



Trinity Topics

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”—Galatians 5:22-23

With the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost we find ourselves in the season called “Ordinary Time.” Like the verdant color of the landscape around us, the liturgical color of the season is green to represent the abundant growth of the Kingdom of God. As fruit trees put forth flowers and then grow summer fruit, so our lives must now bear fruit of the Holy Spirit. After the great drama of the Christian year, from the anticipation of Advent, the wonder of Christmas, the inwardness and desolation of Lent, and finally to the resurrection joy of Easter, we are left to live ordinary life in the light of Jesus’s ministry on earth. This ordinary life is where we must be Christians. Many saints have been called to heroic acts of faith. Others have been given the duty of proclaiming the truth to the Church and to the nations. Some have been called to perform miracles or even die for the Christian faith. Perhaps you will discern a call to these lives in your own prayers. Most of us, however, are called to “ordinary life.” Saints of God are called to cook, clean, raise children, keep the lawn, and hold down a job in the name of Jesus. We have a scarce number of hours of rest, and part of those are devoted to the Lord’s worship too. It’s all the work of the Kingdom of God when our hearts are filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are often accustomed to think of mission as something that is done at Church. In ages past the priest at church, people believed, did the work of the church most of all. Doing missionary work, whether at home or abroad, was seen as a good option for those who were not ordained. In the very least, there were innumerable tasks at church that one who desired to do the work of Jesus could do. In common to all of these is this idea that real mission is “churchy” stuff. More power to you if you hear the Spirit calling you to do those holy activities! There are indeed plenty of tasks at church and in the wider diocese for lay people. Let me know if you want to be more involved. Yet the Gospels make it clear that all of us must produce the fruit of the spirit in our own “ordinary” lives—not only nuns, priests, and members of vestry. Every service at Trinity Church concludes with a final command to *go out into the world*, empowered by the Word we have been given in the service, to do the work of Jesus. Your life is the place where the Christian story happens.

All our lives can be devoted to God’s service because the Holy Spirit dwells in all of it. Perhaps your work for the Kingdom of God is praying without ceasing as you struggle day to day. In times of our lives when there just aren’t enough hours in the day, taking the time for simple acts of patient kindness can be a worthy sacrifice to the Lord. When God has blessed us with rest, a few rounds of cards with a friend that is lonely can be the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. An insurance agent, a janitor, a lawyer, a nurse, even a priest can make his work part of the Kingdom of God if that work is done with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

This is one of the great joys of Christian life: it’s available to all of us. Holiness is possible in all times and all places, whoever we are and whatever we do. This also means, on the other hand, that there is no excuse for any of us. This very moment we must resolve in our hearts to do the work of the kingdom of God. The world is always running short of the fruit of the Holy Spirit: there is not enough faith, hope, or charity in the world. People today are desperate for the Word of Jesus. Showing the world the different way of Jesus begins with you. Whatever your calling in life might be, offer it to Jesus, and who knows what miracles God might work in you?

Father Zachary Brooks +

A Course in Anglican History: Part XXVIII

While the long reign of Queen Elizabeth was one of relative religious stability, there were tensions in the Church of England during her reign that would later grow into major sources of conflict. As ever, these tensions were the result of political realities and the monarch’s own personal preferences. Through it all, her main preoccupation was keeping her tenuous grip on power—major theological projects were not going to happen. Balance and a preference for the status quo were the order her day. The wealthy nobles and churchmen who had fled England for the continent during the reign of Catholic Queen Mary were an essential part of her governing coalition, though they returned to England with much more extreme Protestant views than she or most of her subjects were quite comfortable with. They pushed to “purify” the Church of its holdover Catholic practices. This group would soon develop into the Puritan movement. Despite them, Elizabeth insisted on keeping a cross and candlesticks on the altar of her royal chapel, much to the consternation of her own bishops. She seemed satisfied with the compromise Book of Common Prayer she had inherited, with its earlier concessions to Catholicism and Lutheranism. Organs and vestments satisfied her sense of grandeur. These old habits would eventually become the rallying points of a different school of Protestant thought: the Arminian movement. When Elizabeth died without an heir, she left the Kingdom to King James VI of Scotland. He was a solid choice. He had a credible claim to the English throne through his great, great Grandfather Henry VII, he was ostentatiously Protestant, and after 26 years as king of Scotland he had shown himself to be a likable (if not entirely capable) ruler. He would go on to continue Elizabeth’s policy of maintaining the status quo through being conciliatory to everyone.

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

Stained Glass Window Renovation

Fundraising Appeal: You may have noticed the scaffolding over the altar of Trinity Church and the enormous lift sitting in our parking lot. We are currently in the process of restoring some of our lovely stained-glass windows. The studio of Emil Frei, the same firm that first created and installed them, will clean them, do any necessary repairs, and then install a protective layer of tempered glass on the outside. This work will continue over the next few weeks. We are collecting funds for this important work. Any contribution of any size would be welcome. A contribution to our stained-glass restoration project would be a good way to remember someone who has died, to thank God for some blessing on our life, or simply to make sure our windows are preserved for decades to come.

The Readings for the Sundays in June

	<i>First Lesson</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Second Lesson</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
June 6:	1 Samuel 8:4-15	138	2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 13:	1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13	20	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 20:	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49	9:9-20	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 27:	2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27	130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

News & Announcements

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of May 17-21. Coordinator K-Lou Ashmore thanks those who helped: Kip and K-Lou Ashmore, Keith Bradbury, John Clancy, Gayle Clark, Chuck Crim, Forrest and Helen Keaton, Maryjane Million, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, Don and Alice Tracey, Ryan Worrall, and Judy Wright.

Outreach Committee

Abby Radcliffe would like to thank those who donated household items to be taken to the Jacksonville Area Food Center. There is always a collection box for food items in the upper hallway.

Congratulations!

Allan James Chon, grandson of Betty Aldridge, graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Materials Science & Engineering from the University of Arizona.

Davis Tighe, son of Judy Tighe, graduated on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Claire Van Aken, daughter of Ryan & Sarah and granddaughter of Gayle Clark and Linda Van Aken, graduated from Jacksonville High School. She will attend Illinois State University in the fall.

Father Brooks officiated at the wedding of Mackenzie Quinones and Joseph O'Toole on May 7. Mackenzie is the daughter of Mickey and Michele.



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

Lectors:

June 6: Alice Tracey
June 13: Forrest Keaton
June 20: Cathy Nelson
June 27: Forrest Keaton

Acolytes:

June 6: Levi Haley
June 13: Bruce Evans & Cail Lang
June 20: Clayton Robb
June 27: Clayton Robb

Ushers:

June 6: Chuck Crim
June 13: John Clancy
June 20: Chuck Crim
June 27: Rob Haley

The Vestry does not hold regular meetings in June and July.

Committees will continue their work.

Bible Study

via Zoom

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

7:00 pm

We are reading the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Contact Fr. Zach for more information, and he will send you an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

SERVICES IN JUNE 2021

Wednesday, June 2:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 6:

The 2nd Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 9:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Friday, June 11: St. Barnabas

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 13:

The 3rd Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 16:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 20:

The 4th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 23:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Thursday, June 24:

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 27:

The 4th Sunday after PENTECOST

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, June 29:

The Visitation of the BVM

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 30:

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

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