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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

Reflections on the Gospel of Mark

Dr. Frank W. Hughes, Interim Rector



At our liturgies on Sundays we hear biblical readings in a three-year cycle of lessons. We have just finished up Year A, during which we were hearing gospel readings mostly from the Gospel According to Matthew. Now we are in Year B. In Year B, most of our gospel readings will be from the Gospel According to Mark. In Year C, most of our gospel readings will be from Luke. I hope you will read about this arrangement on p. 888 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

This Revised Common Lectionary (pp. 887-932 in newer printings of the Prayer Book, following General Convention direction in 2006) is different from the Daily Office Lectionary, which is on pp. 934-1001. The Daily Office Lectionary is for those who want to pray Morning and/or Evening Prayer on a daily basis. See p. 941 to start reading these passages of Scripture on Christmas and the days following. Many people will tell you that this is the foundation of spirituality in the Anglican tradition.

In Lent, starting on the first Monday of Lent (see p. 953), the

Daily Office Lectionary begins the sequential reading of the Gospel of Mark. That would be an excellent way to read the Bible every day and a great habit to get into.

The general impression I get from my reading of the Gospel of Mark is that Jesus was absolutely convinced that it was his vocation to go to Jerusalem and to bear witness to what God was doing now—that the Kingdom of God is here and now. He was preaching this message up in Galilee and it was quite popular. As the result of his work, and as a divine confirmation of his preaching and teaching, people got healed of their diseases and illnesses. Jesus decided to go to Jerusalem to participate in Passover.

Although the Gospel of Mark doesn't have a story of Jesus' special birth (Matthew and Luke do have such stories), Mark does focus its readers' attention on the very person of Jesus as well as his work. Mark frequently uses the title "Son of Man" to describe Jesus. Mark gives an extended comparison of John the Baptist and Jesus with Elijah and Elisha. Elijah and Elisha were especially noted for their working many miracles. Elijah did eight miracles. Elisha did sixteen miracles. In Mark, Jesus does sixteen miracles, and the people say, "He has done all things well" (Mark 7:37), and then Jesus does exactly eight more. I strongly doubt that that number of miracles in Mark is just a

coincidence. Mark seems to be saying that Jesus was very much like Elisha, the greatest worker of miracles in the Hebrew Bible. And yet Jesus is greater still. He offered his sinless life and death to God the Father as an offering for the sins of the world. In response to two of Jesus' disciples, James and John, who wanted to lord it over the others, Jesus taught them, ". . . whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever might wish to be first among you must be the slave of all.

For indeed the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45). This passage is strongly related to the three predictions of his passion and death made by Jesus in Mark 8:31-33; 9:31-32; and 10:32-34. Jesus says quite openly to his disciples that his suffering and death is going to happen, and that in this way God will be glorified. Jesus is really serious about suffering and death; he knows that his will be required in order for him to do God the Father's will. He offers his life and death voluntarily. The writer of Mark tells his or her first-century readers that some of them may expect to be martyrs, too.

So Mark is an unsettling gospel—more so than Matthew or Luke or John. Mark shows us a Jesus who knows the traditions of the Hebrew

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LOVING AND GIVING

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden



“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving”, so said Amy Carmichael, a missionary sent from the Church of England, who served orphaned children in India for over fifty years. The more I think about this statement, the more I realize how very true it is!

As of December 22nd, your generous giving to the 2018 Stewardship Ingathering exceeded \$483,560, exceeding last year's pledge of \$447,496 at this same time. This demonstrates your love for our Lord and the work – caring, sharing, teaching, praising and witnessing - we are able to do in His name here at Trinity Church and beyond.

Thank you for your love!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Martha's Kitchen

The Mission of the Month for January is Martha's Kitchen. Started in 1996 as an outreach ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Martha's Kitchen now operates out of the facilities of Newgate Mission, and provides hot meals at noon on weekends for about 250 hungry families and individuals. The success of Martha's Kitchen depends



on collective volunteer and financial efforts from churches and organizations throughout the community, of which Trinity Church has two teams that volunteer. In this season of plenty for most of us, we hope that you will contribute generously to the ministry and mission of Martha's Kitchen.

GOSPEL OF MARK, from cover

Bible and of Judaism. Yet as much as Jesus stands within these traditions, he also forced his followers to ask fundamental questions about God. The God whom Jesus called “Father” invited Jesus' contemporaries to become radical followers of God—people who would obey God's commands with purpose and diligence, believing that the coming of God was imminent. Being a follower of God through Jesus, as Mark understands it, has nothing to do with being respectable or getting rewards in the present life. It had to do with being willing to give up everything to obey God and to be part of the community of people that is responsive to God.

Yes, Mark's message about Jesus is a radical message. It is challenging. It is also transformative. May the Gospel According to Mark transform us this new year.



Meals-on-Wheels

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Third & Fifth Mondays
of the month from
10:30 AM—Noon.
If interested, please
contact Daphne Scott at
(903) 235-3706



COMPLINE

January 14th
8:30 PM

Come and join us for thirty
minutes of beautiful music
and peaceful meditation in the
quiet, darkened nave of
Trinity Church.

Commissioning of New Rector Search Committee
Sunday, January 7th, • 10:30 AM Service

Members of the search committee:

Christy Collins • Bill Charles • Kathy Gray
Linda Leath • Alan Robertson • Blake Scott
Alyce Sparks • Wiley Thomas • Gary Whitwell
Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden
James Sawyer, Alternate

We are deeply appreciative of the time and commitment
of these who will choose the next rector of Trinity Church.

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

THIS MONTH

JANUARY 1 - Monday
Church Offices Closed

JANUARY 2 - Tuesday
Church Offices Closed

JANUARY 6 - Saturday
Epiphany Bonfire
6:00 PM, Trinity Outreach Center

JANUARY 7 - Sunday
Young Adult Fellowship
5:30 PM, Coffee Café

Kids' Club
5:30 PM, Education Wing

JANUARY 8 - Monday
Daughters of the King
5:30 PM, Parish Hall

JANUARY 9 - Tuesday
Senior Men's Dinner
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

JANUARY 14 - Sunday
Trinity Veteran's Outreach
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

Youth Movie and Pizza
5:00 PM, Youth Room

Service of Compline
8:30 PM, Nave

JANUARY 15 - Monday
Church Offices Closed

JANUARY 16 - Tuesday
Vestry Meeting
6:00 PM, Parish Hall

JANUARY 21 - Sunday
Children's Kaleo 345
12:00 PM, Education Wing

Youth Bible Study
5:00 PM, First Christian Church

JANUARY 28 - Sunday
Annual Meeting
9:00 AM, Parish Hall

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee Hour
9:15 AM Adult Christian Ed
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

TUESDAYS
Toastrmasters International
12:00 PM, Coffee Café

Overeater's Anonymous
5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe

WEDNESDAYS
Holy Eucharist
12:15 PM, Nave

Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Room

MONTHLY

MONDAYS
St. Monday's
11:30 AM, First Monday of month

Daughters of the King
5:30 PM, Second Sunday of month

TUESDAYS
Senior Men's Dinner
6:00 PM, Second Tuesday of month

Vestry Meeting
6:00 PM, Third Tuesday of month

UPCOMING

Ash Wednesday Services
10:00 AM Imposition of Ashes
12:15 PM Imposition and Eucharist
6:00 PM Imposition and Eucharist

Lisa Baker (1/02)
Graham Godfrey (1/03)
Lynne Sticher (1/04)
Mary Scott (1/07)
Jack Thorson (1/08)
Luke Thorson (1/08)
Patsy Machin (1/09)
Elisa Collins (1/11)
Phyllis Jolley-Smith (1/02)
Hunter Grotemat (1/13)

Nadean Baxter (1/14)
Vernon Moore (1/16)
Alan Jones (1/18)
Richard Mettle (1/23)
Jaclyn Abernathy (1/24)
Matthew Jenkins (1/26)
Esther Frier (1/27)
John Clark (1/28)
Billy Vaticalos (1/30)
Brenda Alexander (1/31)

Ted and Dorothy Skeans (1/19)

Children's Ministry

For January

January 7th

Sunday School, 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM
Children's Church, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Kid's Club, Time TBA

January 14th

Sunday School, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church, 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

January 21st

Sunday School, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Kaleo 345, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

January 28th

Sunday School, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Children's Church, 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

HEADS UP!

There will be a VBS Informational Meeting
Next Month, February 11th, 9:00 AM—9:15 AM

For information and updates on all activities related
to the children's ministry, check out their FB page:

[Facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren)



Youth Pizza and Movie
January 14th • 5:00 PM
Youth Room

Youth Bible Study
January 21st • 5:00 PM
First Christian Church

Youth Christmas Ministry to Rahab's Retreat

With the enormous generosity of the Daughter's of the King, Trinity youth were able to assist in buying gifts and delivering them to children whose mothers have been victims of human trafficking. Rahab's Retreat is located in Kilgore and is a faith-based program that offers recovery programs as well as transitional care to empower women to be free from their issues and teach them to become productive citizens and serve their community.

Gifts were bought for 23 children who supplied us with a Christmas wish list. Some of the items listed were practical items such as pen and paper, Chapstick and hand sanitizer, shoes and pajamas. We felt as if we were getting to know these children as we bought these gifts. We unloaded the gifts in a back room away from the eyes of the little ones so that they may be surprised on Christmas morning! The youth were blessed and I know the children of Rahab's Retreat will be blessed. I give my humble thanks to the Daughter's of the King that made this Christmas special for so many!



EPIPHANY BONFIRE

6:00 PM • Saturday, January 6th
Trinity Outreach Center



Come join us for hot dogs and chips
Bring your old Christmas tree to add to the bonfire!



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28th • 9:00 AM
PARISH HALL

All members of Trinity Church are invited to attend
this important event.

We need folks who are willing to serve on Vestry and as Delegates to Church Council. Please consider serving in these capacities.

INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE VESTRY— TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LONGVIEW, TEXAS • DECEMBER 19, 2017 Dr. Frank W. Hughes

Things are busy, as we all expect that they would be, in December. I missed the November meeting because of my continuing education in Boston. In the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, I heard many papers and responded to several of them in the groups called the Pauline Epistles Section, Rhetoric and the New Testament Section, and the Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Group. In the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars, we celebrated a Eucharist in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, along with our business meeting and another paper. After dinner we heard a presentation by the Rev. Curtis Almquist, S.S.J.E., on the Bible and spirituality. I also had meetings with the Senior Acquisitions Editor of Rowman and Littlefield (my publisher) about the Corinthian book, as well as dinner with the Rev. Raymond F. Collins about a series of "little books" for "regular people," perhaps to be called the "Faith and Understanding Series." We plan to launch the series with books on the four gospels. I will be writing the one on Mark. All in all, a great set of meetings. I was glad to come home to the Ark-La-Tex.

I nominated three persons to serve on the Endowment Board. They are Brandt Thorson, Myra Smith, and Todd Holman. I am asking for the Vestry's confirmation of these three persons. They were appointed to serve three-year terms.

We have had our share of joys and sorrows recently, with the wedding of Marshall Jackson and Jennifer Teague, along with the funerals of Ann Jones, Hal Willoughby, and Patrick Wilcox. Ann Jones' and Patrick Wilcox's ashes were interred in our Columbarium.

I am extremely gratified to see so many people in Adult Sunday School classes. We also had excellent participation in the Wednesday night Soup Suppers and the set of classes, "The Corinthian Letters." The recent set of classes, "The Book of Common Prayer: What, When, and Why," has been attended by 62 or more people on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. I hope that this has contributed to the feeling that we are not merely "marching in place" during this interim between rectors.

We will finish up "The Book of Common Prayer" classes on January 7, 2018, with a session on how this Prayer Book deals with the Bible, especially the Revised Common Lectionary (the biblical readings in the three-year cycle which we hear on Sunday mornings) and the Daily

Office Lectionary (for those who read Morning or Evening Prayer daily).

On January 14, 2018, we will start a nine-session class on the Gospel According to Mark. We read mostly from Mark for our gospel readings in Year B. This will be on Sunday mornings at 9:15 from January 14 through March 18, which is the Fifth Sunday in Lent (so we will conclude on the Sunday before Palm Sunday). Note that the Annual Meeting will be on January 28, 2018, so there will be no class on that date.

We have had good luck with the use of my video camera, by the way. I have been able to pull the SD card out of the video camera and insert it in the SD port in any of several computers in order to see and hear the video file.

Finally, I would like to ask what all priests ask. Anytime you hear that a member of Trinity Church has entered a hospital as an inpatient, please do not hesitate to notify me, preferably by telephone or text at 318-299-0079. A lot of people are apparently still living in the past, thinking that hospitals automatically notify churches that their members have been admitted. Those days are long gone, due to the HIPAA law. I thank all the members of the Vestry for your help with this important matter.

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of January – Lectionary Year B

Date	January 7 First Sunday After The Epiphany	January 14 Second Sunday After The Epiphany	January 21 Third Sunday After The Epiphany	January 28 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany
1 st Reading Psalm 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	I Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17 I Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 I Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 I Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
Altar Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Sticher Team	Mann Team
Verger	J. Barbe	M. Abernathy	T. Prior	C. Collins
Coffee Hour	K. Frith	C. Wilks	K. Hall	M. Maly
Flower Delivery	K. Frith C. Prior	K. Frith M. Arnold	K. Frith J. Barth	K. Frith D. Fricks
8:00 AM Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	Lindsey Team
Acolyte	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers				
1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	J. Welge G. McWhorter	G. Rushing B. Charles	J. Welge G. McWhorter	B. Charles G. Rushing
L. E. M.	J. Welge G. McWhorter	G. Rushing B. Charles	J. Welge G. McWhorter	B. Charles G. Rushing
10:30 AM Service				
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team
Greeters	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team
Acolytes	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lay Readers				
1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	V. Boaz S. Thomas	C. Thorson J. Sloan	H. Bane D. Conrad	R. McPhee J. Sawyer
L. E. M.	V. Boaz S. York J. Fowler	J. Sloan C. Collins J. Sawyer	A. Robertson D. Conrad V. Boaz	J. Fowler J. Sawyer J. Sloan
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The Vision of Amos

January 24—March 14, 2018

Please join us for soup and supper on these Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Soups will be made by those who sign up, and you are asked to bring a side dish, such as a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert. The class will begin at 6:30 and will end at 7:15 p.m. Please bring an accurate, modern translation of the Bible.

- January 24th "The Law, the Prophets, and the Writings":
Studying the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- January 31st The Enemies of the Northern Kingdom of Israel
Amos 1:1—2:5
- February 7th "Therefore I Will Punish You"
Amos 2:6—4:5
- February 14th **Ash Wednesday: No Class or Meal**
"Alas for Those Who Are At Ease in Zion"
Amos 6:1-14
- February 21st The First Four Visions of Amos
Amos 7:1—8:3
- February 28th Judgment Speeches Against Israel
The Fifth Vision of Amos - Amos 8:4—9:10
- March 7th An Oracle of the Restoration of Israel
What do we Christians do with the Prophet Amos?
Amos 9:11-15



The Gospel According to Mark

A study of the Gospel According to Mark begins on Sunday mornings in January, February, and March 2018. This class will be held from 9:15 to 10:00 AM on the days listed below. We will meet in the Parish Hall for our class. Please bring your friends and an accurate, modern translation of the Bible if you have one. Please read the passages indicated below before class on the Sundays listed.

- January 14 How to study the Gospels: Resources
- January 21 Introducing the Gospel according to Mark Mark 1:1-15
- January 28 Annual Meeting
- February 4 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee Mark 1:16-3:6
- February 11 Jesus' Ministry in Galilee Mark 3:7-4:34
- February 18 Miracle Stories Mark 4:35-6:56
- February 25 Defilement and More Miracle Stories Mark 7:1-8:26
- March 4 Predictions of the Passion Mark 8:27-10:52
- March 11 Jesus in Jerusalem Mark 11:1-13:37
- March 18 Passion, Death, Resurrection of Jesus Christ Mark 14:1-16-8