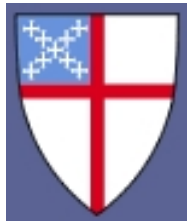




Spring 2010

We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



The Chimes of Trinity Church

KOINONIA

Koinonia is Greek for Fellowship. Koinonia is the name of special Lenten service that will take place each Sunday in Lent (February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21) at 10 a.m.

Koinonia will happen in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m.

The music at the Koinonia service will be a little less grand and a little more repetitive than our amazing music at the regular 10 a.m. service.

The liturgy at the Koinonia service will be more simple.

At Koinonia we will hear and respond to only the Gospel of the day rather than hearing readings from the Old and New Testaments, the Psalter and the Gospels.

At Koinonia there will be no sermon but a different opportunity each week for the congregation to interact with the Gospel story. We might use special story tellers, skits, or art to enlarge our thinking around the Good News.

At Koinonia the prayers of the people include a chance for worshippers to participate.

At Koinonia we will serve communion to one another in small groups.

Koinonia is worship intended for people of all ages.

Because there is no church school during Lent, whether families choose to attend Koinonia or our formal 10 a.m. service, children are expected to worship with their families.

Lent and the Internet!

This Lent we are going to try something new: a Lenten Bible Discussion on-line, A BLOG! Each morning, Fr. Dave or Mary will post a reflection based on the Gospel readings assigned for the daily Eucharists during Lents. You are invited to respond with questions, comments, insights of your own. It's an on-line discussion or conversation so the contributions of all are welcomed and important. Here is how it will work.

There are three steps needed to post to the Lenten Discussion group:

1) Sign into Yahoo

If you have a yahoo email or other account, you can use that name and password. If not, you can get a yahoo account by going to <http://www.yahoo.com/>

2) Go to our group

It can be found here: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Trinityambler_Discussions/ There is also a link on our Trinity site under "Hot Links."

3) Click "Join"

Memberships are moderated, so you will have to wait until one of us hits the ok! You may also want to select the preference "no emails" when you join so that you don't get an email every time someone posts something!

NOTE: You do not have to join or sign in to read what has been posted. Just go to the site.

We start Ash Wednesday, February 17. Grace and Peace to you all.

*Stations of the Cross
Friday Evenings in Lent 7:30 p.m. In the Church.*

The Great Litany The First Sunday in Lent 10 a.m. Traditional Service

It is our tradition at Trinity Church to chnat or sing the Great Litany on the first Sunday of Lent. We also pray the Great Litany on Tuesday of Holy Week at the 7:30 p.m. Eucharist. What follows is the history of the Great Litany as a liturgy of the Episcopal Church.

An intercessory prayer including various petitions that are said or sung by the leader, with fixed responses by the congregation. It was used as early as the fifth century in Rome. It was led by a deacon, with the collects led by a bishop or priest. The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. Cranmer modified an earlier litany form by consolidating certain groups of petitions into single prayers with response. The Litany's use in church processions was ordered by Henry VIII when England was at war with Scotland and France. It was printed as an appendix to the eucharist in the 1549 BCP. The Litany was used in each of the three ordination rites of the 1550 ordinal, with a special petition and concluding collect. The 1552 BCP called for use of the Litany after the fixed collects of Morning Prayer on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 1928 BCP allowed the Litany to be used after the fixed collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or before the Eucharist, or separately. The 1928 BCP included a short Litany for Ordinations as an alternative to the Litany. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany "The Great Litany" (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book.

The Great Litany may be said or sung. The officiant and people may kneel or stand, or it may be done in procession. The Great Litany may be done before the Eucharist, or after the collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately. Because of its penitential tone, it is especially appropriate during Lent. The Great Litany includes an invocation of the Trinity; a series of deprecations which seek deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; a series of obsecrations which plead the power of Christ's Incarnation, life, death, and resurrection for deliverance; prayers of general intercession; the Agnus Dei; the Kyrie; the Lord's Prayer; a versicle and response based on Ps 33:22; a concluding collect; and the grace (BCP, pp.148-154). The Supplication (BCP, p. 154) may be used at the conclusion of the Great Litany, taking the place of all that follows the Lord's Prayer.

When the Great Litany precedes the eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyrie and the eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany should not be preceded by a hymn, psalm, or anthem when it is used as an entrance rite at the eucharist. The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the eucharist. The confession may also be omitted.

The Great Litany is also especially appropriate on Rogation Days. The BOS order for a Rogation Procession calls for the Great Litany to begin as the procession enters the church. It adds petitions for favorable weather, productive lands and waters, and God's favor for all who care for the earth, the water, and the air. The Great Litany may also conclude the BOS Service for New Year's Eve.

Helping Our Children Keep a Holy Lent

Many of us were raised that Lent was a time to give something up. As a child I wanted to give up lima beans, which I hated but instead gave up candy, which, of course, I loved. Giving up something is not an all together bad way to teach children self-discipline but many believe without rooting that practice in a larger spirituality, it leaves kids dreading Lent.

The on-line ministries of Creighton University offer some practical helps in making Lent meaningful for Lent.

Giving up meat. A place to begin might be fasting from meat on Fridays which was a long held tradition in some parts of the Episcopal Church. At the dinner table talk to the children about how most poor people cannot afford meat in their diets. WE chose not to eat meat on Fridays to keep solidarity with the poor. Be sure to pray for those in need.

Feeding the Hungry. In addition to fasting from meat, or instead of, a family might prepare extra portions of their Friday meal and pack and freeze it for Aids for Friends. See Fr. Dave for more details.

Stations of Jesus' Life. A family could chose to take 20 minutes each Friday evening to walk through the stages of Jesus' life. A liturgy for that, written by our young people is included in this issue of the Chimes (pg 10—11). A natural art project at the end might be to draw a picture of one of the stations. Remembers the paintings our children did for these stations are hung in the church school hallway.

Beginning and Maintaining Family Prayer. In addition to the dinner grace, invite each family member to name something for which they are thankful and some concern or need they would like to offer to God, wrap it up with the usual family grace.

Make Lent a time of practicing being more loving. The writers at Creighton University suggest that Lent is a good time to build in some loving family practices. Children are naturally loving but can fall into bad habits of fighting with siblings, of being disobedient talking back to their parents. Children will notice if the parents' Lenten discipline is to fast from crabbi-ness or busyness and to spend more time with them. They will notice if we set the example of complimenting others more by highlighting the good things we notice in them. If we fail on a given day, we can quickly apologize and ask forgiveness and model reconciling behavior that is central to Lent.

Just some ideas. Fr. Dave

Recalculating.....

Dear Friends:

I got a GPS for Christmas. I was very excited to get it; I get lost a lot. I couldn't wait to take it out of the box and put it to the test. I got even more excited about using the GPS after Mary preached a sermon using a GPS as sort of a metaphor for God in her spiritual life; a regular invitation to recalculate!

I just couldn't wait to hear my GPS's little voice say to me: re-calculating! It did not even matter if there were a critical tone in her voice! So I set myself up, drove past the left turn that I was directed to make, and that's when I heard: "make first immediate safe U-turn!" What a let-down. What a put-down! Mary gets to recalculate and I am told to turn completely around!!

Lent is the season in the church year that calls us to take a look at our lives. I find it most helpful to consider the great commandment: love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength and love you neighbor as yourself." Where in my life have I lived well by these words? Where and how could I do better? Is there any place I should stop and change my behavior right now.

Another tool I have used for self-examination is the Litany of Penitence from the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

Again, where and how could I have done better and perhaps in which places do I need to stop and make an immediate about face.

Like most of you, I am a fairly decent person and after self-examination I do not find many issues in my life that are cause to stop and begin in a completely new direction. What I do find over and over and over again are those areas in which I need to re-calculate: adjust my direction, increase my devotion and enlarge self-discipline, accept God's unconditional love.

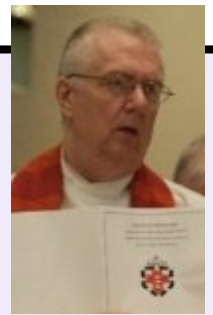
Whether my GPS tells me to re-calculate or make a u-turn it's not to be critical or make me feel bad about myself. The GPS just wants to get me where I say I want to go. Period.

It's exactly the same with the call to self-examination and change that each year begins the season of Lent. Lent is about us getting to where we say we want to go. Deepening our commitment to serve God and our neighbor; not out of duty but from a place of love and gratitude. It's about living our lives more and more rooted in the Gospel and less and less tossed to and fro by every wind and change in the world around us. It's about getting to know God more.

I am looking forward to a season of recalculating and when need be making a few u-turns. What I am really looking forward to is the opportunity to know and love God in new ways.

Fondly,
Fr. Dave

P.S. Just in writing this article I hear the Holy Spirit already nudging me to recalculate in a couple of relationships in my life!!



“ . . . this community of faith is exploring, not resting . . . ”

Creating Uncommon Worship

Richard Giles



“The Christian gospel engages all followers of Jesus Christ in a life of metanoia: of constant upheaval and change.” Exploring a variety of worship styles as well as utilizing inspiring, present day language challenges us to stretch beyond our comfort zone when it comes to worship. In its familiar customs, Episcopal worship nourishes our souls by utilizing consistent, conventional words and rituals to which we’ve become devoted. At the same time, this fairly static and somewhat restricted participation in the liturgy can limit engagement, particularly to those not steeped in church traditions.

The word “Koinonia” is a Greek word that embraces concepts of community, communion, joint participation, sharing and intimacy. For five Sundays in Lent – Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 – a Koinonia worship service will take place in the Parish Hall, *simultaneous* to 10:00 a.m. traditional Lenten worship in church. There will be *no* church school during these five weeks. This new service has been designed to be interactive, with dramatization of the gospel. It calls for active participation of the people gathered in all aspects of the service. This service is appropriate for all ages. Families are encouraged to stay together whether they choose to worship in the church or in the parish hall.

The goal of this newly created worship form is NOT to completely and totally transform worship in to an unrecognizable form. The goal is to continue to find ways to make the gospel of Jesus relevant and accessible and to challenge ourselves to take risks that stretch us in loving God and our neighbor in this day and age, in this year 2010. In studying characteristics of varying generations, one of the major contentions of burgeoning generations is that the church is often viewed as controlling, rather than guiding worship. Potential worshippers are hungry for active engagement. They desire the opportunity to discuss scripture, to ask questions, and to utilize their gifts and talents and see these preferences as an attractive alternative to a customary form of worship because it helps them spiritually to engage more fully in worship.

The heart of the gospel is about regenerating our hearts to love God and love others. Can we help others to understand the Good News in Christ through worship in a variety of forms? If our mission is to draw others near to God, the question we continually embrace is how we balance the ever present tension between maintaining tradition while being open to new expressions of worship.

A vibrant, energetic community of faith continually confronts the temptation to remain static in its tried, true and standard modes of operating. The Christian gospel engages followers of Jesus to push the boundaries of comfort and security. Only in continual growth and change can we offer a gospel of Jesus that communicates relevance to each other in today’s world.

Trinity Church is not resting----- we continue to explore God’s call to share the Good News in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Mary A. McCullough

Holy Week at Trinity Church

Palm/Passion Eucharist Vigil Service, Saturday March 27

- 5:00 p.m. A somewhat less formal and more contemporary liturgy to begin Holy Week at the Come as You are Eucharist.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28

- 8:00 a.m. The Blessing and Distribution of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist Rite I
 - 10:00 a.m. The Blessing and Distribution of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist Rite II
- The blessing of the Palms will take place in the Parish Hall from where the congregation will process into the church. The Cherub Choir will perform.*

Holy Monday, March 29

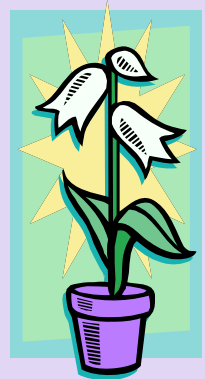
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Holy Tuesday, March 30

- 7:30 p.m. The Great Litany and the Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Holy Wednesday, March 31

- 9:00 a.m. The Healing Eucharist, Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist, Chapel



Maundy Thursday, April 1

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar and Church

Good Friday, April 2

- 6:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament in the Chapel
- 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy in the Church
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 3

- 9:00 Holy Saturday Liturgy, Church

Easter Day, April 12, 2009

- 6:00 a.m. The Easter Vigil and Continental Breakfast following
 - 10:00 a.m. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Easter Egg Hunt for the children; gather on the Rectory porch*

Deacon's Roundtable

"So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man.'" (John 19:5)

Last March I stood on *gabbatha* (the pavement) where Pilate spoke these words – *ecce homo* – here is the man. What a moving moment in our pilgrimage to feel the presence of Jesus as He was condemned to die for the sins of the whole world – yes even mine and yours.

The penitential season of Lent is again upon us. In the early church this was a period of preparation for those individuals about to be baptized as Christians at the Great Easter Vigil. Among other things, they were to study the scriptures relating to the life of Jesus Christ thus leading them to accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

It would do us well this year to read and reread the passion narratives and take Pilate's advice to: *"ecce homo,"* that is, "behold the man." Behold the man, wounded and bruised, crowned with thorns. Behold the man, who was despised and rejected. Behold the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.

But, behold also the man who loved us so much that he gave up everything for us. Behold the man who endured the nails, the whip, the thorns, and the cross for us. Behold the man who endured the weight of sin, the onslaught of Satan, and the loneliness of desertion for us. Behold Him and bow down and worship in love. Behold Him and know that he has won for us a place in heaven.

We can recall and relive the Passion of Christ each Friday evening as we process through the Stations of the Cross. We can unite with Jesus in his sufferings on the cross. Personal suffering tends to separate and isolate us; however, by commemorating Jesus suffering as community we bind together. It make us more fully one with him and with each other.

Our Hebrew friends believe that by recounting a past event, we can somehow participate in that event. This is called *anamnesis*. It is best understood through the Eucharist, where, as we are present in our churches we are somehow present at the Last Supper. We pass beyond the present and mystically experience a bit of eternity. This also happens as we pray the stations. Not only are we telling the story, we are entering into it. We see Jesus fall under the weight of the cross and we are horrified at his pain. We become the woman who offers to wipe the face of Jesus. We stand with Mary as she watches her beloved son die. We are no longer bystanders, we become united with Christ.

Jesus commanded his disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. The stations give us the opportunity to do just that. We take up our cross in the stations by joining our sufferings to those of Jesus. In the stations we are reminded who is on the other side of our cross of suffering: Jesus, who is always with us. The stations also offer us the opportunity to exercise compassion – to suffer with – by taking other peoples suffering upon ourselves so they no longer have to carry their burdens alone.

My prayer for you is that you have blessed Lent which will lead you to a Glorious Easter with the promise of resurrection from the dead.

In Christ's Love,
Deacon Joe



Youth Group

It has been a wonderful time for the Trinity Youth Group full of passion, excitement, and community. The Young Adult mentors (our returning graduates) have added a needed element to the group and have proven to be responsible contributors to our discussions, games, and worship time together. As in the past, we have been on several outings together including the movies, mini golf, ice cream adventures, and a trip to see the Bokomoso performance in Swarthmore. Our fellowship meetings at church have included service projects, reflection and prayer time, crafts, games, sports, discussions, guest speakers, movies, and dinners together. Some members recently attended the annual Bishop's Bash at the YMCA in Lansdale. There was an opportunity for sports, swimming, a concert, and Eucharist. We are planning to go skiing and tubing soon and are excited for several other outings for dinner, the movies, and some spring time fun! We hope to visit the National Cathedral in June with Trinity as well.

We were fortunate to have a congregation member, Gretchen Pendleton, speak to us about her mission to Africa to build and distribute bikes to people in need. Our teens were inspired by her story and are thinking of a Mission Trip there someday. It is also customary for us to spend time eating together as a "Youth Group family" discussing our week, issues we are going through including both the positive and negative

experiences in our lives. Our "family" has proven to be a great support to all members and is welcoming of any friends who may want to join. We have teens who faithfully attend and some that pass in and out of the meetings as there schedules allow. All are welcome whenever they are able and each has so many gifts to share!

The Youth Group is planning the Mission Trip to City Camp in Philadelphia this year and is excited to contribute to our close neighbor's community. We had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Andrew Kellner, the Youth Diocesan Minister with regards to tremendous work done by teens at City Camp and eager to participate! Please look for us at church as we begin to raise funds for the Mission Trip. We will be babysitting for the Valentine's Day Dinner as well as many other fund raising efforts and are always so grateful for the tremendous support from the parishioner's at Trinity!

One of our Adult Leaders, Ben Wallis, recently returned from India and we are eager to hear a presentation regarding his experience there. A church member, Dr. Arthur Hayes, who just returned from Haiti, has graciously agreed to give a presentation about his experiences as well. We are eager to learn from the members of Trinity and love when adults visit with their gifts, talents, and experiences. If you are interested in sharing with us please contact Kelly Rupprecht.



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BOOK REVIEWS - Addie M. Johnson

Three books have been selected for review this early spring. It is hoped that parents will check them out since they readily address current everyday problems, especially for girls from age 9 through the teen years.

GET OUT OF MY LIFE, BUT FIRST COULD YOU DRIVE ME AND CHERYL TO THE MALL?

Anthony E. Wolf, Ph.D. (2002)

This text, and other similar ones, can provide parental decision-making when there is total frustration with child/adolescent misbehaviour and disrespect, after which youngsters immediately request something they desire without any belief of wrong-doing. Understanding how to handle this conflict can assist in parental assertion of authority and a return to inner peacefulness. Pre-planned responses can assist in restoring parent composure, which in turn may disarm usual adolescent pouting. Actual written statements throughout this text prove helpful in designing one's own responses. An excellent guide!

RAISING CONFIDENT GIRLS: 100 Tips for Parents and Teachers

Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer (2001)

A wonderful text that not only offers sound advice on gaining positive and successful responses, especially from adolescent girls, but presents short-to the point- problem analyses and sample solutions. Examples of chapter headings: (1) "Model Effective Conflict Resolution", (2) "Enter Her World Carefully", and (3) "Giving Her A Positive View of Herself". This text is highly recommended for positive approaches to parenting girls with anticipated promising outcomes.

FAB GIRLS GUIDE TO FRIENDSHIP HARDSHIP

Phoebe Kitanidis (2007)

Parents always believe they listen attentively as youngsters despairingly describe their problems with other youngsters, again, especially girls. Can a parent really envision what's happening? Has it been a long time since dealing with that scenario...if at all? Well, this text offers some advice to provide your youngster with 'what to do'...'what to say'...and 'how to try to feel' when responding to confusing friendship situations. The book offers numerous examples so there's sure to be one that bears similarity to your child's problem scenario. The narratives and stories provided are delightful and invite reading. It is always prudent to peruse these texts prior to sharing with your young person.

Sketch of Christ survives devastating church fire

By Peggy L. Salvatore
Staff Writer

Even as a man of the cloth, the Rev. Frederick R. Mills admits it is strange.

Mills, rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Dublin Township that was destroyed by fire last month, pulled only one item from the ruins of his basement office.

A 64-year-old sketch of Christ, framed by thick wood, was retrieved from the rubble of his office that was otherwise devastated by the intense fire on June 16.

"The heat was so great it melted the typewriter and melted an answering machine into a plastic blob, but didn't even scratch this thing," said Mills from his rented office trailer behind the rectory on the church grounds.

The sketch, in brownish-red pencil, sits on the floor in his temporary office with a burned line across the corner of the frame where it was found resting against a desk.

"Weird, isn't it?" he mused. "A wooden frame not burned.

Strange."

The sketch was drawn for Mills' father, a Methodist minister, while he was in France in 1922 on behalf of the ministry.

A prisoner, who was in jail for murder, drew the portrait depicting himself wearing a crown of thorns. It was intended to be a head and shoulders likeness of Jesus hanging on the cross. Although there is some smeared ash on the white area around the head, the actual head is untouched, Mills pointed out.

Below the face is written "Pere pardonne leur" or "Father forgive them."

The blaze that spared the dramatic rendering of Christ left only the stone walls of the 88-year-old church standing. Whether those walls will enclose a new church or a completely new building will be determined remains to be determined later this week, Mills said.

A structural engineer from the church's insurance company will decide this week if the walls are

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Article provided by Kevin
McLemore from 1986

Sketch of Christ survives fire

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sound enough to be left standing. The bell tower was taken down within days after the fire because it was a hazard, he said.

Even if the walls must be torn down, the stones will be used in the new church. However, Mills said he hopes the wall can be salvaged.

"The toughest thing for people to see if these walls have to come down will be the gaping hole in the landscape. I know how it will hurt them if that has to happen," Mills said.

The cause of the fire has been traced to an electrical panel in the passageway between the church and the guild hall, he said, and not the church's organ as originally thought. Electrical work was performed on the organ earlier on the day the fire broke out.

The church had the original 88-year-old wiring. Plans were underway to replace the church's wiring when the fire broke out. The red tile roof also had just been replaced.

Because the rectory and the sexton's house, built at the same time, still have the original wir-

ing, it will be replaced "immediately," Mills said.

Plans for a new church are still being developed, but several concepts have emerged. The church most likely will be in Gothic style, the same style as the original church. Some of the most notable stained glass windows may be duplicated in the new church.

Its nave will probably be smaller, holding 250 people instead of the 400 people the old church held. And emphasis probably will be placed on community facilities such as meeting rooms and classrooms.

Other amenities being considered include a large free-standing altar instead of a fixed altar to accommodate the new Mass, rest rooms on both floors instead of the basement only, a modern kitchen and handicapped access, he said.

Although the insurance company has not yet determined how much money it will pay and a building fund has not yet begun, money already has started to come in to rebuild.

An insurance settlement is expected at the end of August and

construction is expected to begin toward the end of the fall.

"Gifts are still coming in from interested individuals, organizations and other churches. Every day checks are coming in from \$5 from one person to \$5,000 from another," Mills said.

The Rotary Club offered a donation to the church this year, but Mills said the church membership requested that it be turned over to the Fort Washington Fire Co. for putting out the fire.

A unique gift of plans for a new church was given by an architect, showing a new church using the old walls.

Until the new church is finished in about two years, the parishioners of the Trinity Episcopal Church have been celebrating Mass at the St. Mary's Villa chapel across the street on Bethlehem Pike. Mass is said at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Mary's, with the St. Mary's Mass at 9 a.m.

Beginning in September, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Mass will resume when one of the rooms in the rectory is transformed into a chapel.

The Stations of Jesus' Life

Leader: We will glory in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: In whom is our salvation, our life and our resurrection.

Let us pray.
Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of these scenes from Jesus' life whereby we have been given life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Station 1: Jesus is Born

Matthew 1:21 "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Let us pray.
Thank you for the really, really, really awesome gift of your Son Jesus, his birth has given us new life. **AMEN.**

Station 2 Jesus as a Boy at the Temple

Luke 2:45-47 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Let us pray.
O brilliant teacher: we are amazed at your awesome knowledge and insight and how as a boy you taught the teachers, help us to learn from your teachings. **AMEN.**

Station 3: Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 2:17 (After Jesus was baptized by John) a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Let us pray.
Holy God, Thank you for your gift of new birth. We come to the water of baptism to be washed of our sins and commit our lives to serving you. **AMEN.**

Station 4: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
Matthew 14:19-21 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. And all ate and were filled and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about 5,000 men, besides women and children.

Let us pray.
Loving God, who is the provider of all of our needs: thank you for feeding our physical and spiritual needs and for showing us that a little bit can go a long way. **AMEN.**

Station 5: Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:26-27 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified saying: "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."



Let us pray.
Dear God, Help us to keep our eyes on your love and mercy and not on our troubles and problems so that we may not be afraid. We pray that our faith will lead us to do amazing things for one another. **AMEN.**

Station 6: Jesus blesses the Children

Matthew 19:14 Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Let us pray.
Almighty Lord, thank you for reminding us that we are all God's children and to listen to the teachings of Jesus. We are humbled to remember the importance of every child's thoughts and prayers. **AMEN.**

Station 7: Jesus enters Jerusalem in Triumph

Matthew 21: 9 Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray.

Loving Jesus, on this day the people would shout Hosanna; before the week ends they will yell crucify. You know that our lives are filled with ups and downs; help us to trust you through them all. **AMEN.**

Station 8: Jesus Washes the Feet of His Disciples

John 16-17 (After washing their feet Jesus said to the twelve): I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Oh Great Teacher: Cleanse my feet for they are dirty with sin. Thank you for showing us that even the greatest among us should serve one another. **AMEN.**

Station 9: Jesus at the Last Supper

Matthew 26: 26-28 While they were eating Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples and said, "Take eat this is my body." Then he took a cup, after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Let us pray.

Jesus we thank you that you come to us each week in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, may we who feed on your body and blood be given the ability to share your love with others, for Jesus' sake, we pray. **AMEN.**

Station 10: Jesus is Crucified

Matthew 27:45-50 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until about three in the afternoon, and Jesus cried out in a loud voice: "My

God, My God why have you forsaken me." They brought him a sponge with sour wine....then Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Let us pray.

O God, we weep at this melancholy day. We question Jesus' suffering and all suffering and wait faithfully for his resurrection. **AMEN.**

Station 11: Jesus is Risen

Matthew 28:6 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he is risen, just as he said."

Let us pray.

O Lord, it's amazing that the tomb was empty and that Jesus rose from the dead fulfilling scripture and setting us free. **AMEN.**

Station 12: Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Luke 24:50-53 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, thank you for this joyous occasion. We worship you and are happy that because Jesus ascended and sits at your right hand, he can intercede for us. **AMEN.**

Concluding Collect

O God of the Universe, we give you great thanks that you emptied yourself of everything but love and came to live and die like one of us. Give us your gift of grace to follow your example and your teachings, and to share your great love by our words and by our examples, we ask all these things in the name of Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **AMEN.**



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Braden Vorchheimer on January 10, 2010

Kenneth Coles, Jr. on January 24, 2010

Another view...

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, 'I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too.'

