These psalms celebrate the divine order that underlies all creation and is the foundation for a stable political order. Choose from these psalms this week:

2, 8, 21, 24, 29, 72, 93, 95, 97, 98, 99, 144

Meditation for the Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

[Mark 8:34]

This exhortation by Jesus is so familiar that we may have stopped paying attention to it. We might roll our eyes, thinking that we could never do what Jesus asks. In doing so, we turn away from the possibilities that he holds before us over and over again when he promises that we can have the same relationship with God that he has and that we too have the powers to heal and to forgive.

Jesus' disciples were just as flabbergasted by Jesus' words. Following up on Peter's affirmation that Jesus is indeed the Messiah. (Mark 8:29) this passage marks the moment when we learn exactly how the world was changed by the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. In these words, Jesus turns upside down every expectation about the Messiah. In doing so he challenges every expectation about an omnipotent God. He reveals a God whose love is a free gift, not a reward to be earned. He reveals a God who creates and transforms in partnership with us, rather than imposing choices on us. He reveals a God who will not be manipulated into doing what we want and will not prevent suffering, but who walks with us at all times and in all places, even in the depths of shame and humiliation that the cross represented.

Jesus' call to take up our cross and follow him is a promise that we will never be alone.

This meditation on community by Steven Charleston is another way of understanding Jesus' call:

We will walk together through this lonely stretch of road, all of us who have come this far into the valley of shadows. We will not be afraid or anxious, for we have one another. We have our shared strength, our common wisdom, and our collective memory to help us through whatever may come. We have the quiet counsel of our elders and the boundless energy of our young ones. We have the depth of faith of many courageous hearts. We have the resilience and experience of all those among us who have passed this way before. And when the going gets hard, we have a thousand voices to sing, singing as we go along the twisted path toward higher ground, where the shadows will be far behind us.

Ladder to the Light, p. 76-77

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: the Digavally & Ulaganayagi Families; Charles Gustavesen; Karin Tourtellotte; 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; 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.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

The Deceased: Murty Digavally and Somasundaram Ulaganayagi

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Kirsten Buddington-Davis; Matt Nichols; Frank Washburn; Kevin Neves; Jack McNally; Mille Williams; Kirk Martin; Jordan Provost; Hilary Stafford; Pete Dixon, Jr.; Mat Friis; Rob Person; Paul Del Molino; Emily Kee; Julie Bailey; Kevin Najarian; Sue Henley; Gayle Ruscitti; Rebecca Gaffin; Zoey Richards; Alimarie Garcia; Sophie Cornwell; and Kevin Varteresian.

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We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ

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