

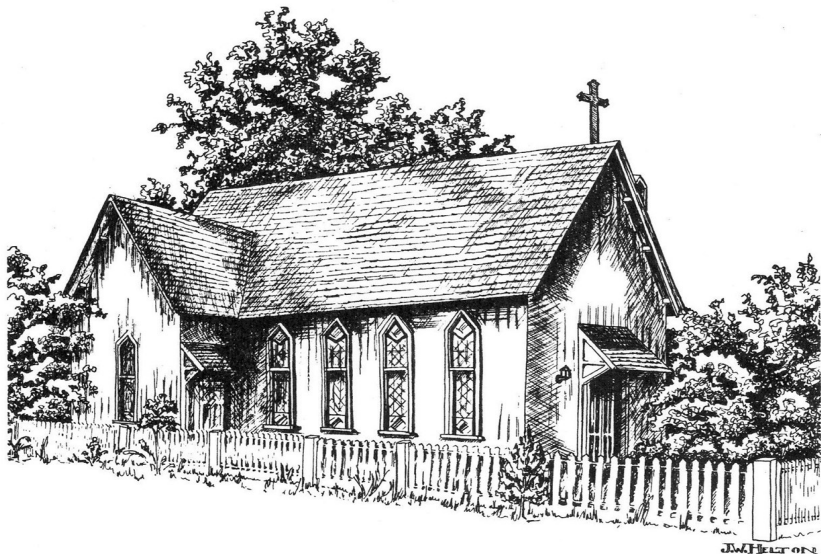
have been Justin's, it was the accepted theology by the end of the 2nd century.

The presider (the bishop) then prayed over the elements of bread and wine "according to his ability" – extemporaneously, sending up "praise and glory to the Father of all, through the name of the Son and Holy Spirit" and offered thanksgiving to God "for having created the world, with all things therein, for the sake of man; and for delivering us from the evil in which we live; and for utterly overthrowing the principalities and powers, through Him who suffered according to His will." Just as today, before the consecration of the bread and wine, the church gave thanks for "for our creation, preservation, and redemption."

Finally, in accordance with "the Gospels," Christ's words of Institution were said: "that Jesus took bread, and having given thanks, He said, "Do this for my *anamnesis* [remembrance] this is my body;" and likewise, taking the cup and giving thanks, He said, "This is my blood." Thomson believes Justin understood the Eucharistic prayer to be "thanksgiving." For Justin, the consecrated elements are "eucharistized" – "thanked upon." The Greek *eukharistia* means "thankful" and/or "grateful."

From the ancient witness of Justin's *Apology* and his *Dialogue with Trypho* we learn much about the elements and structure of the Church's early liturgy and the why and how we worship today.

Warmly, Tony+



Colossians 3:23

Trinity Take Home Paper

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September 11, 2016

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

DISCOVERY CLASS

Father Tony has started this video and conversation class and each session stands on it's own, so please join him on Tuesdays at 1:30 in the Wicker Room.

"Our Christian journey is a continuing process for discovering God in our lives. This series is intended for new Christians as well as those who wish to deepen their spiritual lives. It provides training for the journey."

MORNING PRAYER

Father Tony has started leading Morning Prayer each Monday and Wednesday morning at 9:00am in the church. Everyone is welcome to the service which brings much tradition and is part of the history of the Episcopal Church.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING STUDY OF THE PARABLES

The Daughters of the King have started a Study of the Parables on every Monday evening through the month of September. The study will start at 6:00pm

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sun. 9/11

10:00am Eucharist Service
Lunch following

Monday 9/12

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm DOK Study Group

Tuesday 9/13

10:00am Sisters Circle
12:00pm Betty's and the Bible
1:30pm "Discovery" Class, PH
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 9/14

9:00am Morning Prayer
**6:00pm Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service in Church**

Thursday 9/15

2:00pm Balance Class Parish Hall

Friday 9/16

PH in Use all day

Saturday 9/17

PH in use all day
10:30am AA in Wicker Room

Sun. 9/18

8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Youth Formation

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FUTURE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 11** **Single Service 10:00am
Stewardship Celebration**
- Sept. 12** **Morning Prayer 9:00am**
- Sept. 13** **PH in use 6-9pm**
- Sept. 14** **Morning Prayer 9:00am**
Outreach Committee 10am
- Sept. 17 Men's Group
- Sept. 19** **Morning Prayer 9:00am**
- Sept. 21 Morning Prayer 9:00am
Vestry
- Sept. 24 PH in use
- Sept. 25 Movie Night 6:30pm
"War Room"
- Sept. 29 Men's Cursillo Starts

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2** **First Sunday 10:00am**
- Oct. 4 ECW Meeting 10:00am
- Oct. 8 Blessing of the Animals
In the Park
- Oct. 11 PH in use pm
- Oct. 18 ECW Board Mtg. 10:30

Altar Flowers



The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of someone, to celebrate an event or for a special thanksgiving, please call the office and sign up on the hall bulletin board.

Dear Trinity Family,

Last Sunday Ann and I attended evening worship in Savannah with Nick and Christine. We were amazed by this crowd of nearly two hundred thirty-somethings gathered in the auditorium of a downtown theater. The music was loud and the dress casual as these young people stood and moved and sang to worship the Lord. The service was a powerful combination of praise and preaching and even communion, yet for liturgically minded visitors, there was still much missing: the Creed, the Prayers, Confession, Absolution and the Lord's Prayer.

There was no Prayer Book, bulletin or hymnal – just the worship team and words on the screen. Yet for this huge church with multiple campuses and services on Sunday, this is liturgy – this is worship! I suspect for many other churches, this is worship. It's just not *our* worship. So, looking at the elements of worship, of all the things that make up our liturgy, we might ask, "Why do we worship the way we do?" "What are the elements of worship and why do we do them?"

In his book, *Liturgies of the Western Church*, Brad Thomson examines the early liturgies that give us some clues. The liturgies we do on Sunday are rooted in the ancient liturgies of the Church. One of the great apologists of the early church was Justin, who was martyred in Rome around 165 C.E. Thomson notes, "His writings were designed to communicate the Gospel to outsiders in such fashion as to evoke their understanding and to dispel their prejudice, – to "offset persistent rumors that the Christian cultus [religious practice] was a dark assembly of seditious and fanatical men who engaged in orgies and cannibalistic feasts."

Each week, on the Lord's Day, Christians gathered "in one place" for worship. Though this would probably be a large home owned by one of the wealthy members, still, "in one place" does not mean four walls: bricks or mortar. Instead, it's all about community, the body of Christ, the Church; the Christian family.

Just as today, the "Ministry of the Word" – the reading of Holy Scripture, sermons and prayers preceded the Eucharist. Borrowed from their Jewish heritage, the Apostles continued in the reading, teaching and prayers even as Jesus had taught and worshipped in the synagogues.

The Eucharist began with the Kiss of Peace, the ancient custom of reconciliation we still practice today in the passing of the Peace. Justin then speaks of Offertory, when "bread and a cup of water mingled with wine are presented to the president of the brethren." Thomson notes that in giving the bread and the wine to the presider, the "people gave *of themselves* to God: even as God, *by these same signs*, would presently give of Himself to them in Holy Communion." Though this understanding of the corporate offering may or may not