



Trinity Topics

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**“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work.”—2 Cor. 9:8**

The following is the address delivered by Fr. Brooks at the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting

Thank God for another year of God’s grace here at Trinity Church. Let us all continually pray in 2020 that God continues to show his favor to our community, which is chosen to be the light of Jacksonville. In the coming year let us continually reflect on the reality that we exist as a community because God has brought us together for a mission of fellowship, thanksgiving and praise.

I write with a few comments about the coming year here at Trinity Church. This begins with looking at our blessings in the past year. The revitalization of our committees has given the mission of our parish much needed organization and active attention. Our parish life committee has worked admirably to put on parish events and dinners, our finance committee has overseen healthy use of our funds, our property committee has started clearing a backlog of essential maintenance of our building and grounds, and our outreach committee has given us a much more active effort in reaching out to our community. Thank you to our committees for this work.

I hope in the coming year that, if there is some special skill you have or a particular part of parish life that excites you, please let me or a member of the vestry know so that you can help these committees carry out their tasks. Ask not what your parish can do for you, rather ask what you can do for your parish! If you can read a spread sheet, if you like making big pots of soup, if you have a connection with community leaders, those are all community assets that your church needs. If you have a lot of strong opinions about our budget or the maintenance of our beautiful church, consider this your call to ministry.

We are a growing parish. Worship attendance was up 4% this year, which is very much sailing against the headwinds in this day and age. I hope we can continue this momentum. It takes a lot more energy to maintain stability than it does to either shrink or grow, so in the coming year we will have to continue actively thinking of ways to remain excited about our work together. This means maintaining our trust in God’s work for us rather than succumbing to anxious conversation about the future. As your priest I have my part in parish growth, but ultimately it does come down to the whole community to show that Trinity Church is a worthwhile place to be.

We continue to have financial stability. Our budget does have breathing room, which again is out of the ordinary for most churches. I thank God for your generosity in supporting this community that we all love. I do understand how difficult it is to make space for the church in a stretched budget. However, the endowment continues to form a large part of our day to day expenses when it should ideally be reserved for the future of the parish, for emergencies, or for expanding the mission of the church. I hope in the coming year we will all have deep conversations with our families in how we can help move our budget away from reliance on the endowment toward reliance on pledges by increasing the size of our pledges. Our willingness to make sacrifices for our parish life together is a sign of our health as a community. I have faith that God is giving us enough to live day to day if we all dig deep and share as much as we can.

Every day I thank God that I have been called to this community. I do know God is at work among us. May God bless us all in 2020, may all of us grow in sanctity and knowledge of God’s love for us, and may Trinity Church continue to be the light to the nations that God has called us to be. Amen.

Father Zachary Brooks +

A Course in Anglican History: Part XVIII

The 1549 Book of Common Prayer gave way to the much more reform minded 1552 Prayerbook. In one last parting shot against Catholicism, a rubric (a description of a physical act during the liturgy) about kneeling during the Lord’s Supper was literally pasted into the new books after publication explicitly condemning the idea that Jesus was truly present in the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper. Since rubrics were usually printed in red, and this rubric was printed after publication in black, it is known to history as the infamous “Black Rubric.” It was hated by reformers for mandating kneeling, and hated by Lutherans and Catholics for explicitly denying the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Starting with the publication of the new Prayerbook, the Crown began seizing everything of value in churches, including chalices, vestments, and candlesticks, both enforcing Protestant simplicity and greatly enriching the Crown.

This column is the eighteenth in the monthly series on the history of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church.

Annual Parish Meeting – January 19

Four new Vestry Members were elected: Laura Evans, Rob Haley, Clayton Robb, and Deanna Tavender. They join continuing members: Nancy Forsberg, Bob Hardwick, Donna Metcalf, David Mumford, Mickey Quinones, Abby Radcliffe, Alice Tracey, and Ginda Woodruff.

The following elections also took place: John Clancy and Donna Metcalf, Synod & Deanery Delegates; and Bruce Evans, Synod Alternate Delegate.

At the January 21st organizational meeting, the following were elected: Rector’s Warden Bob Hardwick; Parish Warden Mickey Quinones; Clerk of the Vestry Donna Metcalf; Treasurer Catherine Nelson; Endowment Treasurer, Worthington Funds Treasurer & Chancellor Forrest Keaton; and Assistant Endowment Treasurer Deanna Tavender.

he Readings for the Sundays in February

	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
February 2	Malachi 3:1-4	84	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
February 9	Isaiah 58: 1-12	112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-21-37
February 23	Exodus 24:12-18	2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	103	2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

News & Announcements

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of January 20 to 24. K-Lou Ashmore organized it and thanks the following who helped:

Kip & K-Lou Ashmore, Fr. Zach Brooks, Jim & Janet Cisne, Chuck Crim, Bruce & Melissa Evans, Paula Herget, Forrest & Helen Keaton, Donna Metcalf, Adah Mitchell, Jo Ann Nelson, Dana Ryan, Ginda Woodruff, and Ryan Worrall.

We will deliver Doorbell Dinners again in May.

Forward Day by Day

The February / March / April edition of *Forward Day by Day* is now available.

Pick up your copy on the table in the lobby. If you would like us to mail you one, call the Parish Office.

Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is sponsoring a **Teacher Appreciation Supply Collection** during February and March. Most teachers spend their own money for classroom supplies. This time of year is when supplies start to run low. You can help show our area educators appreciation by donating: colored pens, sharpies, post-it notes, markers, jumbo glue sticks, Expo markers, Clorox wipes, and crayons.

Outreach

Super Bowl Sunday is **February 2**. Let's make it a **SOUPER Sunday** at Trinity by bringing cans of soup for the needy and hungry.

You can bring nonperishable food items at any time so that we can continue to support the Jacksonville Food Center throughout the entire year.

February 2 is also **Blanket Sunday** for Church World Service. Monetary donations will be accepted.



Congratulations!

Levi Haley and Jill Friedrich were married on January 4. Congratulations!

Harper Mae, daughter of Levi and Jill Haley, and granddaughter of Rob & Lisa Haley, was born on January 20, 2020. Welcome to the world, Harper!

**If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.*

February 2

SOUPER Bowl Sunday

Bring cans of soup for the
Jacksonville Area Food Center.

Blanket Sunday

February 2

Donations for Church World Service will be
accepted at church this day, or you may contact
the Parish Office to make a donation.

**Trinity Fellowship
Tuesday, February 4, 7 pm**

We will continue to study the
Book of Acts

ECW

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient.
Lettuce and beverages are provided.

**Monday, February 10
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, February 25
7:00 pm**

Fr. Zach will be on the **Diocesan
Clergy Retreat** from Monday,
February 17
to Wednesday, February 19.

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2020

**Sunday, February 2:
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 5:
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, February 9:
5th SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 12:
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, February 16:
6th SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 19:
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, February 23:
LAST SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY**

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm = Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, February 25:
ST. MATTHIAS**
10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, February 26:
ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00 am = Liturgy of Ashes
10:00 am = Liturgy of Ashes
& Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm = Liturgy of Ashes
& Holy Eucharist

*Morning Prayer is said at 10 o'clock
on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.*