



**March 7, 2021**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am**

**Ministers of the Liturgy**

**The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee**

Dave Clinkman, Brandon Kee, Ginny Starkis, Peach Warren

**Musicians:**

**Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, and Jeff Lukas**

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

*Gentle Father, show us our sins as they really are  
so that we may truly renounce them  
and know the depth and richness of your mercy.*

*-from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

***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 (Chapters 4 & 5)

**7 pm** – Youth Group on Zoom

***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 pm** – Sacred Ground – Session #10 on Zoom

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

**Wednesday 6:30 pm** – Finance Committee on Zoom

**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

**Thursday 7 pm** – Search Committee on Zoom

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

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***Next Sunday: March 14<sup>th</sup>: Bishop's Visitation***

***Service of Holy Eucharist on Zoom at 9 am***

***Bishop Fisher will preside and preach***

Coffee Hour and a Vestry Meeting will follow the service.

Consecrated communion wafers may be picked up at the church on Sunday (8-9am & 10-11:30 am) and next week (Monday-Thursday, 10am-2pm). Please let Mother Judith know if you would like wafers brought to your home. It is important that all of us share in Holy Communion on this special occasion.

***Next Weekend: Daylight Savings Time Begins: Spring ahead 1 hour!***



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## ***The 30-Hour Famine***

Thank you to Anna Prevelige, Sean Prevelige, and Allison Kee and to Sarah Prevelige for participating in last weekend's 30-Hour Famine. Thank you to everyone who supported them through prayer and financial donations. They raised over \$1000 for World Vision global food programs.

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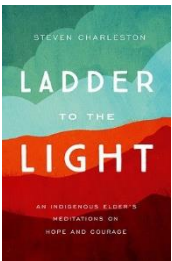
## ***GFS Scholarships are available!***

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)

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## ***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 discuss 2 chapters each week (about 25-30 pages). His daily meditations can also be found on his Facebook page.

***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.). Game materials are available upon request or on our website.

## ***Heifer International***



We've mentioned baby chicks and their benefits as one of the animals that Heifer provides to people to help provide food and income. Another animal, or rather an insect, they provide are honey bees. Heifer provides bees, a hive, box and training on raising and keeping bees. The benefits? The bees provide honey, wax and pollen which families can sell to provide an income, they can also use the honey and wax themselves. Additional benefits? The global honey bee population overall is increased, which helps the environment. Most importantly honey bees help with pollination, which can boost fruit and

vegetable crops, which in turn provides more food for people. Heifer notes that sometimes it is the smallest gift that makes the largest impact. Next time you see a honey bee outside, consider all that it can do! 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 Wisdom Psalms. These describe a way of living that ensures social peace and stability grounded in a righteous relationship with God. These are the psalms for this week: 1, 19, 104, 112, 121, 139

### **Meditation for the Third Sunday in Lent March 7 2021**

*Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!*

[John 2:16]

We read the story of the cleansing of the temple only once every three years, on the Third Sunday of Lent. All four gospels tell this story, although the version in the Gospel of John that we read today places it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, rather than at the end; for John, Jesus' outburst represents a starting point for his ministry, whereas in the other gospels it is presented as the event that precipitates Jesus' arrest and ultimately his crucifixion. In the other gospels, then, this is understood to be primarily a *political* act that threatened the institutional and social authority of the temple authorities. For John, though, it is primarily a *symbolic* act by which Jesus demonstrates that he himself—indeed, his body—is the new Temple, the place where God is henceforth present in this world. In the liturgical cycle, the story has for a long time been an allegory for the purification of candidates preparing for baptism at Easter: in our union with Christ in baptism, each us becomes a new Temple.

As we approach the midway point in Lent, the gospel calls us to reassess our Lenten resolutions. Have they led to the clarity that we hoped for? What has gotten in the way of our fulfilling the promises that we made to give, fast, and pray? As for myself, this week I put a bowl of coins on our kitchen counter so that I would be more likely to follow the calendar for putting coins in the Heifer International Ark Box as I promised to do. Each day I have looked at the calendar and yet didn't get around to going into another room for my wallet, let alone to take the time or do the task suggested by the calendar. Making that change has made it easier to keep my promise. Now is the time for all of us to recalibrate what we need to do in order for our Lenten journey to be what we hoped it would be.

We “turn the tables upside down” during Lent, not just so that we will be better, more “pure” people. Rather, our whole purpose is to reveal the mystery, the mercy, the absolute and infinite love of God.

This meditation by Steven Charleston speaks to this need to renew our Lenten promises:

*Your spiritual journey is measured not by how many answers you have accumulated, but by how many questions you have confronted. We are not gods who must know everything, gatekeepers to truth—we are seekers who look for the truth where it may be most difficult to find. Our wisdom is not in what we know, but in what we wonder. The light beyond the hill calls us to leave the shadows, even if the shadows were our pride and our possession.*

*Ladder to the Light, p. 90*

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

**Parish Members & Friends:** the Aubrey, Burns & Jackson Families; Liz Pekkala; 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; 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:** The Rev. Norman E. Aubrey and Gail Burns

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

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:** Zoey Richards; Alimarie Garcia; Sophie Cornwell; Kevin Varteresian; Mark Negrotti; Lily Kerxhalli-Kleinfield; Jamie Tracy; Gordon Scruton; Kayla Long; Madelyn Stochaj; Joanne Roy; Nolan Lanzillo; Sophia Lanzillo; Vin Manoli; Joseph Pratt; Eli Wood; Owen Lukas; Tyler D'Urso; Denise Meurant; Michelle Negrotti; Victoria Peroni; Benjamin Uthoff; and Skyler Flavin.

**The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church**

are

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and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

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*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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