

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2023 Mini-Tidings February #1

UPCOMING EVENTS VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

Parish-wide event and welcoming some of the International Students from Lindenwood. Enjoy Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

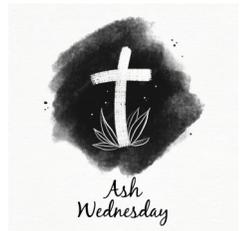
Sunday, Feb 19: Last Sunday after the Epiphany! Lent Event in Parish Hall, all Ages; The Bridge Fair Trade Market Here! Both events between and after services!



Shrove Tuesday

Tues, Feb 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Burning of Palms

Wed, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday services
Noon and 7:00 PM



Vestry

Feb 24 & 25: Vestry Retreat: Virtual Friday Night; in-person Saturday

Retreat

SUNDAY FORUM

Sun, Feb 26: First Sunday in Lent; Sunday Forum Resumes, 9-10 AM!

Sat, Mar 4: Diocesan Leadership Day



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In memory and commemoration of Reverend Tudor, I offer these two reflections.

The Rev. Dr. Richard B. Tudor

August 29, 1942 - January 20, 2023



“LET THE WORD OF GOD DWELL IN YOU . . .”

The Season of Epiphany has to do with communication, the process of making the Word of God known in and to the world. It is about communication which very quickly becomes invitation.

It is reported that John Wesley - a master communicator in his time (1703-1791) and the founder of the Methodist movement within the Church of England – one evening after a long day of

work, sat down and wrote these words in his diary: “Lord, I am weary in thy work, but not of it” This confession is very telling of the firm commitment of Wesley whose faith and perseverance led to an evangelical awakening in the Church of England in the 18th century.

The church in Wesley’s time, influenced by the scientific and industrial revolutions and the Age of Reason, had itself become coldly rational and devoid of emotion, almost uncaring. It no longer was speaking to the people. Wesley was a man who, against these prevailing winds in society and the church, dedicated his life to restoring the warming fire of the Gospel message to the common people who desperately needed and wanted to hear it. John Wesley was a person who heard clearly the voice of God in Christ summoning him to take the Gospel message out into the streets to the people and that is exactly what he did. Like Jesus, he preached to people where they were, places where life is lived. That for Wesley was truly sacred ground.

I tell you this brief history of John Wesley to emphasize the point that there are people who are hungering to hear the voice of God in the world calling them to action. The Gospel readings for last Sunday and next Sunday are stories of Jesus calling his disciples. Those “calls” are invitations from God through Jesus to become participants in the purposes of God. How clearly do we hear that voice in our lives? We need to be confronted by the Word of God at critical points in our history. We need to hear Word which will stop us in our tracks and compel us to see a nobler vision of life than we are capable of seeing ourselves. Like Nathaniel we need to have heaven opened for us!

The record of revelation which we find in the Bible is a chain of stories about individuals who were arrested in their lives by God speaking to them, and who were then send into their societies to communicate the message entrusted to them. Think of it as God in man made manifest! **Amen.**

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

This week, like all of life, is a strange mixture of triumph and tragedy. The Messiah enters the holy city of Jerusalem and is met by large adoring crowds who spread palms in his path to do him honor. These same crowds a few days later will turn their backs on him and cry “Crucify him!” when the choice is put to them by Pontius Pilate

This week we meditate on the Passion story, not because of any morbid interest in suffering, but because we perceive that through the events of this most “Holy Week” something decisive for the meaning of life is being portrayed for us. It has been written that: “The deepest mysteries of life and death, gracious love and redemptive suffering, are presented in these texts. Here a breakthrough has occurred in the ongoing struggle of human beings against sin, suffering, and death.”

This breakthrough occurred when a simple Nazarene who we call “Lord” rode into Jerusalem, “his life filled with eternity.” We live lives of anxiety about the future; Jesus lived a life shaped by the imperatives of eternity. The unspoken question put to each of us during Holy Week is: What burning passion is shaping your life?

As members of the Episcopal Church, we share in the Anglican experience – meaning the reformed expression of Christianity which appeared in England in the 16th century. It is often pointed out that the Church of England did not produce a great theologian like Martin Luther or John Calvin. Anglican spirituality is expressed in poetry written by individuals like John Donne and George Herbert. One of my particular favorites is Dorothy Sayers (1893—1957) of Lord Peter Wimsey fame. She was a 20th century multi-talented English-women who was a prolific writer of both prose and poetry.

Here is her statement about the Passion.

Hard it is, very hard

Yet this was not God’s way, Who had the power
To travel up the slow and stony road
But set it by, choosing the cross, the thorn
To Calvary to redeem mankind; far better
The sorrowful wounds. Something there is, perhaps,
To make but one resplendent miracle.
That power destroys in passing, something supreme,
Lean through the cloud, lift the right hand of power
To whose great value in the eyes of God
And with a sudden lighting smite the world perfect.
That cross, that thorn, and those five wounds bear witness.

Dorothy L. Sayers, from “The Devil to Pay.”

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Gutgesell	02/02
Eleanor McCune	02/03
Teresa Hartman	02/05
Michelle McCune	02/10
David Bricker	02/12
Charles Hartman	02/15
Louis (Skip) Brownlow	02/16
Ray Gigliotti	02/16
Betty Bowen	02/25
Keith Hazelwood	02/27
Robert Ott	02/28
Kathy Warren	02/28
Allison Setser	02/29

February Anniversaries

Keith & Regina Dowling	02/02
Jerry & Nancy Aehle	02/12

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



In February, we celebrate the following
Baptismal Anniversary

Mildred Wooldridge

You mark a place in your journey of formation. Celebrating the anniversary of Holy Baptism reminds us, and challenges us, and encourages us to follow Christ Jesus. Blessings and congratulations to you!

February 2023 Worship Volunteer Schedule 8 A.M. 10:15 A.M.

Feb 5: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

<i>Readers:</i> John Barnard	Tom Kuypers
	Mike Nichols
<i>Acolytes:</i> Scarlet Jones	Benisha Brudy
<i>Usher:</i> Jamie McCune	TBD

Feb 12: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

<i>Readers:</i> Rebecca Jones	Lucinda Dennis-Itoka
	Carolyn Hackman
<i>Acolytes:</i> Vivian Jones	Patrice Itoka
<i>Usher:</i> Jeff Leitch	Skip Brownlow

Feb 19: Last Sunday after the Epiphany

<i>Readers:</i> Nancy Noel	David McCune
	Jacob Taylor
<i>Acolytes:</i> Mark Meyer	Rosie Harlow
<i>Usher:</i> Bix Fisher	Jackie Halter

February 26: First Sunday in Lent

<i>Readers:</i> Jennifer Bax	Erin Shetler
	Rich Cooper
<i>Acolytes:</i> Kyle Bax	Nancy Noel
	Rosie Harlow
	Alonzo Middleton
<i>Usher:</i> Rebecca Jones	Jo Anne Harris



2/5	Lucinda Dennis Itoka
2/12	Ben McCune
2/19	Avril/Benisha
2/16	Harlan Meyer
2/22: Ash Wednesday	TBD



This link will be valid from 11/27/22 through 2/19/23

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Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86567754120?pwd=cjRWV3ptSjQ4ZnllbzFiSEhZbWUrUT09>

It's been a while since we had this!



Would you like to celebrate a Loved one's birthday? Perhaps commemorate a loved one? We have a sign up sheet for Altar Flowers in the Reception area. Just pick your date and sign your name, and tell us what the occasion is.



What's Happening in our Diocese?

**Absalom Jones: Preacher, Prophet, Pioneer
Living the Legacy
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023**

*Saturday, February 18, 2023, 10:30 AM
Trinity Church, Central West End, St. Louis*

The Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission invites all to join our annual celebration of America's first Black priest, Absalom Jones.

Event schedule:

- 10:30 a.m. - Registration, Socializing
Light refreshments: water, coffee, tea, etc.
- 11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
With the Diocesan Gospel Choir singing!
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch
Catered by Mary Lawrence Hayes of Diamond Catering of Saint Louis, with the cost covered by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.
- 1 p.m. - Plenary Session
The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis
The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri
- 2 - 2:45 p.m. - Breakout Sessions
This event is free of charge, but registration is requested.

A blessing for today

May you remember that you are the dream of your ancestors, that you may inspire those yet to come.



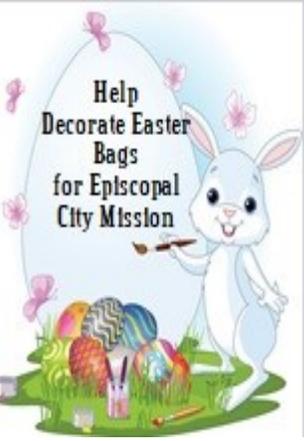
May you remember that you are loved and beloved, that you may share love with others.

May you remember that you stand on the shoulders of giants, that you may lift up someone up.

May you see the beauty and blessing of your own worth, that you may value the worth of friend and stranger.

May you stand in the love, light, and laughter of God, that you may be an instrument of unbound joy.

May you be fully you, that you may show the face of God. Amen.



Trinity will once again be providing Easter "basket" bags to youth in detention facilities through Episcopal City Mission this year.

We typically decorate the bags with drawings, Bible verses and words of encouragement to show our friends in detention that they are loved.

If you'd like to help decorate, please meet in the St. Hilda Room on Feb. 26 after the 10:15 service. We'll have markers and other art supplies. If you'd like to donate money or items for filling the bags, please contact Erin Shetler at erin.m.shetler@gmail.com



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