

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, May 15

Hebrews 12:1-14 *Pursue peace with all men and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.* (v.14 NAS)

My church's motto is "Preach the gospel, love people, and trust God." The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews tells us to lay aside the sin that so easily entangles us and to run with endurance the race that is set before us (v.1). It seems that our church motto is a good plan for doing just that!

We need to pursue peace with everyone. In our divided world where so many voices spew out hate and division, we need to daily proclaim the gospel, love people, and trust God. Then we will experience the sanctification that help us see God.

Dear God, please help me proclaim the gospel, love people, and trust You.

Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Psalms 24, 29; Luke 4:16-30

Monday, May 16

Psalm 56 *When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee, in God whose word I praise. In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid.* (vv.3-4a)

As we look at the future we are often filled with fear about our health, our jobs, our finances, and our relationships. The psalmist helps us remember that we can trust in God.

I like to use Psalm 91 as a reminder that I can trust in Him, starting with verse 14. God is speaking: "Because (your name) has loved Me therefore I will deliver (her/him). I will set (her/him) on high because (she/he) has known My name. (She/he) will call upon Me and I will deliver (her/him). With long life will I satisfy (her/him) and grant (her/him) My salvation."

Thanks so much, God, that I can trust in You.

Leviticus 16:1-19; Psalms 57, 58; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Tuesday, May 17

Matthew 6:7-15 *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you."* (v.14)

Jesus has just taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer after they ask him to "teach us how to pray." Often people will say, "I'll forgive but I won't forget" Jesus says if we don't forgive (and forget) our heavenly Father won't forgive us. It is only with the help of the Holy Spirit that we can forgive. It is a gift we can bestow on others. We are to cast all our cares on God because He cares for us. Vengeance is the Lord's work, not ours.

Remember, we promise in the Lord's Prayer to forgive as we have been forgiven. Our Father, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Leviticus 16:20-34; Psalms 61, 62; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Wednesday, May 18

Leviticus 19:1-18 *"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord."* (v.18)

Moses is giving God's laws to the children of Israel. These are the ways the world will know that they are God's chosen people. Loving your neighbor is one often more difficult to obey but is a mark of obedience to our Heavenly Father.

Father Kevin sees a spiritual parallel in the movie *The Sound of Music*: as Maria was a bridge of Captain von Trapp's love for his children, so Jesus is the bridge carrying the Father's love to His earthly children, and we can be a bridge of Jesus' love between His Father and our earthly brothers and sisters.

Lord, help me to love my neighbors as I love myself.

Psalm 72; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Matthew 6:19-24

Thursday, May 19

Psalm 71 *Thou art my rock and fortress. Thou art my confidence.* (vv.3c, 5b)

Our God is the giver of second chances. As we read in the Old Testament of His dealings with the children of Israel, He is always giving them another chance. He is bringing them back from captivity and restoring their nation. On the cross, Jesus is giving another chance to the thief who was crucified with him. And he is daily bringing us back into fellowship with himself.

The enemy of our souls is constantly tempting us and trying to draw us away from our Good Shepherd. We need to stay in his fortress and walk with him daily.

Thanks, Jesus, that you are our rock and fortress; and keep giving us a second chance.

Leviticus 19:26-37; Psalm 70; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12;
Matthew 6:25-34

Friday, May 20

Psalm 106:1-18 *O give thanks to the Lord.* (v.1)

We may be six months away from our national day of Thanksgiving, but it is time to check on our "attitude of gratitude." It is so important to daily thank our loving Heavenly Father for all His blessings. I find it helpful to write down at least three to five blessings each day. On a day with many problems, it lifts me up to go back and read my blessings-list and remember God's great mercy in my life.

For a richer prayer life I use my five fingers to remember these "tips for action in prayer":

A - adoration, worship, and praise God for His holiness

C - confession of my sin, as I come into His holy presence

T - thanksgiving for all His goodness to me

I - intercession for the needs of others

P - petition for my needs

Thanks, dear Lord, for all Your blessings; I praise and worship You.

Leviticus 23:1-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17; Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday, May 21

2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 *But the Lord is faithful, He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one... do not grow weary in doing good... now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.* (vv.3, 13, 16, 18)

The apostle Paul is giving his blessings to the believers in the church of the Thessalonians. He gives words of comfort, strength, and hope to the faithful. How wonderful it is for us to give this kind of encouragement to our family, fellow believers, and friends. Help me open my lips and show forth Your praise, dear Lord.

When we write to our family, friends, and fellow believers, do we remember to enclose a Bible verse? When we end a phone call, do we remember to say, "God bless you"? We need to share encouraging words of faith and receive that blessing in return. Dear Lord, please help my words be a blessing to others

Leviticus 23:23-44; Psalms 75, 76; Matthew 7:13-21

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James, Richmond, St. Luke's Wellington, Alexandria and St. Stephen's, Richmond

CURRENT PRAYER LIST

Adam, Becky, Bob, Bonnie, Caroline, Cathy, Christine, Colette, Connie, Craig, Dan, David, Davis, Debbie, Deborah, Debra, Dee, Doris, Erik, Frank, James, Janet, Jennifer, John, Johnny, Jon, Kathleen, Kathy, Laura, Lisa, Lois L., Mara, Marci, Marilyn, Mario, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nanette, Nick, Paula, Phil, Rachel, Ray, Raymond, Rich, Richard, Robert, Rusty, Samantha, Shannon, Sharon, Sharon D., Sonja, Tom, Vaughan, Veronica, Wendy, Wesley, Anne R. Adams, Dave Adams, John Allen, Susan Anderson, Chuck B., Maria Barnhart, Waldo Beck, Kevin Byrne, Angie Campbell, Mo Cowie, George & Martha Cox, John Crigler, Desiree Daniels, Alda Dell, Robin Dournaux, Neil Edwards, Pamela Epps, Bill & Pat Farr, Allan & Holly Feliciano, Pearle Galatas, Rose Gallup, Dorothy Gassel, Alice Glover, Tony Griswold, Barbara Harkins, Walt & Karen Harrison, Emily Hinkley, Barry Holliday, Edward Homendy, David Hunt, Russ Kidd, Scott Kizner, Sophie Manning, Karen Maxey, Jack McGraw, Godwin Nosa, Heather Cameron Ploen, Kelly Powell, Winifred Relyea, Tina Revis, Lorraine Richardson, David Roberts, Danny Sass, Marianne Simpson, Anne Smith, Karla Snellings, Sherry Tanner, John Thompson, May Jane Tillman, Susy Vargas-Soliz, Teara & Caia Venaglia, James Monroe Walls, Kelly Weber, Alda White, Alva Windham

BIRTHDAYS

May 15th - Michelle Deppel
May 16th - Beth Carniol, Ben Jacobsen, Edward Meztista
May 17th - Laura Campbell, Faith Jasso
May 18th - Robin Barrett, Walt Davis
May 20th - Ashley Damus
May 23rd - Savannah McGehee
May 24th - Carroll Daymude
May 25th - Sandy Francis
May 26th - Tyrone Rosser
May 27th - Genna Ross
May 28th - Jim Ripley
May 29th - Teague Meiers

ANNIVERSARIES

May 17th - Mark and Sally Bennett
May 24th - Col. Robert and Jan Savage
May 27th - Rev. Jerome and Ruth Ann Hinson
May 28th - Jordan and Desiree Daniels, Charlie and Rita Meeks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 am Rite I service
9:00 am Cafe Trinity
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Rite II service
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Youth Group Roller Skating at Cavalier Skating Center

Monday, May 16th

10:30 am Grief Support Group in the Lounge
4:00 pm Rector's Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesday, May 17th

10:30 am Tuesday Morning Book Group in the Lounge and via Zoom
12:00 pm Knaughty Knitters in the Lounge and via Zoom
1:30 pm Health Ministry Committee meeting in the Library

Wednesday, May 18th

10:00 am RBG Book Group in the Library
12:00 pm Midweek Eucharist in the Ida Beck Chapel
6:30 pm Daughters of the King Meeting in the Lounge

Sunday, May 22nd

Marine Corp Historic Half Marathon - please plan accordingly if attending the early service

***Monday through Friday - Morning Prayer 6:30 am, Compline 8:30 pm - via Facebook Live*