

# Holy Trinity's Good News

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## From the Rector's Desk

Several people have recently asked me about the passing of the peace in the liturgy. This is a particularly appropriate time of the year to look at the passing of the peace. Among Jesus' first words to His disciples following His resurrection were, "Peace be with you." In some way, the entire Gospel of Christ could be summed up in that greeting: Peace be with you. Peace between God and humanity, and peace between one another, are both results of our new birth in the community of those who follow the crucified and risen Jesus.

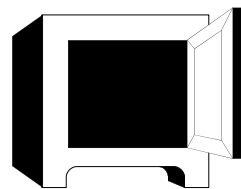
This message of peace was so important that in the earliest liturgies, the priest would use the greeting, "Peace be to all," instead of, "The Lord be with you," as an invitation to prayer. In the *Divine Liturgy* of St. James the Apostle, which some scholars say was in use before A.D. 200, the deacon would invite the people prior to the prayers of the people to "salute one another with a holy kiss." It is important to note that the men and women of the church sat apart at the time the liturgy was in written, and a kiss was a commonly accepted greeting between close friends (today's equivalent is shaking hands).

This custom of the ancient church was revived in our liturgy with the publication of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Following the Confession and Absolution the priest greets the people with the salutation, "The peace of the Lord be always with you." The people respond, "And with thy spirit," or, "And also with you." The people then "greet one another in the name of the Lord."

In this liturgical action the people of the church take up the message of the risen Lord. This greeting, "Peace be with you," was given to the disciples who were gathered behind closed doors, probably

feeling some guilt about having abandoned Jesus, and filled with fear about what might happen next. When Jesus greeted them with the message of peace, he was saying that they had been forgiven for their failures. He was saying that they did not need to fear. They were in the care of a loving Father who had forgiven them and would embrace them.

When we come to the moment in the liturgy where we greet one another in the name of the Lord, remember that it is a part of our movement toward the altar of the Lord where we join our voices to the voices of all the company of heaven. It is not a break in the liturgy, nor a mini coffee hour. It is an important step on the way to the altar. It is a way of giving and receiving the message of the risen Lord, the message that our sins have been forgiven on earth and in heaven. As we come to that moment in the liturgy, please keep the meaning of this action in mind. Offer and receive the message with joy. Also, remember the admirable simplicity of the liturgy, or else the passing of the peace can easily become a distraction rather than an important part of our movement toward the altar. Joyfully extend and receive the greeting of the risen Christ to and with one another with the simple phrase: "May the peace of the Lord be with you."



## Can You Donate a Microwave?

If you have worked in the parish kitchen recently, you may have noticed that the microwave (so generously donated by Laura Moore a few years ago) has stopped working. If you can donate a new or used microwave for the kitchen, please bring it in.



**Please lift up your hands in prayer for these members and loved ones in need of God's healing:**

Glenys Anderson, Samantha Anthony, Betty Bloxom, Cain Boggs, Timothy Check, Elizabeth Engh, the Henley family, Fr. Bill Hoffman, Travis Jackson, Margaret Lane, Delta McCarty, Emma Miller, Neil Moore, Gwen Newport, W. Truxton Noe, Marion Shackford, Betty Sutter, Bobby Thorne, John Umlauf, Peggy Wilkins, Barbara Young, Nelda, Richard, Makenzie, Candice, Starr, Shakora, Isabella, Hazel, Kenny, Thomas, Nancy, Liam, Matt, Melanie, Elizabeth, Linda, and Jocelyn.

*May our Lord shine His face upon them.*

## By Popular Demand:

### Janet Rochester's Poppy Seed Cake

1 box yellow cake mix  
 ¾ cup water  
 1 small box instant butterscotch (or vanilla) pudding  
 (Janet used vanilla when she made her cake for a recent breakfast at Holy Trinity)  
 2 oz. poppy seeds (from Herbal Instincts)  
 ¾ cup safflower oil  
 4 eggs

Mix all dry ingredients, and then add eggs, followed by remaining liquids.

Bake in a greased angel food pan for 40 minutes at 350F.

Remove while still warm.

Sprinkle with sugar or serve with whipped cream.

## Schedule of Services

Monday	Lydia Prayer Group	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist/Healing	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	Noon
Friday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (Hermitage)	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	Holy Eucharist & Nursery	8:00 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	10:10 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist & Sunday School	11:00 a.m.

### NOTES:

AA Meetings: Tues. and Sat. at 8:30 p.m., Thurs. at 7:30 p.m., and Sat. at noon.

Rector's office hours: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Tuesdays through Fridays, and by appointment.



## Looking Ahead

April 21	Rector off Shore for Diocesan Clergy Meeting
April 30	Rector off Shore for Diocesan Deans' Meeting (no Bible Study)
May 5	ECW, Noon; Vestry, 5:30 p.m.
May 11-12	Rector off Shore - Diocesan Clergy Conference
June 2	ECW, Noon; Vestry, 5:30 p.m.
June 20-27	Rector off Shore (vacation). Morning Prayer will be said on Sun., June 21.
July 7	ECW, Noon; Vestry, 5:30 p.m.
July 20-31	Rector off Shore (Continuing Education). Morning Prayer will be said on Sunday, July 26.
August 4	ECW, Noon; Vestry, 5:30 p.m.
August 10-14	Vacation Bible School (joint event with Market St. Methodist and Naomi Makemie)
August 29-September 5	Rector off Shore (vacation). Morning Prayer will be said on Sun., Aug. 30.

## Schedule of Easter Services

Sunday, April 5 **Palm Sunday**, Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

(Easter eggs will be dyed during Sunday School at 11:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, April 8 Community Service at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Noon (Fr. RJ preaching)

Thursday, April 9 **Maundy Thursday**, Holy Eucharist, 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday**, April 10, Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

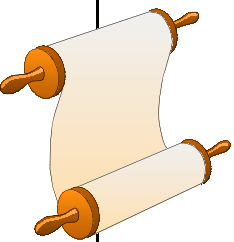


**Easter Sunday** Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. (children, ages 1-12)

**If you wish to donate one or more Easter lilies** (or other cheerful spring pot of flowers) for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please arrange to have them delivered to the parish kitchen by noon on Saturday, April 11, so that Altar Guild may arrange all of the plants in the sanctuary in advance of Easter Sunday services. No orders are being taken for lilies or plants; you may buy your plants from any local nursery. If you want to give the plants that you donate in memory or honor of any loved ones, please provide Fr. RJ with your name, and the names of the persons in whose memory or honor you are donating the plants, no later than April 8 so that the names may be placed in the Easter bulletins. If you wish to have your plants back, please plan to pick them up on or before the following Sunday (April 19).

On or after April 20, the plants will be donated to the church or Rectory gardens.



## Scripture Readings

### **April 5 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

The Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11:1-11a; Psalm 118:19-29

The Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 45:21-25; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark [14:32-72] 15:1-39 [40-47]; Psalm 22

### **April 9 Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-14a; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26(27-32); John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30; Psalm 78:14-20,23-25

### **April 12 Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Mark 16:1-8; Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

### **April 19 Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:12a,13-15,17-26, 13-15,17-26; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31; Psalm 118:19-24

### **April 26 Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 1:1-2:2; Luke 24:36b-48; Psalm 98:1-5

### **May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4: (23-31)32-37; 1 John 3:1-8; John 10:11-16; Psalm 23

### **May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 3: (14-17) 18-24; John 14:15-21; Psalm 66:1-8

### **May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:19-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:9-17; Psalm 33:1-8,18-22

### **May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-26; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19; Psalm 68:1-20 or 47

### **May 31 Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)**

Acts 2:1-11; Isaiah 44: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Acts 2:1-11; John 20:19-23; John 14:8-17; Psalm 104:25-37 or 104:25-32 or 33:12-15, 18-22

### **June 7 First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)**

Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-16; Psalm 93 or Canticle 2 or 13

### **June 14 Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 31:1-6,10-14; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Mark 4:26-34; Psalm 92 or 92:1-4,11-14

### **June 21 Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11,16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Mark 4:35-41; (5:1-20); Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

### **June 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15; Mark 5:22-24, 35b-43; Psalm 112

### **July 5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-6; Psalm 123

### **July 12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:1-14; Mark 6: 7-13; Psalm 85:7-13

### **July 19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 57:14b-21; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44; Psalm 22:22-30

### **July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-15; Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16; Mark 6:45-52  
Psalm 114

**Minutes of Vestry Meeting**  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
January 6, 2009

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Onancock  
February 3, 2009

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## **In Memory of**

### **Francis Harrison Hart**

Born in Nassawadox, VA on Nov. 7, 1946

Departed on Jan. 1, 2009 and resided in Mt. Nebo, VA.

Mr. Francis Harrison Hart, 62, husband of Trisha Ange Hart and a lifelong resident of Mt. Nebo, Onancock, VA, passed away at his residence on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

Born on November 7, 1946 in Nassawadox, VA, he was the son of the late Leland T. Hart and Gracie Harrison Hart.

Francis was a student for twelve years at Onancock School and graduated in 1965.

He attended the Eastern Shore branch of the University of Virginia and Old Dominion University. Upon receiving a BA in History from ODU, Francis began teaching at T.C. Walker in 1969. He returned to his alma mater to teach history and eventually became the Guidance Counselor at Central High School. Francis moved to Nandua High School upon that school's opening and remained there until his retirement.

Francis' compassion and dedication enabled him to have an extraordinary impact upon his students. He was always willing to sacrifice his time and energy to insure Central and Nandua students were able to attend the college of their choice. His success in guiding the lives of generations of Accomack County students is a legacy of his commitment. Francis never met a stranger and never made an enemy. His character and personality were such that all who had the good fortune to meet Francis were his friends.

Other than his wife, survivors include a son, Nathan S. Buttleman of St. Paul, MN; a sister, Eunice Budd of Cashville, VA; four nieces and nephews, Tommy Hart and wife Michelle, Michael Hart, Mary Jane Kilmon and husband Eddie, and Dean Budd and wife Cindy, and all of their families. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas Hart, formerly of Wachapreague.

Funeral services were conducted from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock on January 5, 2009 with the Very Rev. RJ Johnson officiating.

## **In Memory of**

### **Nancy Shearer Northam**

Born in Washington, DC on Dec. 12, 1924

Departed on Feb. 3, 2009 and resided in Onancock, VA.

Mrs. Nancy Shearer Northam, 84, wife of Judge Wescott B. Northam and a resident of Onancock, VA, passed away at her residence on Tuesday, February 3, 2009.

Born on December 12, 1924 in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Joseph P. Shearer and O'Neill Byrd Shearer. Mrs. Northam was a member of St. Alban's Church in Washington; was graduated from the Woodrow Wilson High School, Randolph Macon Women's College, and the Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing. She worked at National Institutes of Health (NIH) for four years as a Registered Nurse, and worked part-time at the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital for twenty-four years.

Her community activities included being a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock, where she served on and was former chairwoman of the altar guild; member of the Episcopal Church Women, the RMWC Eastern Shore Alumnae Chapter, and the RSVP reading program at Accawmacke Elementary School. She was a former member of the NAM Hospital Auxiliary and a former Hospice Home Care Coordinator.

Other than her husband of 52 years, survivors include two sons, Thomas L. Northam and wife Billie, and Dr. Ralph S. Northam and wife Pam; three grandchildren, Weston Northam, Aubrey Northam and Travis Northam; a step-granddaughter, Kathleen Kraft; a brother, Joseph Shearer and his wife Ann; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a sister, Mary Byrd Echeverria.

Funeral services were conducted from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock on February 6, 2009, with the Rev. RJ Johnson officiating

## **In Memory of**

### **Wilfrid Dean, Jr.**

Born in Princeton, NJ on Oct. 11, 1920

Departed on Mar. 27, 2009 and resided in Onancock, VA.

Mr. Wilfrid "Will" Dean, Jr., 88, husband of the late Elizabeth "Betty" Walter Dean and a resident of the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore in Onancock, VA, formerly of Myrtle Beach, SC and McLean, VA, passed away at his residence on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Born on October 11, 1920 in Princeton, NJ, he was the son of the late Wilfrid Dean, Sr. and Elsie Cooper Dean. He was a retired electronics engineer with the Department of the Navy and the Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President. He had 34 ½ years of combined civil and military service, specializing in the use, management, and engineering of the radio frequency spectrum. He was a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University, a fellow in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and a life member of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association. Mr. Dean had served as a member of numerous U.S. Delegations to Conferences of the International Telecommunications Union. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of North Myrtle Beach Masonic Lodge #392, A.F. & A.M. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Mr. Dean was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock, and was also a member of the Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club.

Survivors include three children, Nancy Elizabeth Pierce and husband Ron of Mason, OH; David W. Dean and wife Roberta of Onancock; and William C. Dean and wife Donna of Pace, FL; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A private service was held at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on March 30, 2009 with the Very Rev. RJ Johnson officiating.

**2009 Vestry & Officers:**

Sr. Warden, Robert Keeney	Lola Custis
Jr. Warden, Henry Custis	Ridgway Dunton
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Cursillo Ultreya Contact: Sharon Parker  
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Nell Minton  
ECW President/Flower Ministry: Position open  
Gleaner Luncheon Coordinator: Deb Lalor  
Grounds Committee Chair: Kate Morgan  
Habitat for Humanity Coordinator: Position open  
Hospice Watchman Representative: Eileen Wiles  
House Committee Chair: Linda Custis  
UTO Chair: Billie Bowling

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**EASTER Services:**

**Maundy Thursday**, April 9  
**Good Friday**, April 10  
**Easter Sunday**, April 12

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