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## This Week at Trinity

### Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
 Chalice Bearers: Donna Griffin, Patricia Henshall  
 Lector: Mary Donovan  
 Usher: Doug Flessing

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist  
 Chalice Bearers: Joan Handley, Donna Olson  
 Lectors: Ari Myers-Arenth, Austin Turney  
 Intercessor: Rachel Schwaller  
 Ushers: Lindy Eakin, Liz Miller, Terry Mandle, Karen Keim  
 Verger: Brian Haupt  
 Acolytes: Max Eldrige, Dylan Eldridge, Abby Baldwin

6:00 p.m. - Rite I, Solemn High Mass  
 Chalice Bearers: Carl Edwards, Bianca Elliott  
 Lector: Nathan Roser  
 Greeter and Usher: Dave Eddington

### Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45

The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, April 2, can be found at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net).

### Hymns

Opening: #495, "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!" (*In Babilone*)  
 Sequence: #715, "When Jesus wept, the falling tear" (*When Jesus Wept*)  
 Communion: #309, "O Food to pilgrims given" (*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*)  
 Closing: #547, "Awake, O sleeper, rise from Death" (*Marsh Chapel*)  
 Hymns can be accessed at [www.oremus.org/hymnal](http://www.oremus.org/hymnal).

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### Sunday School News

During Lent, all our Sunday school children have made "Welcome to America" cards for the Wichita Episcopal Migration Ministry refugees. We've also been learning about refugees and Jesus' call to love one another and welcome the stranger in our midst.



## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Lenten Taizé Services

On Friday, March 31, the next Taizé Lenten service will be held at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Eudora (738 Church St.); and the Lenten services will conclude on April 7 with the always-popular Stations of the Cross Taizé at St. John the Evangelist Church (1234 Kentucky). For more information or to be put on the Taizé email notification list, please contact Judith Galas ([judithgalas@gmail.com](mailto:judithgalas@gmail.com)).

### **Justice Matters**

On Thursday, March 30, Justice Matters will hold their biggest event of the year, the Nehemiah Assembly, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lied Center (1600 Stewart Lane). Justice Matters is an interfaith network of 21 congregations in Lawrence that works to create positive changes in the community in response to problems of affordable housing, childhood trauma, mental health, incarceration, and racial conflict in Lawrence. Tickets to this important event are available through St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (stmargaret@sbcglobal.net; 785-865-5777).

### **Climate Change Talk**

On Sunday, April 2, the Lawrence Ecology Teams United in Sustainability (LET-US) and the Sierra Club present Dr. Chris King speaking on climate change during the Trump administration, 4-6 p.m., at the Lawrence Public Library auditorium (707 Vermont). Dr. King presently serves on the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General and was dean of the Army's Command and General Staff College. He is also a trained engineer. He brings a lot of scientific knowledge to the table as well as a different perspective on the challenges of climate change. Please join Trinity's Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) and mark your calendars now.

### **Graham Cracker Temple at Canterbury House**

On Tuesday, April 4, KU's Canterbury House (1116 Louisiana) will discuss the Temple of Solomon and use the biblical description to recreate it out of Graham crackers. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with a free meal, and program will follow shortly after. All are welcome to join!

### **Maundy Thursday Supper**

On Thursday, April 13, Holy Stir-It will help host a light meal starting at 6 p.m. in the parish hall before the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. All are welcome.

### **Earth Day Parade**

On Saturday, April 22, Trinity is again marching in Lawrence's annual Earth Day Parade. Anyone interested in participating should meet at 10:30 a.m. at Watson Park (7th & Kentucky). The Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) will be making posters for the parade after the 10:30 a.m., service on Sunday, April 2. Everyone is encouraged march with TEST and bring friends, relatives, and even complete strangers! TEST will also host a booth at South Park on Earth Day.

## **Words of Inspiration**

### **From the Desk of Father Rob**



I spoke last Sunday about the Gospel reading's long discourse between the Pharisees and others regarding their disbelief regarding the miracle Jesus performed for the man born blind. (You can find the sermon online here: <http://trinitylawrence.libsyn.com/believe-in-miracles>.)

What I didn't talk about was one very odd quality to Jesus' healing: the spittle and mud he used to do it.

Many times Jesus just says something, perhaps touches the person, and the healing is performed. This time he creates a poultice of sorts from the dirt and his own spit to place upon the blind man's eyes. There's no reason given as to why Jesus chose this methodology; we can only speculate.

It surely couldn't have been physically necessary to use the mud for a man who could summon someone from the death just by calling out the dead man's name. Was it soothing perhaps? A gentle bit of comfort to a person who was largely, and unjustly, considered either a notorious sinner or the child of notorious sinners?

Or was the concoction a tacit acknowledgement of the messy, painful struggle of this man's life? A recognition that the blind man's suffering came from the tragic distortion of the Holy Scriptures, a distortion that Jesus came to resolve not at the beginning of this man's life, but after years of hardship? For Jesus to place his own fingers into the uncleanness of his homemade slime and touch the man, he may have been saying, "I am connected to you in this, the organic mess of your life, and in it I will make you well."

And what then, does that mean for us, struggling all too often with unjust and painful experiences? Do we see Christ intimately in contact with us there this Lenten season?

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Rob+

### **Stewardship Message: Joyful Tithers (Part I)**

Dear fellow Trinitarians,

Only a few of you know me as the Stewardship Junkie in your midst. That's the Real Me. If you read the weekly Stewardship Message in this parish publication, you've heard my definition of stewardship a few times, but in case you missed it, here it is again: "Stewardship is: *all* we do with *all* we have *all* the time." That means every gift God has given to each one of us

-- our time, our talents and our treasure. I study my own library as well as current publications, hunting up thoughts and stories to share with you. I try to strike a balance, varying the subject of the weekly Stewardship Message in order to cover the full and varied range of gifts we have been given.

If you can grant me even minimal success at having maintained this balance, kindly bear with me over the next few weeks as the Stewardship Message focuses on sharing our treasure. That means, specifically, the "why" as well as the ever-practical "how" of financial stewardship.

What follows is an excerpt from "Why Tithe?" This article was authored in 2006 by the late Terry Parsons, then the staff officer for Stewardship of the Episcopal Church, for the newsletter of the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). "Why Tithe?" accompanied materials she designed for distribution to Episcopal churches worldwide. (Don't be surprised if you spy a few of Terry's posters around Trinity Church in the upcoming months!) As a laywoman and later as a priest, Terry bravely went where many Episcopalians fear to tread, speaking more openly and pointedly than most folks -- then or now -- about the tithe, the discipline of giving 10% of our wealth for God's work. Terry was one of many "Joyful Tithers" I have been blessed to meet and love on my stewardship journey. In fact, joyful tithers are the only kind of tithers I know! Maybe you can be one, too.

Blessings,  
Ann Elizabeth Bishop

### **Why Tithe?**

Episcopalians are not known for teaching or encouraging the TITHE. Actually, I think some of us might go so far as to describe Episcopalians as "tithe-averse." When I first began this work, more than one priest, senior warden, stewardship chairperson or other well-meaning individual specifically asked me not to talk about the "T" word. It didn't happen often, just enough for me to wonder why. When I asked, I heard stories of tithing presentations that were heavy on guilt and low on grace. When it wasn't about abuse at that hands of a "tithe-o-nazi," it was about the legality aspect. (You know, making it a rule sounds like the Pharisees ... and we all know what Jesus had to say about them!) Sometimes it seemed that those of us who are Episcopalians thought tithing was one of those "other people" things.

The notion that Episcopalians do not teach tithing and may not know much about it is widespread in our church and abroad, even among my professional, ecumenical colleagues. "Do Episcopalians ever talk about tithing?" one of them asked. He was astonished to hear about all of the General Convention resolutions we have passed over the years declaring the tithe as the "minimum standard of giving." Our official stance on tithing is one more thing to add to the virtues on the list of best kept secrets about the Episcopal Church.

The good news is that over the past decade I also have found a growing number of happy tithers: non-judgmental, cheerful, non-anxious, engaging human beings who could tell inspiring, encouraging stories about their own journeys to tithing and beyond. Many of them were laity. Some were clergy. A few were even bishops.

They hadn't been beaten up by tithe-o-nazis or hounded by guilters. They described tithing as a source of spiritual enrichment, financial order, and the wonders of hilarious giving.

### **Three Steps to Tithing**

1. *Become a first-fruits giver.* Whenever you receive money, give thanks by giving something back to God. Don't worry about how much, just do this FIRST, before all your other spending.
2. *Become a percentage giver.* No matter how large or small, decide what percentage of your income you want to give to God and begin doing it.
3. *Increase as you are able.* Pray often. Talk it over with God so that God can help you decide when to take risks and when to play it safe.

### **TEST Tidbits: The Gift of Water**

March 22 was World Water Day, a day that encourages all of us to consider where our water comes from, how it is managed, and how justly it is distributed. World Water Day, backed up by many programs and initiatives, was begun in 1993 by the United Nations. For more information, please visit [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org).

Trinity Church, Wall Street held a conference, March 22-24, called "Water Justice." The conference was, through the miracle of technology, broadcast simultaneously in New York City; St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, South Africa; St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia; and St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

By going to [www.justwater2017.org](http://www.justwater2017.org), you can click on the many different sermons, prayers, poetic readings, musical offerings, and lectures that took place during the conference. This site also has resources, including a Lenten study to help individual and church leaders gather information about water justice issues and water stewardship guidelines. The conference touted the concept that water is central to Christian theology (and important to all faith groups) and is essential for all life.

As human-caused climate change leads to increased water crises (more severe storms, floods, droughts and wildfires), access to clean and safe drinking water decreases. It especially decreases for the poor and the marginalized. Therefore, churches, faith centers, individuals, and religious leaders must do all they can to protect water sources, advocate for better water priorities, and insist on water justice for all.

Also, just in time to celebrate World Water Day, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, founded by theologians Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, reported that three rivers in different parts of the world were granted personhood status. (For more on this, please go to [www.emergingeartcommunity.org](http://www.emergingeartcommunity.org).) This means that these rivers now have legal status and, as such, their rights to life must be protected. The first of the rivers is in New Zealand. The Maori people have long fought for the river they consider an ancestor: the Whanganui River.

In Northern India, the Ganges and the Yamuna rivers have also been granted personhood status. Although these rivers are both terribly polluted from human sewage, cremation remains, agricultural run-off and run-off from the leather industry, leaders are determined to clean them up. Prime Minister Modi has pledged billions of dollars to clean-up efforts and has named two government officials as guardians for protecting the rights of these rivers. It is a step in the right direction. If you are interested in reading more about this topic, go to [www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-39336284](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-39336284).

What can we do about celebrating God's gift of water? We must come to the realization that water is precious and needs protecting from all sources that would pollute or squander it -- including ourselves. We must learn about our own local watersheds and stand up against pollution and unjust distribution. It is never too late to celebrate and take responsibility for the precious gift of clean water.

*"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"*

## Ministry Opportunities

### Forward Day by Day

[Forward Day by Day](#) for February through April is now in the tract racks. March and April will begin with Ash Wednesday and cover Lent and Easter.

### Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFFP) was open eight days in February and served 226 families (179 children, 390 adults, and 31 senior adults) who requested food assistance. In January, the total expense for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$1,198.87, and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$4,465.78. We are grateful to all for donations of money and the abundant donation of food to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County.

Harvester's Mobile Food Distribution is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, 1-2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold) and is a partnership of TIFFP, First Baptist Church, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, and the Salvation Army.

### GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

## Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office ([prayers@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:prayers@trinitylawrence.org); 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator ([caroldonhatton@gmail.com](mailto:caroldonhatton@gmail.com)).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:

Vashti, Diana, Theresa, Judy, Oliver, Julia, Wayne, Glenn, Kim, Chad, Nicole, Calvin, Gordon, Barb

Prayer for those with special intentions:

Nicole, Patti's mother, Kip and Ashley, Ester and family, Mark, Rachel, Ian, Roy, Mike, Peggy and Dennis

Pray for those in the hospital:

Steve, George, Ginny, Terry, Mabel, Gavin, Kari, Jack, Linda, Ellen, Richard, Diana, Barbara

Pray for those who are departed:  
Alice, Marvin Duvall, Gavin Smith, Martin McGuiness, Clyne Foust, John Augelli, the victims of the London terrorist attack, Troy Reliford, Joseph Proffitt

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### Sunday, April 2

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 a.m., Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:30 a.m., Sunday School  
11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour  
2:00 p.m., Stephanie Barrows, Chapel  
6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Solemn High Mass & Potluck

### Monday, April 3

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park  
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer  
12:00 p.m., Women's Lunch Group

### Tuesday, April 4

10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting  
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry  
6:30 p.m. Canterbury House

### Wednesday, April 5

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park  
9:30 a.m., Group Two Women's Quest-ioning  
6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner  
7:30 p.m., Christian Classics

### Thursday, April 7

10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures  
7:30 p.m., Trinity Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, April 8

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park  
6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross Taizé , St. John the Evangelist

### Saturday, April 9

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice  
10:00 a.m., Food Pantry

## Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole ([sp@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:sp@trinitylawrence.org)).

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