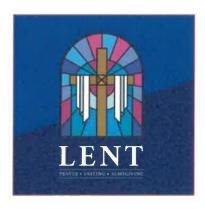
The Fourth Sunday in Lent



MARCH 10, 2024 10:30 am

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Invite, Include, Inspire

A Christian community for the realization of God's presence through worship, relationship, and outreach.

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PRELUDE:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing H686 vs 1-3



PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

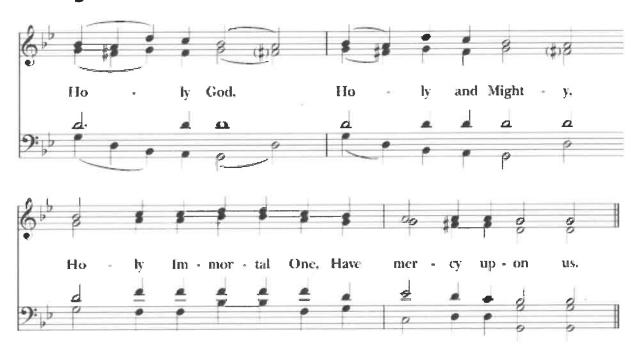
ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **People: Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD.

Celebrant: The closer the soul approaches on its journey home to God, the more ferocious is the resistance of the fragmented self.

Trisagion S102



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Hebrew Sciptures:

Numbers 21:4-9

Lector: A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Lector: Let us read Psalm 107 by alternative half verse. I will begin.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.
- 17 Home were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Christian Scripture.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector: A reading from Ephesians

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

H691



Please stand.

The Gospel: John 3:14-21

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Lord.

Please be seated

The Homily: The Rev. Eileen C. O'Reilly

Please stand for the Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed (Please stand.)

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Peoples' response in bold

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Lector: When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy and our need is deep.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lector: Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lector: Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lector: Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, especially **Becky**, **Diana**, **Priscilla**, **Jo**, **Jessica**, and for those who grieve, we pray.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lector: Push us into the world to be the advocates for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lector: Receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Celebrant: O God, by your Word you marvelously carry out the work of reconciliataion: Grant that in our Lenten time we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Presentation of Bread and Wine Offertory Music:



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Hymnal S-130 ho · ly ho - ly, Lord, \mathbf{God} of power and ho - ly, might, Ho - ly, Lord, God \mathbf{of} power and might,_ hea-ven and earth are full, full of Ho your glo high san in the Ho san est. Bless - ed is the one who the high est. comes_ in the name of the Lord._ Ho - san - na the high est. Ho - san - na \mathbf{in} in the high

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem:

Here in the Bead



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant:

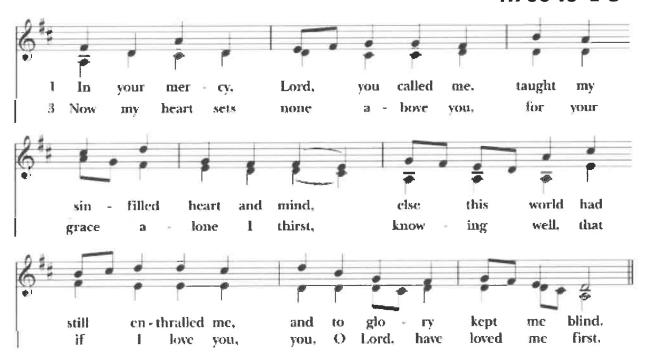
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion



Please remain standing

Last Communion Hymn: In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me H706 vs 1-3



The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



The Blessing

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

The Dismissal

Lector: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Please join after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee and Fellowhip.

Those Serving Today

Layreaders: Charles Begovich, David Cobb

Usher: Pat Marchal

Organist: Brandon Evans Camera Operator: Jim Beerbower

Altar Guild: Pat Marchal, Carole Van Osdol

This Week at Trinity

Mondays 9:15 am - 9:45 am: Contemplative Prayer via zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 9854 4534

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Monday: March 11 7:00 pm Vestry in the Workman Lounge

Wed., March 13 7:00 pm Compline in the sanctuary

Thurs. March 14, 15, & 16 Rummage Sale 9 am-1 pm

Thurs. March 14 12:30 pm Book Study in Workman Lounge

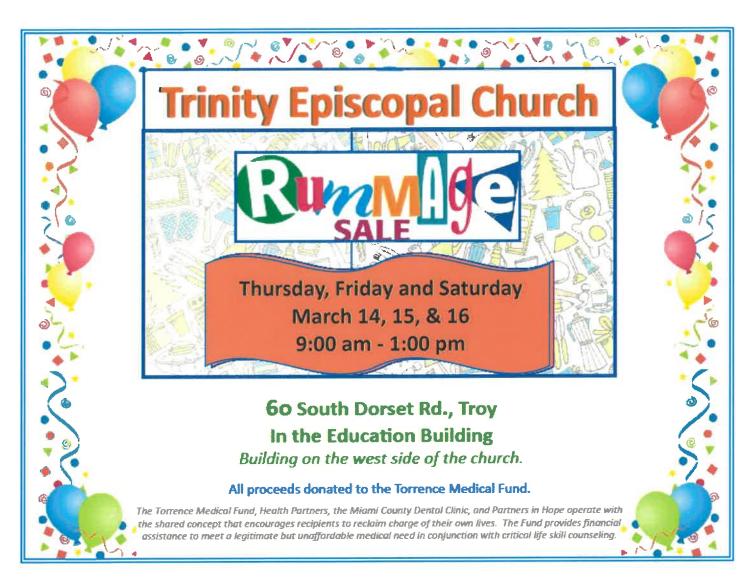
Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *Robert Schmidt, Leslie Schwartz, Bill and Marina Shaw, and Shelly Sheipline.* Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your
servants *Bethany Evans and Oliver Evans*, as they begins another
year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen
their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Kevin Kirsch (son of Kevin and Kathleen Kirsch); Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller). Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Let Millie know if you can help and what day and whay time.

All help is appreciated.



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