

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

10:00 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



THE SEASON IS — Lent. The season of Lent lasts 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with Saturday before Easter. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation for the entire parish community. Since Sundays are feast days, they are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, but are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. We are called to use this time as a period of introspection, self examination and repentance. Just a reminder, alleluias are omitted from the liturgy during Lent.

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In the Anglican cycle of prayer we remember the Church in Wales, and in our own diocese for St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; Andrew Vavala, Sarah Gooderham, Lucy Ramirez, Betty White, Kristen Kelly, Angel Martinez, and Kathryn Jakabcin & Kate Ransom.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude (Clarinet and Organ) “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

Tune: Robert E. Kreutz
Setting: David Cherwien

Processional Hymn

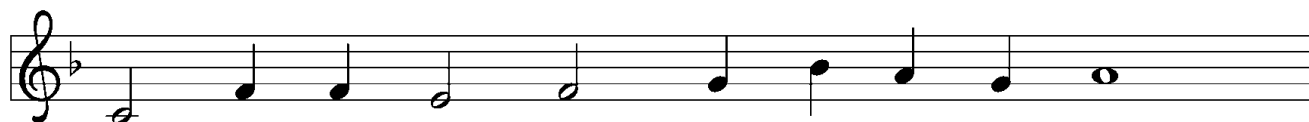
Eternal Lord Of Love



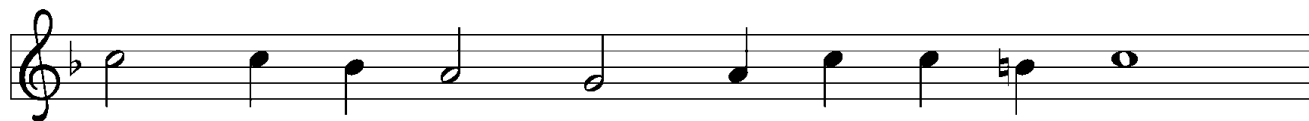
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant

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.*

Kyrie

Refrain

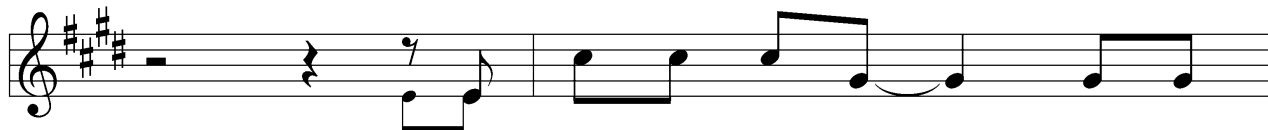


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1	For	peace	in	the	world,	for	the
2	That	we	may	live	out	your	im -
3	For	peace	in	our	hearts,		for
4	For	your	Spir -	it	to	that	you
					guide;		



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 51:1-13



**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

**For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

**Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

**Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.**

**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

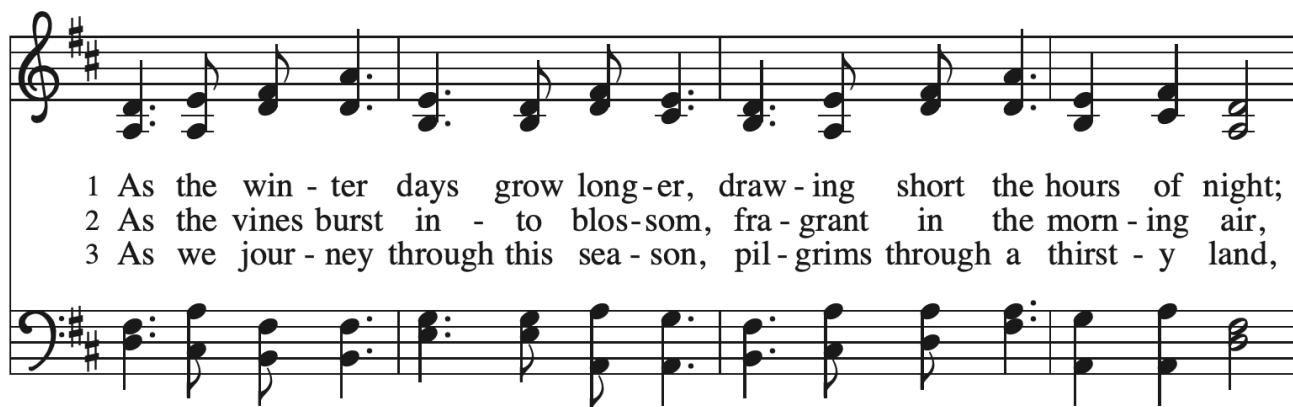
Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

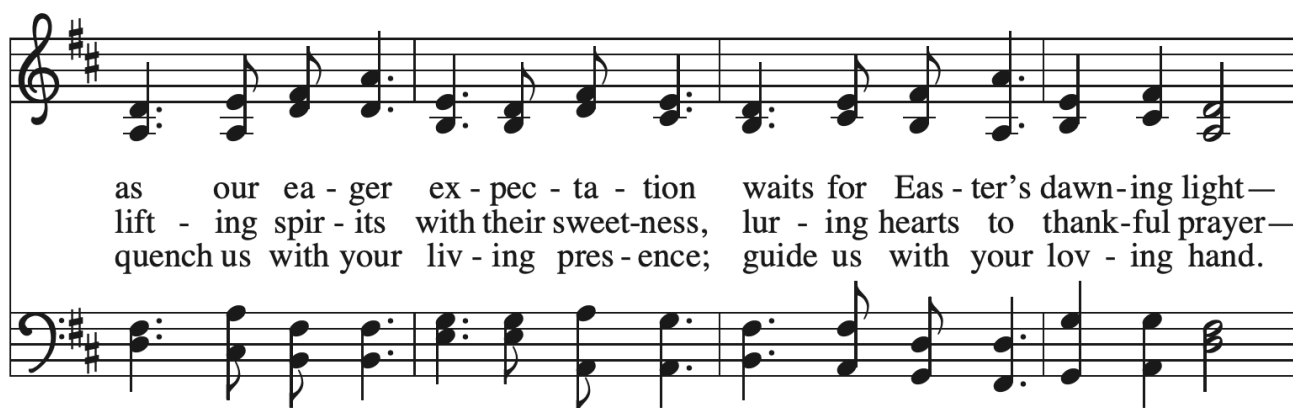
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual

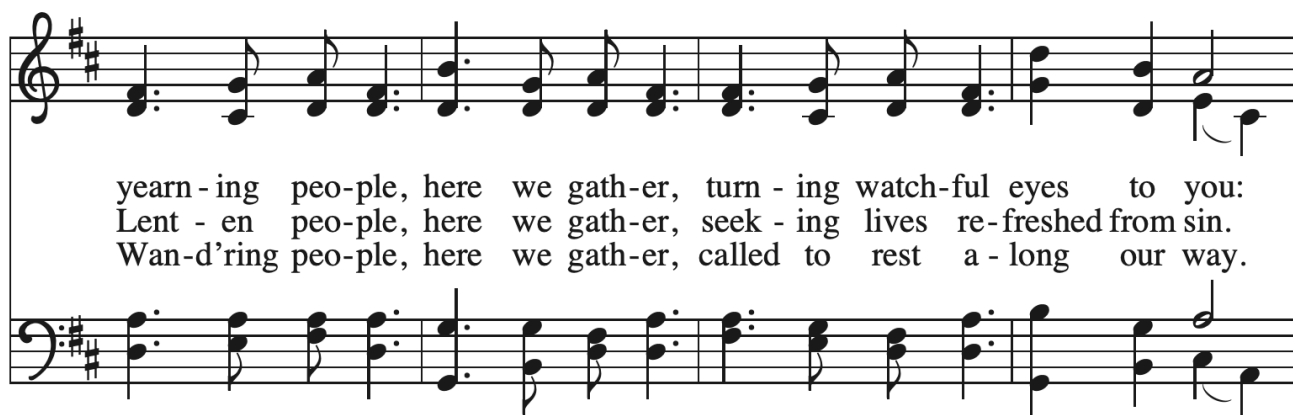
As The Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long-er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos-som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

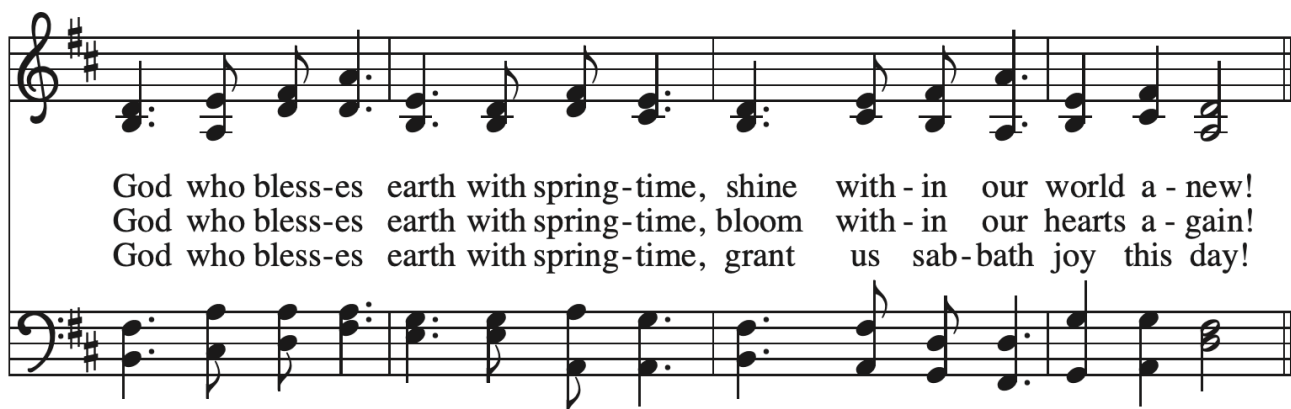


as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn-ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet-ness, lur - ing hearts to thank-ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo-ple, here we gath-er, turn - ing watch-ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo-ple, here we gath-er, seek - ing lives re-freshed from sin.
Wan-d'ring peo-ple, here we gath-er, called to rest a - long our way.

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Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version

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The Gospel *People stand as they are able.*

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Downing

The Nicene Creed

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

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (*Psalm 145:14*)

God of love hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, neglected, unwanted, alone. God of love

Hear our prayer

God of justice hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken. God of justice

Hear our prayer

God of peace hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, frightened, fearful, anxious. God of peace

Hear our prayer

God of healing hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual hurting, weakened, depressed, especially Marie Hunt, Mark Levin, Melissa Perry, Anne Digan, Jim Yandle, Andrea Morgan, Frances Whittingham, Rich Mical, Tom Ptoomey, Julia McKay, Paquito Ocasio, Gerry Ennis, Mark Evans, Stephen Warner, Gerardo Plasencia, and Heath Dotson. God of healing

Hear our prayer

God of mercy hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down, God of mercy

Hear our prayer

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. (*Psalm 116:1,2*)

May you know the peace of God, the love of God, the justice of God, the healing and mercy of God, this day and all days. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Anthem (Choir) “Miserere Mei (*Have Mercy On Me*)” Antonio Lotti

Miserere mei, Deus:
Secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum:
Dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy on me, O God:
According to your great mercy.
And according to the multitude of your mercies:
Blot out my iniquity.*

Offertory Hymn

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

The musical notation is written on six staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me." The final note of the sixth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

All
come of Thee, O Lord, *and of thine own have we given Thee.*

Things

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You bid your faithful people cleanse 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 Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus WLP 851

Setting by Jack Warren Burnam

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

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

People and Celebrant

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei



1 Lamb of God, come take a - way the sin of all the
2 Lamb of God who'd give your soul to see a bro - ken
3 Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, † heal us with your
4 Lamb of God, Ho - ly One, † bring us peace when



world to - day: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
world made whole: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
liv - ing word: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -
day is done: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -



on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.

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Music: Ray Makeever

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Musical Offering (Clarinet and Piano)

“Aria No. 3”

Keith Kolander

Communion Hymn

Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Post Communion Prayer

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

Bow down before the Lord.
The people kneel, if they are able.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn TH 144

Lord Jesus, Son Of Righteousness

The musical score is written for a five-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) in a homophonic style. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the first five lines of the lyrics. The second system covers the next five lines. The third system covers the final five lines and includes a double bar line at the end. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with other parts providing harmonic support. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine
2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -
3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may
4 Now near - er draws the day of days when
5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that
2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your
3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing
4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at
5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.
2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.
3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.
4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.
5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude (Clarinet and Organ)

“In All Our Grief”

Tune: Charles R. Anders
Setting: David Cherwien

Announcements

Lent is a time of giving to those in need. In support of Friendship House, we have six weeks of Lenten Giving Opportunities. Please find the info in our Wednesday Newsletter or look for fellow parishioners with info at coffee hour. Please contact Sarah Berninger for more information berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422

Confirmation Classes continue on Sundays through March 17th. Classes are held from 1-2 pm in the conference room. The Bishop will make his visitation on Sunday, May 26th.

Wednesdays in Lent we are reading and discussing the book “Listening for God” volume 1. This is a collection of excerpts from ten contemporary authors. Included are selections from: Flannery O'Connor, Frederick Buechner, Patricia Hampf, Raymond Carver, Annie Dillard, and Alice Walker. Each week we will discuss one author's work. The class is every Wednesday in Lent from 7pm to 8pm via zoom.

Easter Egg Hunts will be held after every service on Easter Sunday. So we need eggs! Please sign up on the chart in the back of the church to bring and/or help hide the eggs. Real eggs are requested.

Easter Egg Hiders—we need folks to hid the eggs and run the hunt on Easter Day following the 10 am service. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the parish office.

Easter Flowers: Using flowers to celebrate the Risen Christ is an ancient custom in the church. At Trinity, we continue this by inviting parishioners to contribute memorial flowers honoring loved ones. The minimum contribution is \$25; please include a list of those you are honoring with your check, and mark the memo line ‘Easter flowers.’ If you choose to give online, please send an email to office@trinityparishde.org with the list of those you are remembering. The deadline is Friday, March 22. Questions? Please call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. Thank you for participating in the celebration of Easter.

EASTER MORNING MUSIC! The 10:00 am Festival Service of Eucharist on Easter Sunday will feature the full Trinity Choir, accompanied by brass quartet, violin, organ, piano and timpani. A pre-service instrumental music recital will begin at 9:45 am that morning. During the service, soloists and choir will present an eclectic mix of choral music, including Jonathan Willcock's joyful and carol-like “Easter Rejoicing” and Chris Tomlin's contemporary classic “I Will Rise.” Join us for this celebratory service as we raise our voices in song in praise of the Risen Lord!

Women's Retreat – Friday May 10 to Sunday May 12. Join us for the women's retreat focused on “Legacy”: how we will be remembered when we are gone, how we can support

those facing death or helping another to do so, and those who have lost a loved one. Beth Cohen, Rabbi Emerita of Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth Beach, served as Religious Leader there for 10 years before she retired. In her “retirement,” she provides Rabbinic support to the synagogue’s Social Justice Committee projects, especially its Interfaith activity, and provides pastoral support for Jewish people in the Rehoboth Beach area. Rabbi Beth is also considered the Rabbi in Residence at St Peter’s Episcopal Church in Lewes where she has long participated in Bible Study every and led a workshop for St Peter’s Summer Spirituality Series. Rabbi Beth will lead us in exploring our topics around Legacy and provide background and understanding on the Jewish approach to these issues. Of course, we will also have time for relaxation, delicious food, beautiful scenery, and the company of other women who are on the same journey. This retreat is for women of all ages and backgrounds. The cost is \$300 for lodging and meals except lunch on Saturday which is on your own. Assistance with cost is available – contact Rev. Patty Downing. For more information, please contact Kim Denhardt at kdenhardt@gmail.com.

An “Acolyte Boot Camp” will be lead by Patty in the sanctuary at Trinity on Saturday, April 13 at 10 am to train any children eight and older who would like to join our acolyte team. We hope your children can join us! We also need a few parents to help “guide” and “shepherd” the acolyte team and the acolyte robing closet in the choir room, so if you are interested in helping with these duties, please let us know.

FREE CONCERT: Encore Chorale of Wilmington – Come celebrate the return of spring on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 pm, right here at Trinity, when The Encore Chorale of Wilmington, a 40-member vocal ensemble, under the direction of Trinity’s Director of Music, David Simmons, presents a FREE concert, filled with an eclectic mix of choral delights, that will light up your spring with warmth and joy!

ARTS DAY AT OLD SWEDES – Reserve the afternoon of Saturday, May 18 (Noon to 5:00 pm) on your calendar and ask your friends to join you for a unique “Celebration of The Performing Arts!” Produced by The Arts At Trinity (TAAT) as part of the 325th Anniversary of Old Swedes, this “first of its kind” event will feature FREE performances by a host of prominent arts ensembles, including Opera Delaware, Delaware Shakespeare, Pieces of a Dream Modern Dance Company, and The Serafin Ensemble. From singing to dancing, and from dramatic offerings to instrumental performances, it will be an afternoon you will NOT want to miss. NO tickets required! Most performances will take place on the stage of the outdoor amphitheater. Stay tuned for more details and exact performance times. Help us spread the word throughout the greater Wilmington region! If you can assist with set-up, logistics, staffing, or tear-down, etc, that day, please contact David Simmons, at david@trinityparishde.org.

NOTES ON TODAY’S MUSIC from our Director of Music

The text of today’s Gradual Hymn, “As The Winter Days Grow Longer,” which was written by Mary Louise Bringle in 2006, focuses on our Lenten journey and how the winter days are getting longer and turning into spring as the world is beginning to blossom and we await the end of Lent and the dawn of Easter. It is the perfect week for this hymn as the first day of

Spring is this coming Tuesday, March 19 and Easter is just two weeks from today! Bringle's contemporary text is sung to a very old and traditional Welsh tune called "*Suo Gân*." This tune is also used for the hymns "Christ Before Us," "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" and "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper."

Today's Offertory Anthem, "Miserere Mei, (*Have Mercy On Me*)," which will be sung in the original Latin, was composed around 1730 by the Italian composer Antonio Lotti. Born in Venice in 1667, Lotti spent most of his career at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice (*Basilica di San Marco*), which dates back to 1094. He began as an alto singer as a boy, then rose to assistant to the second organist, then to second organist, then to first organist and finally to "*maestro di cappella*," a position he held until his death in 1740.

Upcoming Events

Ongoing

Monday Bible Study at Noon via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, please email the parish office.

Vestry Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Trinity

Junta Meeting – 1st Sunday of the month after the noon service

Encore Chorale – Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 10-11:30 am at Trinity

Trinity Choir – Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 pm at Trinity

Confirmation Class—Sundays at 1-2 pm; weekly through March 17th

Wednesdays in Lent Adult Formation—Wednesdays at 7-8 pm via Zoom.

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3/17 Trinity Ringers rehearsal at 11:15 am in Choir Room

3/19 American Law & Government: American Federalism Class at 7 pm at Trinity

3/23 Polishing Party at 10 am

3/24 Trinity Ringers rehearsal at 11:15 am in Choir Room

Welcome Home

For Holy Week
at Trinity Episcopal Parish



March 24 Palm Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in English at Old Swedes Church
with Bishop Kevin S. Brown preaching
7 pm en Español a la Iglesia de Trinidad

March 29 Good Friday 12 pm in English and 6 pm Via Crucis

March 30 Holy Saturday 7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
(bilingual service)

March 31 Easter Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español
(Easter egg hunts after each service)

All services are at Trinity Church, unless otherwise noted.
Most services available via live stream on Facebook and YouTube.
Links and details available on our webpage: www.trinityoldswedes.church.



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