Trinity Episcopal Church



Invite. Include. Inspire.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II March 30, 2025

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

We are delighted to have you with us today.

Everything that you need for the liturgy can be found in this bulletin.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

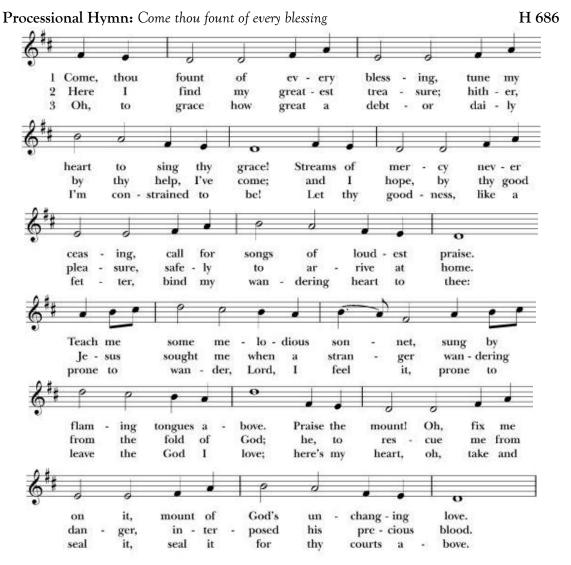
Children are always welcome in the church.

The Word of God

Prelude: "Distress" (from the Southern Harmony, 1835)

Gilbert Martin

Please stand as you are able for the procession.



The Opening Acclamation:

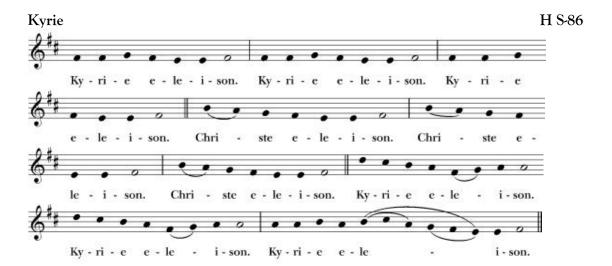
Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify

your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: 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.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

The First Lesson: Joshua 5: 9-12

Lector: A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

 Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson:

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

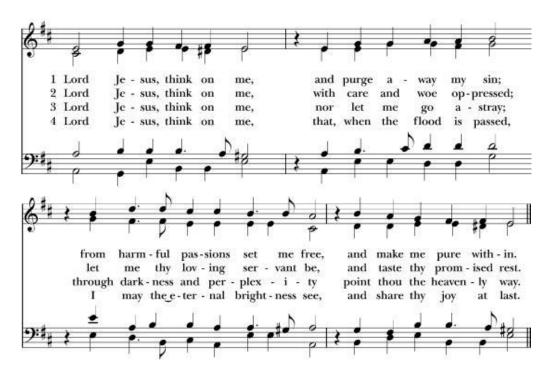
Lector: A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Lord Jesus, think on me

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The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily Mtr. Alane Osborne

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Presider 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.

The Prayers of the People: Written by Rick Mortley in the style of Psalm 51. Used with permission.

Lector: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through, and cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.

Purge us from our sin, and we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness, that those who are broken may rejoice. We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.

Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent, we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Cast them not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Anne, West Chester and the Commission on Congregational Life.

We pray especially for Jo Stull and Becky Daffner and those who we now name.

Presider: Holy God, who hears our prayers and knows our needs before we name

them, open our hearts to your love present in the world around us, that we might share your ministry of reconciliation and your gifts of grace and love to those who need them, with the help of your Son, our Savior

Jesus Christ. Amen

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: 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 and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen

Presider: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

You are welcome to share the sign of the peace with the people around you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.



Please stand as you are able.





The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

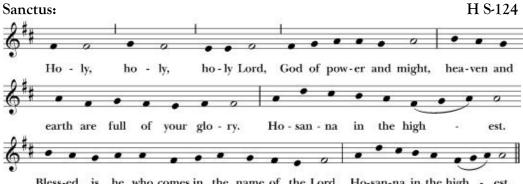
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleans their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacrament, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 Iesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider 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.

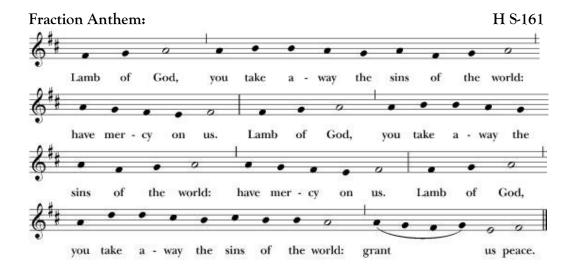
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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

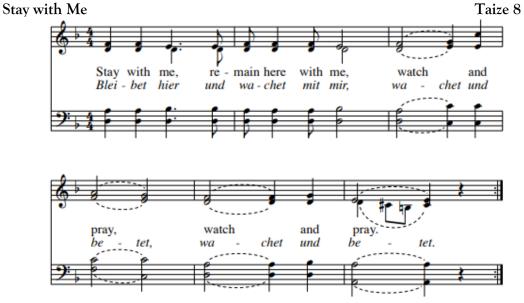


Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

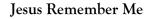
You are welcome to join us at communion. Please come forward to the rail when indicated by an usher. You may drink from the common cup, or intinct (dip) the bread in the second cup.

Cross your arms over your chest if you prefer a blessing. Please let the presider know if you need a gluten free wafer.

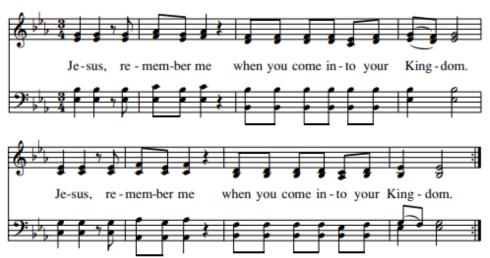
Music During Communion:



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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 € 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

The Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider 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:

Presider: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and

peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain

with you always. Amen.



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Those Serving Today

Presider: Mtr. Alane Osborne

Organist Joel Hootman

Acolytes: Westley and Thomas Roberts

Lectors: Leslie Schwartz and Nancy Blair

Usher: Pat Marchal

Camera: Evanthia Owen

Altar Guild: Jenny Anticoli and Kathleen Kirsch

Little Library Steward: Susan Beerbower

This Week at Trinity: March 17 - 23

Monday	3/31	9:15 am	Contemplative Prayer
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Wednesday	4/2	7:00 pm	Tools for Prayer/Evening Prayer
Thursday	4/3	1:00 pm	Fellowship Committee

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday	4/13	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
Wednesday	4/16	7:00 pm	Tools for Prayer/Evening Prayer
Thursday	4/17	6:00 pm	Agape Meal
		7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist (Triduum 1)
Friday	4/18	7:00 pm	Good Friday (Triduum 2)
			(Eucharist from reserve sacrament)
Saturday	4/19	8:30 pm	The Holy Vigil of Easter (Triduum 3)
Sunday	4/20	10:30 pm	Easter Sunday Eucharist

Announcements

Social Ministry:

Trinity will be serving lunch to the senior residents of Terrace Ridge Apartments on Saturday, April 5. St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen is providing the ingredients for lunch, but we are asking for volunteers to help prepare the meal at Trinity at 11 am and serve it at Terrace Ridge community center, Kennedy Hall at noon. We also would like donations of cookies or brownies for dessert. Please sign up by the east door leading to the Parish Hall.

We will be assembling the laundry bags for Garden Manor in the Parish Hall after the service.

Tools for Prayer:

Our discussion topic for this week is Icons. Please join us this Wednesday at 7pm in the sanctuary as we learn about the history of icons and how to use them for prayer.

Children's Formation:

We are looking for one more volunteer to help lead the Children's Formation time that would happen during the service. All materials and plans would be provided to you prior to the service. All volunteers must be trained in safe church (Mother Alane will help set this up if you have never done so, or not done so in 3 years.)

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Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Kyle, Alane, Clive and Fiona Osborne; Evanthia Owen, and Harvey and Dale Perrault. 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 **John Weikle and Kenton Ford** as they begin 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.

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