



Trinity Topics

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“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.”—Revelation 7:9

Last month I briefly mentioned the concept of *Catholicity*. This important concept deserves some elaboration. We profess to be part of the “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church” every Sunday for a reason. As I explained last month, Catholicity is the expression in the life of our congregation of the saving truths of the Christian faith. The word Catholic is another way of saying “universal.” The saving dogmas of our Church are universal because they are relevant to all humankind. Men and women of every language, nation, and race have a place in the Church. (The Roman Catholic Church calls itself the Catholic Church because it believes that it, in particular, expresses these things, though of course that point is up for debate!) All the people of Jacksonville are called to be members of the Church, a fact we would do well to remember; we are not an exclusive sect but the true home of saints and sinners alike. Our number is not complete until all of Jacksonville believes that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Catholicity is expressed in many ways at Trinity Church. Especially relevant now is the episcopacy—the office of bishop. As the priest I represent this in small ways, but it is the next bishop who will truly represent the fullness of the Holy Orders for us: Saint Ignatius long ago wrote “Wherever the Bishop is... there is the Church.” Bishops are our connection to the Church across the world and across time. Our bishop, when he is chosen, will represent us at meetings of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. He will also connect us to Jesus himself, for other bishops will make him a bishop by laying their hands on him, as bishops before laid their hands on them, and again and again all the way back to Jesus himself laying his hands on the Apostles. Our bishop, when he is consecrated, will be a literal, physical connection to Jesus.

Catholicity is represented by the Sacraments that we celebrate at Trinity Church. All members of Trinity Church and all Christians have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The waters of baptism wash away those things that divide us from one another, so there is no longer any difference between my neighbor and myself. All Christians gather at the altar of Jesus so they can receive the Holy Eucharist, and we cannot presume to approach this holy Sacrament without forgiving others so we can kneel next to them. The other 5 sacramental rites express Catholicity in other ways: in Confession we repair the divisions between us and God that have resulted from our sins. In Matrimony one is united with another person in a way that represents the unity between Jesus and the Church. In Confirmation we fully accept our unity with the Catholic Church for ourselves. In Anointing we make the universal experience of healing part of the story of the Church, and in Holy Orders a person comes to represent the unity of the congregation.

Finally (in our non-exhaustive list), Catholicity is represented in the dogmas and morals that we profess. The fullness of Christian life and belief are the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, which the apostles encountered for themselves. The apostles handed this experience on to the Church, which was expressed in the Old and New Testaments, the Creeds, and the traditions of the Church. This makes the Bible, interpreted according to the historic teachings of the Church, the rule and measure of what is Catholic belief and what is heresy. It is this expression of the life of Jesus that makes the Bible authoritative in morality, our common life together. Through all these Catholic ideas runs the theme of unity. Catholicity is the joyful expression of our unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ: we are one body in our One Lord.

Fr. Zach Brooks

A Course in Anglican History: Part XXXII

Toward the end of King James' long reign, Europe spiraled into bloody conflict. Lutheran and Catholic rulers had settled the original tensions of the German Reformation at the Peace of Augsburg in 1555, which allowed rulers to dictate the religion of their lands. The status quo became increasingly unstable despite continual attempts to negotiate peace. These efforts came to an end in 1618 with the *Defenestration of Prague*. Defenestration is being pushed out a window. When rule of Protestant Bohemia (now the Czech Republic) passed to a Catholic ruler (who was not inclined to respect the religion of his subjects), Protestant leaders met with the new king's representatives to negotiate protections for the realm's Protestants. When negotiations collapsed, the enraged Protestant leaders pushed the Catholics out the second story windows. Both sides retreated to their allies to arm themselves for war. Conflict spread from Bohemia to the rest of the Holy Roman Empire, Eastern Europe, France, the Netherlands and Scandinavia in what is today known as the Thirty Years War. The violence of the conflict was breathtaking: massacres, purges, and famines resulting from destabilization of the social order killed perhaps 8 million people. Some German regions lost half their population. King James I, despite pressure from Protestant leaders to get involved, stayed well out of it. As Europeans butchered each other in the name of Jesus, England continued the golden age founded by Queen Elizabeth.

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

St. Francis of Assisi

October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis, and he is always associated with animals. Since we have just had our yard slit-seeded, we are unable to have the blessing of animals this year. However, here is a prayer for you to use:

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets.

Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

News & Announcements

Church School

Our newly renovated area came alive with children on September 12!

Procedures are in place to maintain safety for all. Masks are required for all who are two years old and older. Areas have been set up to maintain some distance between the children. Each child has individually marked supplies so that none will be shared.

Volunteers from parents and other parishioners are always needed.

Parents, let the parish office know if you would like materials sent home when your children are not able to attend.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Bob Underbrink has been working diligently for a long time to assemble a group of his articles into a new publication format. It consists of twenty-one of his stories about World War Two and five other personal remembrances. Jo Ann can email a pdf copy to anyone who is interested. If you need a printed copy, contact the Parish Office.

News & Announcements, cont.

Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches

The Life and Works Committee of the Conference has announced that it will be collecting supplies during **the month of October** to support the mission of “In His Service.” There is a box in the upper hallway of the church if you are able to donate any of the following items:

- Personal hygiene: stick deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste & brushes, feminine products
- School supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, scissors, backpacks
- Baby items: disposable diapers, baby powder, baby lotion, formula, bottles, nipples
- Medicinal: hand sanitizer, Vaseline jelly, aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Tylenol (or generics), antibiotic & anti-itch ointments, alcohol wipes

Theresa Schroeder, who has been leading this ministry for years, ships items to areas when she is not able to travel to them. In 2020, In His Service made 35 international shipments and provided supplies 125 times to local agencies.

Episcopal Church Women

A few members of ECW met with Fr. Zach on September 2 to discuss possible activities. Each member brought a sack lunch and sat distanced from one another.

ECW Treasurer Deanna Tavender reviewed the bank accounts and yearly contributions made to local charities. Since CNB charges us monthly fees for both our checking and savings accounts, it was decided to close the savings account, with its balance to be donated to the Episcopal Relief & Development fund. Deanna and Jo Ann Nelson will meet at the bank to discuss the charges on the checking account.

With the pandemic, it was decided to not have the Christmas bazaar and luncheon. However, if the climate changes, members thought a spring luncheon could be considered. Members would like to have a bargain/rummage sale to clear out items stored for the Holiday Shoppe so that the closet can be turned over to the Church School for storage.

Since the lunch went well, it was suggested to resume with a monthly gathering in which each person would bring their own meal. Personal human contact is important in these troubled times. Safety protocols will be followed. Tuesday, October 12 will be the first bring your own supper meeting, beginning at 5:30 pm. Drinks will be served, and disposable flatware will be available.

Doorbell Dinners

Members of Trinity Church will deliver meals **October 4-8**. Please contact K-Lou Ashmore to tell her when you can help.

Congratulations!

Mollie Herget and James Schnitker welcomed their twin daughters, Adelle and Brooke, on August 31. They join sister Prairie. They are the granddaughters of Jim and Paula Herget. Welcome to the world, Adelle and Brooke!

Molly Radcliffe, daughter of Jeff and Hilda, married Derek Grimm on September 25. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Grimm!

Death

Thomas Austin Auner died on August 26, 2021, in Alabama. Tad is the brother of Ginda Woodruff and the son of longtime parishioners Dr. & Mrs. Auner. Tad was baptized here at Trinity Church in 1953, by Fr. Harris.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

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

Lectors

October 3 Nancy Taylor Porter
October 10 Alice Tracey
October 17 Paula Woods
October 24 Cathy Nelson
October 31 Forrest Keaton

Acolytes

October 3 Levi Haley & Clayton Robb
October 10 Cail Lang
October 17 Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb
October 24 Bruce Evans & Cail Lang
October 31 Levi Haley & Clayton Robb

Ushers

October 3 Bob Hardwick
October 10 Chuck Crim
October 17 John Clancy
October 24 Chuck Crim
October 31 Bob Hardwick

ECW

**Tuesday, October 12
5:30 pm**

Bring your own supper.
Beverages will be provided.

**Dioceses of Springfield Synod
October 15-16**

John Clancy & Forrest Keaton are the
Delegates from Trinity Church.

Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, October 19
7:00 pm**

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAYS:

October 3:

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

October 10:

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

October 17:

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

October 24:

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

October 31:

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am = Holy Eucharist

10:00 am = Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAYS AT 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 13

Monday, October 18:

St. Luke

Wednesday, October 20

Saturday, October 23:

St. James of Jerusalem

Wednesday, October 27

Thursday, October 28

St. Simon & St. Jude

MORNING PRAYER AT 10:00 am:

On Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays