

THE TRIPOD

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 106 N GROVE ST | MARSHALL TX | 903-938-4246

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM | HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II | LITURGICAL YEAR A

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
All Saints Hall

SUNDAY MEET & GREET
Immediately following worship
All Saints Hall

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Thursday @ 9:15am
Our ancient tradition comes alive
through the Daily Office. Join us!

CONFESSION & HEALING

After Worship & By Appointment

Healing is available after worship
on Sundays or by appointment.
Confession is by appointment.



Pictured: Delegates to Council
Mallory Brown, Darlene Dotson,
and Tiffany Moore

PUT ME IN COACH

by Mallory Brown,
Delegate to Council

THE 177TH ANNUAL COUNCIL OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS

No one (except maybe Tony Pierce) gets excited for business meetings. Still, I kept an open mind as I drove to Council, asking myself, “What if a business meeting felt more like Pentecost?”

Friday night, we attended Eucharist, and I realized that I had gotten myself into a movement of the Holy Spirit. What began as a regular church service transformed the moment the brass band struck up Handel’s “Water Music,” its clear notes lifting the air and the spirit.

As the music played, the church banners paraded past, and I remember one thing most: goosebumps rising in my arms in a sudden wave. In that instant, the energy in the room felt tangible, as if the very sound itself was the Spirit moving through us. I watched Tony, holding our banner with such excitement, and Rev. Dana entering the room, smiling from ear to ear. The rest of the service unfolded in a joyful haze—songs in Spanish and English, an ASL interpreter translating, Bishop

Andy speaking about “if evil has no bottom, goodness has no ceiling.” But what stays with me is that single physical sensation, the goosebumps. To me, that remains proof that we were truly in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Saturday began with prayer and a fiery, hopeful address from Bishop Doyle. His call for delegates to see and love our neighbors was impossible to ignore. I had never seen a business meeting start this way!

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Pictured: After worship, clergy and laity gather for fellowship



Now, on to business. I dreaded the debates. However, I had forgotten that Episcopalians don't argue, but respectfully differ, each showing restraint in their allotted three minutes. In the end, there was no heated debate, just a polite process that passed smoothly, without even a 'hmm' or 'oh my.'

Beyond the procedural aspects, Saturday brought stories of resurrection and reconciliation: Fort Worth rejoining the diocese, three new congregations, a priest retiring for the third time (she swears it's the last, but we doubt), a multi-million dollar budget coming within \$20 of proposal (Jeff Henderson would be proud), and youth delegates embracing the future while reminding elders there's still work to do. Each of these stories started as one faithful person's idea, one conversation, or one bold decision. Hearing these stories, I felt encouraged about the

possibilities for our own parish, and I found myself wondering: What small step could we take that might lead to our own moment of renewal? The experience of new congregations joining and Fort Worth's return served as a reminder to all that revitalization is possible no matter our history. The nearly balanced budget and focus on youth show that our collective efforts are making an impact, giving me hope for future projects and ministries at our parish. These decisions and stories remind us that we are part of a larger journey, and what happens at Council can directly influence and inspire new opportunities for growth and connection here at home.

At lunch, we sat with Houston church delegates who lost their building to flooding and later relocated. They answered Bishop Doyle's call to feed the hungry by building a community garden with

over 50 public plots and six beehives, right in a Houston food desert. We then shared our answer: The Blessing Box, and explained how it is helping our community. Seeing how our ministries sparked meaningful conversation, I realized this is a story any of us could continue.

So next year, when Rev. Dana asks if you want to attend the council meeting, consider saying, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play today!" or maybe, like a true Episcopalian, "That sounds lovely." (Or ask me, because I won't turn down that opportunity to feel the Spirit again.)



Pictured: Rev. Dana Jean & Fr. Andrew Ellison at Council





A BANNER DAY

Senior Warden, Tony Pierce, who has faithfully served God's Church throughout more than six years on the vestry, joyfully carried the 175th Anniversary banner in the 177th Annual Council of Episcopal Diocese of Texas in the Woodlands, Texas on February 27, 2026.

Pictured: Senior Warden & Delegate to Council, Tony Pierce

From the 175th Anniversary Time Capsule

"For over 25 years, I have known and prayed for this church. I love the people. I experience deep faith here and love. There is hope here for the future. I pray that the people and priests may experience the same 25 years from now."

+C. Andrew Doyle, IX Bishop of Texas

"I don't think it would be possible for me to share just one favorite memory. The congregation I found on arrival was hurt and in pain but they were also a congregation who deeply loved their church and each other. The 175th anniversary was glorious. For what some people thought was dead was full of life. That would be my prayer for the 200th anniversary, that the church would be full of life."

Fr. Kevin Wittmayer, Former Interim Rector of Trinity Church

"Be careful as you go into God's creation, for earth was given for us to practice heaven. Be gentle with yourself and one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a faint whisper. Be vigilant, for Jesus is the ragged, oppressed, and sweated, in those who have lost hope, and those who are struggling to make good, for you carry the blessing of the Almighty God with you now and always."

Justin Robinson, Candidate for Holy Orders

Volunteer Opportunity

After careful review of our current needs and budget, we have hired a part-time bookkeeper, but no other office support. There are occasions during the week when it would be helpful to have a volunteer in the office to answer phones, welcome visitors, and receive deliveries. If you have weekday availability and would be willing to serve in this way, please let Rev. Dana know. Thank you!



Pictured: Lunch and fellowship at Jalapeño Tree after worship



March Ministry Schedule

	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
Crucifer	Justin Robinson	Kirkley Lewis	Emma Eppley	Michael Campbell	Emma Eppley
Lector/LEM 1	Mallory Brown	Cindy McGeorge	Margaret Dodson	Ann Brannon	Matt Hatch
Lector/LEM 2	Jeff Henderson	Ann Brannon	Mallory Brown	Justin Robinson	Michael Campbell
Oblations	John & Keely Barbe	Larry & Vickie D'Asto	April McClaskey & Juliana Zgoda	Jennifer Godwin & Margaret Lee	John & Keely Barbe
Usher 1	Henry Henderson	Larry D'Asto	Jackie Weeks	Joel Truelove	Henry Henderson
Usher 2	Keaton Henderson	Doug Lewis	Margaret Lee	Larry D'Asto	Terri Harper
Usher 3		Don Bramlett			
A/V	Logan Jameson-Hatch	Tony Pierce	Logan Jameson-Hatch	Tony Pierce	Logan Jameson-Hatch
Counter	Jeff Henderson	Cindy McGeorge	Darlene Dotson	Tiffany Moore	Michael Campbell
Altar Guild	Team A (Sue)	Team B (Margaret)	Team A (Sue)	Team B (Margaret)	

MEET & GREET

- March 1 OPEN
- March 8 OPEN
- March 15 Kay Ivy & April McClaskey
- March 22 Jackie Weeks & Margaret Lee
- March 29 **5th Sunday Potluck – BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**

ALTAR FLOWERS

No flowers during Lent

Visit www.trinityepiscopalmarshall.com to volunteer for Meet & Greet hour or sponsor altar flowers!

March Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lent 2 1 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2 9:15am Morning Prayer 10am Psalms Study	3 6pm Women's Bible Study	4 6:30pm Soup & Lenten Studio	5	6	7
Lent 3 8 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:45am Lunch Bag Ministry	9 9:15am Morning Prayer 10am Psalms Study	10 6pm Women's Bible Study	11 6:30pm Soup & Lenten Studio	12	13	14
Lent 4 15 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm DOK	16 9:15am Morning Prayer 10am Psalms Study	St. Patrick's Day 17 6pm Women's Bible Study	18 6:30pm Soup & Lenten Studio	19	20	21
Lent 5 22 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Vestry	23 9:15am Morning Prayer 10am Psalms Study	24 6pm Women's Bible Study	25 6:30pm Soup & Lenten Studio	26	27	28
Palm Sunday 29 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm 5th Sunday Potluck	30 No Psalms Study 12pm Stations of the Cross	31 12pm Stations of the Cross	1 8:05am TES Eucharist 12pm Stations of the Cross	2 12pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Maundy Thursday	3 12pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Good Friday Service	4

