



Trinity Tidings

From the Rector:

The Living Faith of the Dead

It's not uncommon in the Church for people to pine for the way things used to be. Church is a place where we mark life's turning points. Kneeling shoulder to shoulder with our friends and family on a weekly or semi-weekly basis gives framework to our lives. At the same time, we age, friends move away, children grow up, the community around us changes.



But even if the details change - clergy, programming, versions of the prayerbook - God doesn't change. And there are aspects of the Church, especially in churches with deep historical ties, that have changed very little over the centuries. In fact, much of what we do this time of year, from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost, has been done by Christians in liturgical churches for millennia. We can trace many of our feasts and fasts back to the first or second centuries.

Jaroslav Pelikan, the great scholar of Christian history and theology, once said that "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." In other words, tradition helps us maintain a deep and meaningful connection with our past, but not be slaves to it.

I tend to lean more towards tradition than innovation. I appreciate the past and I worry that sometimes clergy can inflict whiplashes of change on people. I try to limit making decisions based on subjective personal preferences. Usually, if I object to something or promote something, there are theological or practical reasons behind it.

One example is kneeling during the Eucharistic prayer. If we go back far enough in liturgical history, standing was most likely the common posture. In fact, one of the very first canon laws enacted at the first Council of Nicaea (325 AD) ruled that a person could be excommunicated for kneeling during communion during Eastertide. But, by the early middle ages, kneeling as a sign of reverence became the custom in western Europe, and that stuck until the late 20th century.

So should we kneel or stand? Yes. In other words, either posture is appropriate. During Lent I will invite people to kneel following the *Sanctus* (the Holy, Holy, Holy part) but if you can't kneel, or if you really feel you should stand, that's fine.

When I teach inquirers' classes and people ask me about manual acts of piety (e.g. making the sign of the cross, bowing, genuflecting, etc.), I explain the criteria I use to decide whether or not I should do something. I

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

6:00 pm Choral Evensong (1st Sunday—no Compline)

7:00 pm: Compline

Wednesday

12:15 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

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ask myself, “Is there a theological reason? Is there a practical reason? Is there a deep spiritually personal reason?” If I can’t answer affirmatively, I typically don’t do it. I bow my head at the name of Jesus because it’s in scripture (a theological reason). I make the sign of the cross because it was one of the earliest Christian practices that I was taught as a child (a deep personal reason). I give communion to myself first because, even though it felt weird to do that when I first became a priest, I often would forget myself completely by the time we got to the end of communion (a practical reason).

If kneeling is painful or you can’t get up easily if you do, please don’t worry about it. If you grew up in a very Protestant tradition and kneeling feels weird, that’s okay. If you take the words of the end of Mass very seriously and want to be on your feet with “your loins girded,” ready to go out into the mission field, by all means, stay standing. And if the reverse of any of those things is true, that’s also okay. The most important thing when we worship isn’t the posture of our bodies, but the disposition of our hearts.

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lisa Rothrock was part of a quartet from the Lads and Lasses of Enchantment, which sang for the TOTH office staff on Valentine’s Day.

For the record: February 2025

Holy Baptism: Michael Everest Bretting, February 23



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The first weekend of March was a busy one at Trinity on the Hill with the beautiful music of Margaret-Mary Sauppé and Jeremy Best on Saturday, followed by Choral Evensong on Sunday. Many thanks to the musicians and choir, as well as the people who prepared and cleaned up the lovely receptions after each of those events. We look forward to the pancake supper, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of our Lenten journey. Throughout all of this, spring will officially arrive with the beauty and hope that the season provides.

On March 29, the Vestry will gather for our annual retreat to make plans for the life of our parish. Hopefully, we will not be delayed by a snowstorm, as we were last year, although the moisture would certainly be welcome!

I think it's safe to say that all of us are overwhelmed with current events in our country and around the world, regardless of where we stand on the political spectrum. I don't turn to the Bible nearly often enough to find a bit of peace, but I stumbled across Proverbs 3, which reminded me to trust in God's plan, honor Him, and love my neighbors. I hope that you find some wisdom in it and that it brings you a few moments of peace.

Proverbs 3 (NIV)

- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
- 2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
- 6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.
- 8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
- 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
- 12 because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.
- 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
- 14 for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

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- 16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be blessed.
- 19 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;
- 20 by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.
- 21 My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;
- 22 they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.
- 23 Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.
- 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
- 25 Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
- 26 for the LORD will be at your side
and will keep your foot from being snared.
- 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.
- 28 Do not say to your neighbor,
"Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"—
when you already have it with you.
- 29 Do not plot harm against your neighbor,
who lives trustfully near you.
- 30 Do not accuse anyone for no reason—
when they have done you no harm.
- 31 Do not envy the violent
or choose any of their ways.
- 32 For the LORD detests the perverse
but takes the upright into his confidence.
- 33 The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,
but he blesses the home of the righteous.
- 34 He mocks proud mockers
but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.
- 35 The wise inherit honor,
but fools get only shame.

Blessings,
Kandice Favorite

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDENS



Greetings and salutations from your new Co-Junior Wardens, Patrick and Lisa! It's fun getting into the Junior Warden swing of all things maintenance and buildings once again.

First off, we want to thank Brad Wright for the deep knowledge that he has of our church and his willingness not only to share his wisdom, but also to give us a detailed tour of our premises. His time and talents are always greatly respected and appreciated.

We also want to thank Mark Hartman for being available to us and sharing his fount of knowledge, even in the midst of his convalescence in Tucson. We are happy you are doing so much better, Mark, and we send blessings and love. ♥ Come home soon!

Last, but never least, thanks go to: 1) Richard Triplett for being our lighting specialist, including replacing bulbs where needed; and 2) Andy Luksic for fixing the door from Sherrill Hall into the courtyard. You guys rock! Andy has also installed a new doggie gate to keep Cuthbert safe in the office.

Patrick and I plan to restart (continue?) the Buildings and Grounds Committee soon, so please consider (re)joining the group to help beautify our lovely church grounds. If, for some reason, you can't join, we still have the Job Jar in the Narthex, where your input is always appreciated. Of course, you can always just stop us in the hall with questions, as well.

Thank you all for the many contributions you make to our parish. We are so much the richer for them.

Blessings,
Lisa Rothrock and Patrick Moore



Hebrews 10:24: *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: *Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.*

PS: Cuthbert kindly requests that you not try to climb over his gate. It pushes open very easily and closes automatically behind you. Andy rocks!

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School; 9:15 am -10:15 am, Classroom 4

Can you find the Holy Spirit in this picture? Perhaps you can if I give a little background: I chose an object lesson to help me explain the concept of God being other entities, such as Son and Holy Spirit, as our class had just completed learning about each of the Major and Minor Prophets - where there are quite a few mentions of being "filled with the Spirit of God." Additionally, in March, our class will begin a study of the New Testament, which means the introduction of Jesus.

Using the classic science experiment of baking soda and vinegar, our class pretended God is the beaker, Jesus is the vinegar, you and I are the balloon, and when we decide to dedicate our gifts (baking soda) to God/Jesus, we are filled with the Holy Spirit (CO₂). And, yes, we did make LOTS of gas jokes because we are a preschool-2nd grade group.

Back to the picture: Can you find the Holy Spirit? It might be really hard to see, but if you hold the picture just right, you'll see the most enthusiastic group of kids on the back wall, smiling and laughing, some even holding their breath while the balloon inflates with the chemical reaction of a ¼ box of baking soda added to 5 tablespoons of vinegar. Turns out, that mixture creates A LOT of CO₂, but not enough to POP the balloon. Phew! Mr. Bill Ogle was a great sport through all three of the experiments, each time getting more and more reactive responses from the chemical combination.



The Spirit fills the kids in our class, and you can see it in their faces and their responses to learning in Sunday School. I am so grateful to our kids for showing up, learning with me, and showing me the best parts of God. Our 17-month journey through the Old Testament has been, in some cases, very weird, as there are a lot of strange things in those first 39 books, but also filled with profound life-lessons about love, trust, forgiveness, the pain of falling away from God, and the beauty of reunification.

In March, our class delves into the New Testament and I ask for prayers as I lead the kids into a study of Christianity.

Lastly, volunteers welcome! I can always use a second pair of responsible hands to help me cut out crafts, guide kids to use "appropriate" amounts of glue on the craft, and to ensure I conduct safe science experiments. Are you the volunteer for this job? Come visit us in Classroom 4, most Sundays, from 9:15 am – 10:15 am. I usually provide our class with cookies.

Zandrea Glenn

The 2025 Children's Christmas Bazaar December 13, 2025

The date has been set, so let's get planning! Below is the list of Planning Committee dates. I hope to see you there. If you cannot make it, feel free to email me any questions, comments, or concerns, and I will do my best to bring it to our team for discussion at the meetings.

Planning Committee Dates

April 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9

Friday, December 12 – Work Day at the church to prep for the event on **Saturday, December 13, 2025**.

All meetings will be on the second Sunday of the month, in person at Trinity on the Hill, in Sherrill Hall, from 12 noon – 1 pm. I'll bring snacks.

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Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!
- **Choral Evensong**: 6:00 pm, first Sunday of the month (no Compline)

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am; in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays), via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing with Holy Communion**, 12:15 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library, led by Fr. Kelly

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission



The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in April. Submission deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

Got Questions About Camp Stoney



Time for a Q&A Session!!!



If you have Camp Age kiddos in your life, but wonder if this is the right Summer activity for your school aged child, join me ON ZOOM or In Person!

Campers are eligible if they are going to be in 3rd grade next year. Our campers may join us through 10th grade as campers and then at age 15 become eligible to be Campers in Training.

ZOOM Schedule:

**February 27th @ 7 PM
March 27th @ 7 PM
March 29th @ 10 AM
April 12th @ 10 AM
April 24th @ 7 PM**

Parish Schedule:

**February 23rd @ St. Bede's SF
March 2nd @ St. Francis Rio Rancho
March 23rd @ St. Chad's ABQ
April 27th @ Holy Faith SF
Others TBD- including El Paso area**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85888426324>

Camp Stoney Open House - May 3rd @ Bishop's Ridge

**Contact Le Anna Brun @ lbrun@dioceserg.org
or (575) 741-6424 for more details.**

CUTHBERT IS STILL MAKING NEW FRIENDS!



"There is nothing more ill-bred than trying to steal the affections of someone else's dog!"



MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 2025

Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Mar 2	8:00	Richard Triplett	Rozelle Wright				Marilyn and Paul Lisowski Andy and Linda Light
	10:30	River Yamada, Server Isabella Stephens, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM	Joanna Gillespie	Bill/Rachel	D. Giovannelli Greeter: Kandice	
Mar 5 Ash W.	7:30a	N/A	Rozelle Wright, LEM/LR				Rozelle and Brad Wright Ellie Giovannelli Andy and Linda Light
	12:30	N/A	Andy Light, LEM Claire Singleton, Joanna Gillespie, LR				
Mar 9	7:00p	Susan Sprake, Server/Crucifer, Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM		Bill/Richard	Maggie Moore	Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle
	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rozelle Wright				
Mar 16	10:30	Ben Foley, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Lisa Rothrock, LEM	Isabella Stephens	Rick/Richard	D. Giovannelli Greeter: Isabella	Renee Roybal Karen Humphrey
	8:00	Louisa Singleton	Rob Baran				
Mar 23	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, River Yamada, TBs	Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR, Renee Roybal, LEM	Joanna Gillespie	Nancy/Rachel	Bill Godwin Greeter: Patrick	Ellie Giovannelli Marybeth Stephens Susannah Smith Sarah Rochester
	8:00	Richard Triplett	Rob Baran				
Mar 30	10:30	Susan Sprake, Server Isabella Stephens, Crucifer Gregory and Zachary Magnot, TBs	Lisa Rothrock, LEM/LR Andy Light, LEM	Claire Singleton	Nancy/Rick	Maggie Moore Greeter: Kandice	Karen Humphrey Jo Moore Kara Dean
	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rob Baran				
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Susan Sprake, Crucifer, Cece Gulsby, Gregory Magnot, TBs	Renee Roybal, LEM/LR Lynn Godwin, LEM	Linda Light	Richard/ Rachel	Andy Light Greeter: Patrick	

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