

# EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL TRINITY

*Our mission is to welcome all people to know  
and live as Christ in the world.*



## The Carillon

Friday  
February 27, 2026

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## The Dean's Dispatch

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)***

This Sunday's Gospel reading contains probably the most widely quoted line of scripture in the New Testament, if not the whole bible. It's the verse that has launched a million billboards and signs at professional sports events: John 3:16. I love it too. How can you not? It is the great promise. God loves us so much that Jesus was sent to save us from perishing.

The funny thing is, though, that it is often used as a club motto for insiders instead of a source of hope. This usage hinges on that "so that everyone that believes in him" bit. Some folks like to use that to strong-arm people into conversion. The logical argument asserts that if you do not believe then you die. But this actually flies in the face of what Jesus is hoping to teach Nicodemus in the entire passage, which is that Jesus came to give us hope, and new birth, not to condemn us.

By proof-texting and pulling just the one verse out of the overall sequence, we skip verse 3:17: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." This line is the summation of the pericope (fancy word for snippet or selection), not verse 3:16. Jesus seeks to reassure us of the hope we have chosen in baptism and the truth that he came to save, not to condemn.

Fr. Don Purdum, an Orthodox priest I follow on social media, wrote an interesting commentary on soteriology this week. Soteriology is the theology of salvation, or how Jesus has made it so that we are saved. I think part of it is very apropos when considering my thoughts above:

**The Fathers, like Gregory of Nyssa and Isaac the Syrian, speak of salvation not as legal balancing, but as healing. Illumination. Deification, theosis, which means participation in the divine life (cf. 2 Peter 1:4).**

**The question was never:  
[What Punishment?] (summary is mine)**

**The question was:  
"How healed is the soul?"**

**Many Christians today live with anxiety-driven spirituality. We imagine salvation as a transaction. A ledger. A cosmic courtroom.**

**But Orthodoxy proclaims something deeper: salvation is synergy, our cooperation with grace, and lifelong transformation into Christ. The focus is not mapping the afterlife. It is healing the heart...**

**The Church invites us to repentance, Eucharistic life, prayer for the departed, and trust in the mercy of God.**

**Not speculation.  
Not fear.  
But preparation.**

**The fire we will meet is Love.**

**The question is: are we learning to receive it?**

I wonder if, in our transactional society, we are just unable to accept the absolute grace Jesus has offered us in his Life, Death, and Resurrection. It's as if we need to exact a cost on ourselves. But, salvation is complete gift and we western Christians seem to think that there has to be a catch, a price to pay. But the whole point is that the price is already paid. Jesus is not watching up there hoping that we'll screw up so he can condemn us. Jesus is hoping that we'll accept the pure gift of his love with open arms.

That's a good thing to meditate about in Lent. Know you are loved with wild abandon and surrender to that grace.

The Bible-in-a-Year challenge lecture series continues this Sunday at the 10am Forum Hour. We will be looking at the book of Numbers together. See you then! In the meantime, find some time to rest in the love that so loved you, coming not to condemn but to save... and learn to receive that grace.

Pax,  
Tim+

### **Volunteer Needed: Circle of Friends Leader**

The Circle of Friends ministry is a phone chain supporting parishioners living alone. Each member makes and receives a brief daily call to check in and make sure that others are doing well. The contact enables members to stay in touch and minister to one another.

This special ministry is seeking a volunteer to coordinate. This is a great opportunity to contribute your time and talent to bring daily contact to those who need it. Contact Canon Diana at [revdiana@trinityreno.org](mailto:revdiana@trinityreno.org) for more information.

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## **Music Notes**



### **Pipes on the River**

**March 6, 12 pm**, Trinity's very own Jerrold Tidwell presents a program of Lenten music on Nevada's finest organ.

Admission is free; your donations keep our music programs alive in our community.

Love great music? The St. Cecilia Guild needs your help!  
We are looking for music lovers and organizers to make our concert series and parish music programming a success. No music experience necessary, only a love for good ministry and great music.  
Please contact Jerrold at [music@trinityreno.org](mailto:music@trinityreno.org) for more details!



**GALILEE'S**  
**Teen Leadership**  
**Weekend**

Lake Tahoe  
**GALILEE**  
EST. 1929

MARCH 13-15, 2026  
COST: FREE!

**JOIN US** for Galilee's Teen Leadership Weekend for everyone ages 15-17, just as spring is about to bloom. This event will feature a blend of hanging out, engaging activities, a potential service project to help prepare for summer, cozy evening campfires, and fun games. If there's snow, be ready for some snowshoeing, snow creature building, and plenty of hot chocolate.

**Learn About the LIGHT Program and Counselor Opportunities**  
For those interested in potentially joining the LIGHT Program (for ages 15-16) or becoming a Camp Counselor (you must be at least 16 and have completed 10th grade by spring 2026), this is a fantastic opportunity to ask questions, meet the staff, and even have an opportunity to go through an interview (must fill out an application prior).

**Event Details**

- **Kick-off:** Dinner on Friday, March 13th. Check-in 5:00-5:30pm
- **Wrap-up:** After dinner on Sunday, March 15th, 6:00-6:30pm
- **Transportation:** If you're traveling on the camp van from Las Vegas, you'll stay Sunday night and return home after breakfast on Monday, March 16th.
- **Cost: FREE!** Thanks to a generous donation from the Norris-Rocaberte Family Fund, Teen Leadership Weekend is no cost!

**REGISTER NOW AT GALILEETAHOE.ORG**

Join us anytime, we always want to see you. Sunday School registration forms are always available downstairs in the Sunday School area. There is also a PDF you can download and fill out on the Trinity Website at the bottom of the page for Children's Christian Formation. Please complete this release form before your child goes into class.

Link to Parent Release Form:

<https://trinityreno.org/christian-education/childrens-christian-formation/>

## The Canon's Corner

As we continue our slow, attentive walk through the prayer Jesus gave us, we arrive at words that draw us gently back into the present moment. Lent has been teaching us to breathe more slowly, to notice more deeply, and to trust more fully—and this week's petition invites us to practice that trust in the most ordinary, tangible way.

### Week 3 — "Give us this day our daily bread"

**Theme:** Trusting God for today's mercies

This line of the prayer draws us into the present moment. We are often consumed with tomorrow's worries or yesterday's regrets, but Jesus invites us to trust God for what we need today—no more, no less.

Daily bread is not only food. It is strength for the moment, clarity for the decision, patience for the conversation, courage for the challenge. It's the quiet provision of God that sustains us in ways we often overlook.

Lent slows our pace so we can notice the manna scattered across our days. It teaches us to depend on God not in theory, but in practice—one sunrise at a time.

**Reflection:** What anxieties about tomorrow are stealing your peace today? Where has God already provided in ways you may not have noticed?

### Practice for the Week:

Keep a simple gratitude journal. Each evening, write down one way God gave you “daily bread” that day.

And as you learn to trust the God of today, may you find yourself walking dusty beside the One who provides in every wilderness.

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## Ministry News



### Library Book Giveaway This Weekend

The Trinity Cathedral Library will have another book give away during services on **Saturday, February 28** and **Sunday, March 1**. These books are duplicates or triplicates of books currently on the library shelves and represent a variety of subjects and authors. All books are free and those interested may take up to four books at a time. (There will be bags available.)

A donation jar will be available to help fund the Trinity youth group's trip to Hawaii for the EYE conference.

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors of Trinity

Lay Eucharistic Visitors take communion to those who are unable to attend weekend worship services. We represent the Body of Christ to others as a symbol of the faith community's care and concern for each other.

If you would like to receive communion from a lay Eucharistic Visitor, please feel free to contact Joan Peyser, the ministry coordinator, at **775-329-6830** or [joan.peyser1435@gmail.com](mailto:joan.peyser1435@gmail.com) for further information.

*Eucharist – in both the ordinary and sacramental meaning of the term – is recognition. It is the full realization that the one who takes, blesses, breaks, and gives is the one who from the beginning of time has desired to enter into communion with us. To do so is to receive and recognize the gift of divine presence. ~ Henri J. M. Nouwen*

### A Lot of Good Men February Lunch

Saturday, February 28th  
11:30 am  
South 40  
1445 South Meadows Parkway

Contact Clyde at [cnp\\_reno@yahoo.com](mailto:cnp_reno@yahoo.com) to RSVP.

All men of Trinity are automatically a part of this group. We want to foster friendship and support for one another.



### The Common Table

We had a great time at our last Common Table. Plenty of good food and conversation. Shout out to A Lot of Good Men for setup Wednesday morning.

Our next common table is **Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 5:30 pm**. Please bring dishes according to your last name:

A-F: Main

G-L: Sides

M-R: Desserts

S-Z: Appetizers

If you don't have time or the facilities to make a dish, store-bought is fine. Beer and wine are okay, but no spirits. We will provide coffee, iced tea, and lemonade.

Sign up sheets are in the Tower foyer in the cathedral. We are still looking for co-hosts for the next several events.

If you have questions, please contact Mikkel Bassett at [214-769-4507](tel:214-769-4507) or [mikkel.bassett@verizon.net](mailto:mikkel.bassett@verizon.net).

Hope to see you March 4!



*Participants at February's Common Table event. Photo courtesy of Mikkel Bassett.*



### **Divinely Fine Women March 2026**

Please join the Divinely Fine Women on **Saturday, March 21st**, at Buenos Grill, **3892 Mayberry Drive, Reno** at **11:30 am**. Call Susan Lombardi at **775-329-2044** to RSVP, or text or email Helen Wright at **775-530-4602** or [hlwrno@gmail.com](mailto:hlwrno@gmail.com).

The group is for women of the parish with its goal being to establish new and renew old friendships within our church. Please come back if you attended in the past and come if you have not attended or are new to the church. Please plan to come and spread the word.

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## **In Our Community**



## Taizé Prayer AROUND THE CROSS

A PEACEFUL, CANDLE-LIT TIME OF SIMPLE SONG,  
SACRED TEXT AND SILENCE

BILINGÜE - INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ALL ARE WELCOME

FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 2026, 7 P.M. TO 7:45 P.M.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHEDRAL, 310 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, RENO

COME AND SIT WITH JESUS



## ORACIÓN TAIZÉ

UN MOMENTO PACÍFICO A LA LUZ DE LAS VELAS,  
CON CANTOS SENCILLOS,  
TEXTOS SAGRADOS, Y SILENCIO

BILINGÜE Y INTERDENOMINACIONAL -

TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS

VIERNES, 27 DE FEBRERO DE 2026, 7 P.M. TO 7:45 P.M.

CATEDRAL DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO, 310 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET, RENO

VEN Y SIÉNTATE CON JESÚS

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## Membership News

### Births

- Lucy Noelle, grand-niece of parishioner Helen Wright

### Deaths

- Dorothy Walrath departed on Saturday, February 14.

### Do you have membership news to share?

If you would like to share tidings of a birth, marriage, or death in your family, please email your news to [info@trinityreno.org](mailto:info@trinityreno.org) by 10 am Thursday to be included in Friday's Carillon.

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## Prayer Concerns

### Trinity Family and Friends

Glen, Emily, Lucy, Marilyn, Kathy, Jessica, Nancy, Diana, Jennifer, Nancy, Joan, Ari, James, Kevin, Bruce, Sarah, Bob, Braeden, Kinley; and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we join the bishop in praying for Galilee Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center, Glenbrook

### Departed

Susan, Dorothy, Howard, Dorothy, Jean

### Bereaved

Cathy; Greg; Lisa; family and friends of the departed

*God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage. Amen.*

The prayer list is updated regularly. We pray for those in our church community who are currently experiencing a health crisis.

Email [prayerteam@trinityreno.org](mailto:prayerteam@trinityreno.org) to let us know of your prayer request.

## Healing Eucharist

Healing Eucharist is held every Wednesday at noon in the Bishop Lewis Chapel. During the service, the names of those on the prayer list are read aloud and those wishing to be anointed with oil may come forward or may be anointed on behalf of someone else. All are welcome to attend.

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## Four Steps for Submitting Items to the Carillon

Wondering how to get Trinity news and happenings into the Carillon? Here's what to do:

1. Write the information the way you'd like it to appear in the Carillon. Although we will edit submissions as needed, it's very helpful to get items that are fully written out.
  2. If you'd like a graphic or photo to go with your submission, please send the graphic or photo as an attachment to the email. This makes it much easier to include than if you embed the image in the email itself.
  3. Email your submission to the Trinity office: [info@trinityreno.org](mailto:info@trinityreno.org).
  4. Mind the weekly deadline: **10 am Thursday** for the Friday Carillon.
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## The Vestry

**2027** - Margaret Brown, Rebecca Dixon, Aaron Koning, Eric Nummela

**2028** - Josette Dornoff, Katherine Mahannah, Gary Warren, Nan Marie Wollam (Senior Warden)

**2029** - Alex Dyer, Jacob Macaluso, Eric Meagher

**Youth Representative:** Natalie Humphries

*Heavenly Father, give our wardens and vestry a daily renewal of your presence, uphold them with your peace, a peace that passes all understanding, enlighten them with your word, and strengthen them with your grace. Amen.*

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## Worship With Us Online

**Sunday worship at 11:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGYbPbauG4TbNTpgnZpGFfw>

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## Weekend Ministers

**Altar Guild:** Darla Garey-Sage, Sharla Scott, Dave Bennum, Dee Ann Verdi, Ann Crase.

**Saturday at 5 pm:** Canon Diana Turner preaching and presiding. Mikkell Bassett, John Seelmeyer, Lectors; Julie Martinson, Intercessor; Susan Lombardi, EM.

**Sunday at 7:30 am:** Canon Diana Turner preaching and presiding. Reynolds Cafferata, Server; Russ Eldrige, Lector; Joe Nishikida, Nancy MacDonald, Ushers.

**Sunday at 9 am:** Canon Diana Turner preaching, Dean Timothy Watt presiding. Ethan Rixom, Crucifer; Aaron Humphries, Server; Scarlett Tietje, Intercessor; Natalie Humphries, Elijah Walquist, EMs; the Walquist and Howard families, Ushers.

**Sunday at 11 am:** Canon Diana Turner preaching, Dean Timothy Watt presiding. Dave Bennum, Lindsay Campbell, Lectors; Lisa Otterson, Intercessor; Lisa Otterson, Server/Crucifer; Dave Bennum, Cathy Brewster, EMs; Clyde Ikehara, Tom Anderson, Ushers.

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## Statistics From Last Week

Attendance for Ash Wednesday 6 pm service: 69

Attendance for 5 pm service: 38

Attendance for 7:30 am service: 25

Attendance for 9 am service: 55

Attendance for 11 am service: 102

**YouTube** views of Sunday service: 53

Last Week's Offerings: \$6206

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## Weekly Prayer

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**  
Our Mission District Deans

**In our Anglican Communion we pray for:**  
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

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## The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Second Sunday in Lent



### The Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

### The Response: Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### The Gospel: John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with

everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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