

Trinity Episcopal Church



Ash Wednesday
5 March 2025 + 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to Trinity!

A PLACE OF WORSHIP FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are so very happy that you are here worshipping with us. This is God's house and we hope that you are able to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We will keep you in our prayers and we look forward to getting to know you more. May God bless and keep you this day and always!

EUCCHARIST (COMMUNION) is open to all baptized Christians. If you would like to receive but are unable to navigate the steps, please let an usher know and we will have it brought to you.

RESTROOMS are located outside the Nave in the Common Room (1) and more are located down the Hall past the nursery.

VISITORS Please fill out a visitor card in the pew back in front of you if you are with us for the first time or would like more information.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS please feel free to ask an usher, a clergy person, or someone sitting near you.

Servers in Today's Liturgy:

7:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist

Presider: The Rev'd Amanda Henes

Preacher: The Rev'd T.J. Freeman

Lectors: Mike Roeger, Elliot Harrod

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Watson, Scott Short

Altar Guild: Scott Short

Ushers: Ryan Chasey, Mick Parrott

Cantors: Brice Vinson-Schisler, Renée Crim

Acolytes: David Johnson, Tim Federspiel Mike Roeger,
Eric Shoemaker

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as able as the procession enters during the prelude

The Word of God

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The people sit.

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the

Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide

you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 103:8-14



8 The LORD is full of com'passion and 'mercy, *
slow to 'anger and of 'grät 'kindness.

9 He will not 'always ac'cuse us, *
nor will he 'keep his 'anger for 'ever.

†10 He has not dealt with us ac'cording to our 'sins, *
nor rewarded us ac'cording 'to our 'wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are 'high above the 'earth, *
so is his mercy 'great upon 'those who 'fear him.

12 As far as the 'east is from the 'west, *
so far has he re'moved our 'sins 'from us.

13 As a father 'cares for his 'children, *
so does the LORD 'care for 'those who 'fear him.

14 For he himself knows where 'of we are 'made; *
he re'members that 'we are but 'dust.

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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. As we work together with him, we urge you also

not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge,

patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as able

Gospel Acclamation *Cantor sings first, all repeat*



(Verse—cantor)

If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts. R/.

Stand as able

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received

their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may

be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

T.J. Freeman, *Rector*

All stand as able

Invitation to a holy Lent *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, pages 264-265*

Presider

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Imposition of ashes

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return, but Christ gives you life.

The people may remain standing or kneel

Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus* Choral setting by Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *and cleanse
me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Stand as able

Litany of penitence *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, pages 267-269*

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Presider continues, the people respond responsively

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People **Have mercy on us, Lord.***

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People **Have mercy on us, Lord.***

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People **We confess to you, Lord.***

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People **We confess to you, Lord.***

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People **We confess to you, Lord.***

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People **We confess to you, Lord.***

Our negligence in prayer, worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People **We confess to you, Lord.***

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

People **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The Priest, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Be seated

Offertory Anthem

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Timor et tremor venerunt super me, et caligo cecidit super me: Miserere mei Domine, quoniam in te confidit anima mea. (Fear and trembling have come upon me and darkness has fallen upon me: Have mercy upon me, Lord, have mercy, for my soul trusts in thee.)

The liturgy continues on page 362 of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Presider

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation S-135 *The Presider and People sing*



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The Presider continues

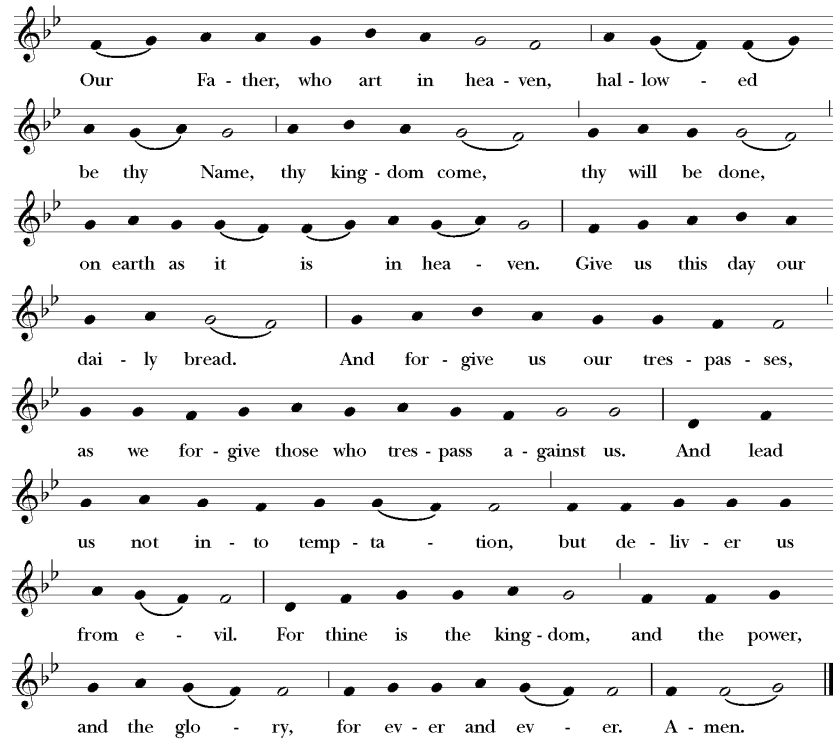
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *all sing together*



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread *A brief silence is kept.*

Agnus Dei

HYMNAL, S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

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Hymn

HYMNAL, 150
(st. 2, Sopranos & Altos; st. 4 Tenors & Basses)

Hymn

HYMNAL, 149

Post-Communion Prayer

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 365

Solemn Prayer

In Lent, in place of a blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used as follows:

Presider

Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel. The Presider says

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. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Procession *De Profundis*

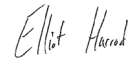
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)



A Letter from the Director of Christian Formation:

As we draw closer to our observation of a holy Lent, Trinity will be offering two distinct Lenten Book Studies to help guide our prayers and practices over this upcoming season. We invite you to prayerfully discern and consider participating in our upcoming seasonal formation offerings through one or both of these Lenten Book Studies. As you feel led to participate, we ask that you RSVP for our studies through website or via the E-News. We look forward to observing a holy Lent with you during this season at Trinity.

In Christ,



Announcements

ASH WEDNESDAY masses will be at 12pm and 7pm on Wednesday, March 5th. Join us as we begin the Lenten season together. *There will be no Kids Choir or program that evening.*

INFORMATION ON LENTEN BOOK STUDIES is out this week; check out Trinity's website under the "Formation" tab to link to more information. We will be studying 2 books: Wild Bright Hope, which is the Big Church Read Lent Book 2025, as well as Passions of the Soul by Rowan Williams. Links to RSVP available via E-News or the website.

MID-WEEK MASS IS MOVING to Tuesdays at 12pm during the season of Lent; there will be NO REGULAR MASS on Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday. *Keep an eye out for Feast Day Masses which will happen intermittently within the season.

Those who are interested in **CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION OR REAFFIRMATION** in the Episcopal Church are invited to join us for an 8 week series exploring God, faith, and your call. We will meet from 6-7:30 on March 16th, 23rd, 30th; April 6th; May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Please email Mtr Amanda if you are interested or have further questions.

A reminder that there will be **NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR** on Wednesday, March 5th as we observe Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR will take place from 4-5pm each Thursday in Lent in advance of our Thursday book study. This is a great opportunity to take additional time to reflect during the season.

Calendar

Sunday March 2, 2025

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
 8:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:50AM Preparation for a Holy Lent
 9:00AM Sunday School (1st-12th grades)
 10:15AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:15AM Sunday School (18 months-K)
 11:30AM Preparation for a Holy Lent
 12:00PM Lively Lunch Bunch
 5:00PM Taizé Mass

Tuesday March 4, 2025

5:00PM Confession
 5:30PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 7:00PM Journeying Together Study

Wednesday March 5, 2025

12:00PM Ash Wednesday Mass (Nave)

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Mass (Nave)

Thursday March 6, 2025

5:30PM Passions of the Soul (Lounge)
 5:45PM DOK Meeting (Conf Room)
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent
 8:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 8:50AM Preparation for a Holy Lent
 9:00AM Sunday School (1st-12th grades)
 10:15AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 10:15AM Sunday School (18 months-K)
 11:30AM Preparation for a Holy Lent
 5:00PM Taizé Mass
 6:00PM Wild Bright Hope (Lounge)

Prayer List for the Week of March 2

We also pray today:

For Healing: Ann, Dave & Janet, Dianna, Erin, John, Judy, Julie, Mickey, Mike, Robert, Steve, Tim, Dan Albers, Marty Alsgaard, Jean Beaubien, Dagny & Charles Boebel, Bob Brough, Patrick Bryant, Elaine Cameron, Kathy Christensen, John Conley, Donna Daniel, Barb DeVries, Jenn Durnell, Larry Fisher, Doug Ford, The Buck Gordon Family, Mary Grell, Jill Gutreuter, Danny Haboush, Cheryl & Barry Harrison, the Hecht Family, Carolyn Henderson, Jan Henes, Lyle Hesterman, Sally Huebner, Emily Hughes, Jim Kuhlman, Beth Lampton, AJ Leonard, Marybeth Lomont, Ginny Maloley, Nellie Bee Maloley, Erin Mauch, Sue McCammon, Jim Neher, Christine Newman-Aumiller, Abby Niederman, Nyla Nyffeler, Marita O'Neil-Maloley, the Peck Family, Jackie & Bill Raftree, Marian Randall, Peter Russell, Jan Shaffer, Sarah Skeikh, Trudy Spath, Bill Volckmann, John Weal, Janet Weigand, Amy Williams & Family, Jason & Rachel Wright, Josina Zylstra

We pray in thanksgiving for blessings in the lives of the following...

Birthdays: Mick Parrott, Marty Alsgaard, Claire Guyll, David Stewart, Andy Gebhard, Jean Russell, John Porter

Congregation and Clergy of Our Diocese: Diocesan Offices: Jay Rigdon (*Chancellor*), Evan Doyle (*Secretary*), Joe Walker (*Treasurer*), T.J. Freeman (*Standing Comm. President*), Marie Gambetta (*COM Chair*), John Beatty (*Archivist*)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Pray for the Caregivers, and all those who extended themselves to serve others.



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Upcoming Vestry Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be:

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: Mass at 5pm, Meeting 6pm
All meetings are open and visitors are welcome unless otherwise stated.

Please contact the Church Office if you would like a name tag.

THE CLERGY MAY BE CALLED AT ANY TIME FOR EMERGENCIES.

If you are in the hospital or would like a pastoral visit at home:
 Please contact Fr. T.J. at 260.417.5425 or Mtr. Amanda at 616.706.0010