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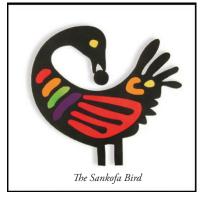
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A Reflection on Montgomery and Selma By Eric Nicoll

The Sankofa Bird, with its head looking backward, originated with the Akan tribe in Ghana and it has been an enduring symbol through African American history, reminding us that to move forward, we must first look back. It is in this spirit that a group of nearly 20 Holy Trinity parishioners and leaders of the Catholic Mobilizing Network recently conducted a prayerful and reflective pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma, Alabama.

Montgomery has played a significant role in the history of slavery and its evolution in America. The city was a primary slave trading center where hundreds arrived at the riverfront daily to be marched in shackles and chains to holding pens, then auctioned to work in cotton fields across Alabama. Montgomery was the site of Rosa Parks' famous stand against segregation which sparked a year-long bus boycott and helped launch the civil rights movement. Montgomery is the place where Freedom Riders were led by police to a KKK-organized slaughter, and is where Martin Luther King, Jr. began his pastoral career leading Dexter Avenue Baptist church. Today, Montgomery is a center for acknowledgement of, and reflection on, our national sin and the city offers opportunity for reconciliation through the important work of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI).



The Legacy Museum (built by EJI on the site of a former cotton warehouse operated with slave labor) offers a deeply personal, emotional, and unsettling account of the experience of slavery and its impact on our society. The museum guides visitors through the evolution of slavery: generations of human bondage, the post-Civil War broken promise of Reconstruction, enforced servitude, racial terror, legally sanctioned brutality and lynching, segregation, and the period of mass incarceration that we are experiencing today.. The museum reminds us that slavery and its effects have always been a core element of our American society.

The EJI's National Memorial for Peace and Justice provided Holy Trinity pilgrims a stirring opportunity to acknowledge the more than 4,000 documented victims of

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lynching between 1877 and 1950, and many more never documented whose names are lost to history. We were reminded of the strong parallel between this racial terror and Christ's public humiliation, torture and death on the cross examined in James Cone's book The Cross and the Lynching Tree.

We toured the parsonage where a young Dr. King and his family lived while serving at Dexter Avenue church. We gained a glimpse into the early years of the man who inspired a nonviolent movement to fulfill the original promise of America, that all people are created equal. We stepped into the study where he wrote his sermons and speeches, the telephone where Dr. King listened daily to callers threatening to kill him, the hole in the porch floor left by dynamite tossed by white supremacists, and the kitchen where he prayed throughout one night asking God whether he was doing the right thing.

We worshipped at the City of St. Jude Parish in West Montgomery, which was founded in 1934 by Father Harold Purcell to minister to the impoverished African American community. The city included a church, hospital, school, and social center providing basic services otherwise denied to the Black community. During the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, the City of St. Jude warmly welcomed thousands of marchers, offering them a safe place to camp overnight before completing the final day of their march. Because of this simple act of hospitality, the City of St. Jude suffered a crippling loss of financial support from many white Americans.

Traveling along Highway 80, the path taken by the 1965 marchers, we visited Selma, the city notorious for the most aggressive enforcement of Jim Crow policies in Alabama. Selma is where local activists organized a months-long voting rights campaign resulting in mass arrests. We met with Selma native Joanne Bland, who at 11 years old witnessed the brutal "Bloody Sunday" attack by Alabama State troopers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Joanne provided us a very personal accounting of her experience growing up in segregated Selma and the wounds of discrimination which continue to this day. After a prayerful walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, we toured the city of Selma. Today, this community which played a central role in the civil rights movement, is a neglected and largely forgotten town suffering from economic depression and poverty. Selma is also recovering from a January 2023 EF-2 tornado, which left many damaged and destroyed buildings that remain unrepaired.

Some statistics regarding Selma, which is 82% Black:

- 40% of children live in poverty.
- Median household income is less than \$30,000, compared to \$55,000 for the rest of Alabama.
- Life expectancy is only 72; 48% of adults are obese; 15% suffer diabetes; and teen birth, mental health distress and HIV rates are significantly higher than in the rest of Alabama and the U.S.
- Reading, math, and science proficiency rates in Selma city schools are all a fraction of the Alabamawide rates; for example, reading proficiency is 26% vs. 45% statewide.

The people of Selma are being served by a very active Catholic ministry led by the Edmundite Missions. The Edmundites are providing direct services seeking to address four root causes of the current crisis in Selma: nutrition, health and wellness, education, and self-reliance.

The final day of our Alabama pilgrimage included a soulful, uplifting, and inclusive Sunday morning mass at Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South parish in north Montgomery, presided by Pastor Father Manuel Williams. This missionary parish grew from Resurrectionist Fathers and Brothers working with Father Purcell of the City of St. Jude, referenced above. For over 75 years the mission has provided the Montgomery area with vital Catholic education, evangelization, health care, social services and advocacy through its many programs and institutions.

The following is etched on a wall at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, honoring the victims of lynching. It represents the hope of our pilgrimage:

"With hope because hopelessness is the enemy of justice. With courage because peace requires bravery. With persistence because justice is a constant struggle. With faith because we shall overcome."

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE DONUTS



Please visit McKenna Hall for coffee and donuts following the 9:00am and 11:30am Masses.

Thank you to all the volunteers who generously give of their time to bring this important ministry to the Parish

New Parishioner Orientation - Next Sunday February 25 | 4:00 PM, McKenna Hall.

If you are a new parishioner, interested in joining Holy Trinity, or simply want to know more about our ministries, please join us for our Winter New Parishioner Orientation. Light refreshments will be served, and an optional campus tour will be available afterward. Children are welcome! RSVPs are appreciated - please contact *parishlife@trinity.org*.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN PLAYGROUP

February 18 | 10:15 AM, Upper Room

Families with children aged 5 years and younger are invited to a playgroup in the Upper Room of the Parish Center (Level 2) THIS Sunday at 10:15AM. Please e-mail *mary.cain323@gmail.com* with questions.

WRITE A CARD TO A WOMAN IN RECOVERY

Through the Ignatian Spirituality Project, our parish sponsors retreats for women in recovery from homelessness and addiction. Receiving a card of encouragement on the retreat can lift a woman's spirits. Would you consider writing a card for an upcoming retreat? Cards are needed

for an upcoming retreat? Cards are needed by **February 21.** For guidelines, scan the

BOWLING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

QR code:

February 24 | 2:45-5:00PM, Ft. Myer Bowling Center

All families with middle and high school students are welcome! Please visit *trinity.org/youth/programsevents/* for more information or to sign up, or contact *klaskey@trinity.org.*

PRAYING IN SACRED SPACE



Lenten Saturdays starting **February 17**, 4:00-5:00PM on Zoom You are invited to deepen your

preparation for Easter and join others for an hour of prayer and faith sharing

inspired by the Sunday scriptures. Come to one session or all. No registration necessary. Find the Zoom link at *trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/invitations-to-pray*.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

• February 23: Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper hosted by Order of Malta Prison Ministry, 6:00pm, McKenna Hall

• March 1: Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper hosted by HT Migrant Familia; 6:00pm, Church, followed by Simple Supper in McKenna Hall

• March 15: Family Stations of the Cross followed by a Simple Supper; 6:00 pm, Church, followed by supper in McKenna Hall

For more information about Stations of the Cross and other Lenten resources, please visit *trinity.org/lent*

IGNATIAN LENTEN RESOURCES

Respond to the call to return to the Lord this Lent -- by praying in an Ignatian way. Visit *trinity.org/ ignatian-spirituality/resources* and find online retreats, guided prayers, and seasonal readings accompany your Lenten journey.

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

Created in 1868, the Missionaries of Africa are an international Roman Catholic Missionary Society of priests and brothers devoted to witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Africa and among Africans, wherever they may be. They also address education, hunger, and human trafficking. Representatives will be on-site during the hospitality hours on **February 25 and March 3**. Please say hello!

PARISHIONERS FOR OTHERS

Thank you to those who purchased items for the women living at the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter. Additional items have been added to our Community List: *bit.ly/3SgE97F*

WOMEN OF THE EXODUS

March 3 | 3:00 PM, Trinity Hall Hosted by Women Who Stay

Join Dr. Jaime Waters for an exploration of Women in the Exodus. In the story of the Exodus, we encounter God's concern for people who are oppressed, as God sees and hears the struggles of the Israelites and calls Moses to lead them out of Egypt. The dramatic accounts of the Exodus highlight Moses' role as liberator and lawgiver. But, there are several women in the traditions surrounding the Exodus who are crucial to the narrative and who are sometimes overlooked. This presentation will focus on the women who facilitate, intervene, lead, and inspire the Israelite community. It will consider how these women serve as important models for all of us today, particularly for responding to injustice and oppression. RSVP *www.signupgenius.com/go/WWSMarch24*

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SIMPLE SUPPER AND PRAYER March 8 | 6:30 PM, McKenna Hall

All are invited for a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread to nourish our bodies -- followed by a guided experience of Ignatian contemplation (imaginative prayer based in scripture) to nourish our souls.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up.

Please RSVP for the meal by scanning the QR Code. If you are able to volunteer, you may indicate that on the RSVP as well. Please contact Catherine at *cheinhold@trinity.org* for more information.



INFORMATION SESSION ON THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

March 9 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Zoom

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola are one way to come to love as God loves. Throughout an 8-9 month retreat made in daily life, the retreatant can grow in self-knowledge, deepen their intimacy with Jesus, and grow in their practice of discernment of spirits. Join us for an hour conversation about this gift that God gave the church through St. Ignatius. Contact Martina O'Shea at *moshea@trinity.org* for the link to the online session.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is more important. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers.

The Resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the Church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time, we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world, and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for Baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate Baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus.

For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment, and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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DC JAIL VISITS WITH THE DOUGLASS PROJECT

This year, 28 parishioners have participated in the DC jail visits hosted by the Frederick Douglass Project (a tithe recipient). We have added **March 25** as another opportunity for parishioners to participate together. Visits are from 1pm-3:30pm. To register, please visit *douglassproject.org/visitation-participation* and indicate Holy Trinity as your affiliation.

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION Saturday, 5:30 PM THE INTRODUCTORY RITES Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Entrance Hold CANTOR/CHOIR SINGS THEN ALL REPLY: us in your mer cy. -Hold CANTOR/CHOIR SINGS THEN ALL REPLY: us in your mer cy. Penitential Act Ky - ri - e CANTOR SINGS INVOCATION ... KYRIE ELEISON: e le i son. -CANTOR SINGS INVOCATION ... CHRISTE ELEISON: Chri ste e le i son. -CANTOR SINGS INVOCATION ... KYRIE ELEISON: Ky - ri - e e le son. Collect THE LITURGY OF THE WORD First Reading Genesis 9:8-15 Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your cov-e-nant. Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 Acclamation before the Gospel Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Homily

SENDING OF THE CATECHUMENS FOR ELECTION

11:30 AM ONLY

Presentation of the Catechumens

Affirmation by the Godparents and the Assembly

Signing of the Book of the Elect DURING THE SIGNING ALL SING THE FOLLOWING REFRAIN



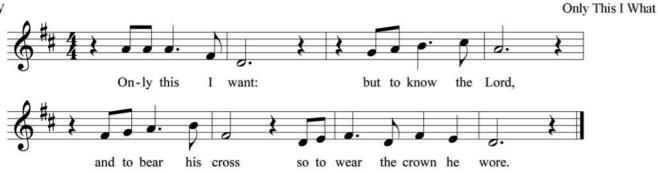
At the 11:30 Mass the Universal Prayer follows and the Creed is omitted

Nicene Creed

Universal Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory



Verses

1. All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need. TO REFRAIN

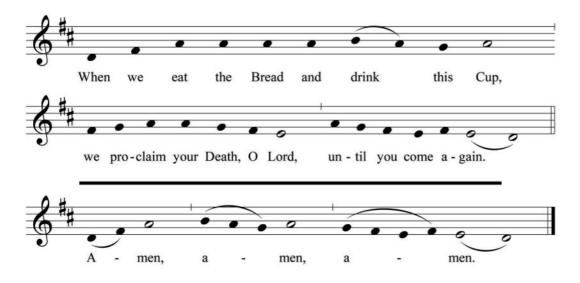
2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight, so to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord. TO REFRAIN

3. Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord, so to shine like starts in the darkness of the night. TO REFRAIN

AT THE 11:30 AM MASS Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, Kenneth T. Koche Holy Trinity Choir

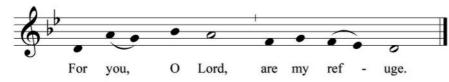
God Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho Lord of hosts. ly 0 • • Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. 0 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

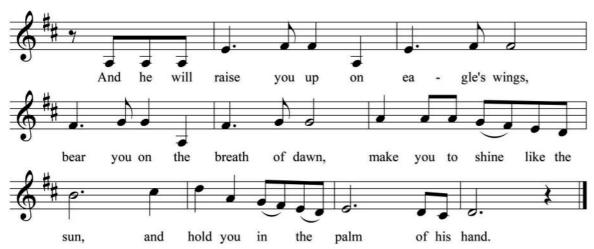
The Eucharistic Prayer



The Communion Processionals

Assembly refrain at Sat. 5:30 and 11:30 Masses





Assembly refrain at 9:00 AM Mass



The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust ~Cf. Psalm 91

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Solemn Blessing & Dismissal

Concluding Processional

AT THE SAT. 5:30 PM AND 9:00 AM MASSES Change Our Hearts, Gather #493

> AT THE 11:30 AM MASS Again We Keep This Solemn Fast



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NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY!

The Social Justice Ministry has arranged for Holy Trinity parishioners to prepare, deliver, and serve a meal at partner organizations in DC and VA. Modeled after the highly successful GMC Extends program over the holidays, this is an opportunity for families, ministry groups, friends, etc. to provide direct service to those in need.

By signing up, you/your community will commit to preparing and serving a meal on the date indicated. A member of the Social Justice Committee will coordinate details with you.

- **3/20:** Friends of Guest House (VA)
- 4/17: Woodley House (DC)

For a full listing of dates and to sign up, please scan the QR code:

LARGE GRANT FOCUS: VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN YOUTH

2023-24 marks the 40th year that Holy Trinity Catholic Church has set aside a percentage of its income to address social justice concerns within the Archdiocese of the District of Columbia and beyond.

The Tithe Program seeks to address root causes of social justice issues across the DMV. In 2014, Holy Trinity Catholic Church began allocating a tithe portion to larger social justice grants (>\$20,000) focusing on a priority theme identified each year. These grants have supported social justice work by addressing issues systemically or by making investments to help sustain service and advocacy-oriented work.

The 2024 RFP focuses on the following priority theme: violence prevention in youth. We also evaluate small grant requests that address food insecurity, migration/refugees, the environment, homelessness, returning citizens, advocacy and youth. In 2024, we are also interested in projects that address mental health in teens and environmental advocacy.

For details on eligibility and the application schedule, please visit *trinity.org/social-justice/tithe/*

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2024

MONDAY	8:00 AM Brenna Rivett
	5:30 PM
TUESDAY	8:00 AM Bert Rosecan +
	5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM Dr. Ramin Oskoui +
THURSDAY	8:00 AM Lorraine Leyendecker +
	5:30 PM Dawn Crouch +
FRIDAY	8:00 AM
	5:30 PM Gretchen Roycc +
SATURDAY	8:00 AM

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Genesis 9:8-15 | 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Mark 1:12-15

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 | Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN LENT John 3:1-10 | Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER 1 Peter 5:1-4 | Matthew 16:13-19

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT Deuteronomy 26:16-194 | Matthew 5:43-48

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love and transform lives.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We invite you to join our parish. You may register at *www.trinity.org/register* or scan the QR code using your phone:



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the Inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester at *akoester@trinity.org* or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at *akaufmann@trinity.org* (202) 903-2832 for more information.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our layled ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at *www.trinity.org/lgtbqia* or by emailing *LGBTQIA@trinity.org*.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission. Contact President Jennifer Dorsey at *ppcpresident@trinity.org* and Vice President Gail Louis at *parishcouncil@trinity.org*.

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