

Trinity Topics, 2025



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. – Psalm 46:1

On the first Sunday in February I preached on the act of presentation and how it is a reminder to us of the fact that we, as a church, value the community before the individual. That evening, though tired, I drove down to the cathedral for the service of the seating of Canons Baron, Hearn, and Forsyth. They are a community who came together to support me when things were difficult (Canon Hearn came to Brandon's funeral), and I wanted to show them my support in return. Imagine my joy when their being present was a key part of the service! It solidified in my mind the words that I had preached earlier in the day. This community matters.

I still believe that as a community we can hold many things that we cannot hold as an individual. I also know that if we, as an individual, tried to hold all the problems of the world then we would be crushed under the weight. I know that as a group, this community is deeply compassionate and cares deeply for the state of the nation and the world. Thus, I would like to remind you that as individuals and even as a church, we cannot help everywhere. It is incumbent upon us to figure out where we would like to focus our energy so that we don't flounder under the weight of the struggles of the world. The good news – we don't have to do all the work! The broader Episcopal Church already has a number of resources for us. I am including links below so that you can explore the ways that the Episcopal church is already reaching out to the broader community.

Peace and All Good,
Mtr. Alane+

Immigration: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/immigration-action-toolkit/>

LGBTQ+: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/>

Creation Care: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>

And more: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/>

Church News

THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD JANUARY 26, 2025

The annual meeting was a time to share what was happening in our community. Thank you to all who made this event a success!

Election results:

Vestry: Jenny Anticoli and Diana Bodenmiller were elected to vestry on 3 year terms.

Diocesan convention:

Jim Beerbower, Susan Beerbower, Carole Cobb, and Dave Cobb
Evanthia Owen and Brian Wilgus (Alternates)

MARTIN LUTHER KING WALK AND SERVICE January 20, 2025

Mtr. Alane participated in the MLK service that took place in Troy. Though the walk was canceled due to cold weather, a service took place in St. Patrick Catholic Church. The event included a time for middle schoolers to share what Beloved Community means to them, a presentation by the founder of the Community Food Truck Blessing Boxes, the presentation of a Community service award, and inspirational words by the Rev. Peter Matthews.



Please continue to keep the family of Brandon Evans in your prayer. Brandon's funeral service was held at Trinity on January 18, 2025.

Joyce Beerbower (sister to Jim Beerbower) died this week. Please remember her husband Jan and the Beerbower family in your prayers

A Prayer for the Human Family (BCP p815):

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

February Birthdays

Pat Marchal: 2/3
 Kyle Duchak: 2/3
 David Duchak: 2/10
 Phyllis Donahoe: 2/14
 Marina Shaw: 2/16
 Kathleen Kirsch: 2/19
 Priscilla Stull: 2/22
 Charles Begovich: 2/27

ON THE CALENDAR

Happening Weekly:

Sundays:	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II	
Mondays:	9:15 am	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom ID: 386 343 8215 PW: threeinone
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Celtic Compline	Workman Lounge

COMMITTEES

Monday	February 3	10:30 am	Buildings and Grounds
Thursday	February 6	1:00 pm	Fellowship Committee
Sunday	February 9	11:30 am	Worship Committee
Monday	February 10	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	February 25	11:00 am	Social Ministry