TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

Prelude Organ improvisation

Opening Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Priest 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.*

Trisagion: see pew card

Christine Gevert (2016)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A reading from the Book of Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27:1-5, 18

Tonus Peregrinus

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the Lord.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gradual Hymn 422 Not far beyond the sea, nor high

Cornwall

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

Sermon The Rev. Heidi Truax

A moment of Silent Reflection

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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for the people of countries welcoming refugees, and for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe, for our Governors, Charlie, Kathy and Ned, for the leaders of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added,) let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful (we leave time to lift up thanksgivings) and for those on our parish cycle of prayer; Fran Colombo, Jim Conzo, Mike and Sandy Cuoco, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (we read from the book and leave time for names to be added,) and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

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.

The 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. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 141 Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun

So giebet du nun

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest 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; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy, holy: see pew card Christine Gevert (2016)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**.

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.

Fraction Anthem: see pew card

Christine Gevert (2016)

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Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Communion (on the floor level of the nave—bread and wine offered)

Communion Anthem "Dominus illumi-

by Claudio Merunatio mea"

(1533-1604)

Latin text

Dominus illuminatio mea, et salus mea, auem timebo?

Dominus defensor vitae meae,

a quo trepidabo?

Qui tribulant me inimici mei, ipsi infirmati sunt, et ceciderunt. Si consistant adversum me castra:

non timebit cor meum.

English translation

The Lord is my light and my salvation:

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the protector of my life: of

whom shall I be afraid? My enemies that trouble me

have themselves been weakened and have fallen.

If armies in camp should stand together against me,

my heart shall not fear.

Postcommunion Prayer

Gracious God, in this holy meal you have knit us together as the body of Christ. Grant us the courage to be that Body not only in this place and on this day, but in the world everyday. And grant that in our presence as that Body, we may show forth your love for all your people. AMEN AWD 8.8.18

The Blessing

Know the Mighty God as your strength and your shield; your fortress and your might. The Lord pro-

tect you from all evil and keep you in peace and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

From Glimpses of Glory, David Ad-

am

Closing Hymn 471 We sing the praise of him who died

Breslau

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Organ improvisation on tune *Breslau*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Lector: Tom Schindler
Epistoler: Jim Conzo
Intercessor: Barry Anderson
Altar Guild: Bev Becker
Counter: Gordon Gustafson
Greeter/Usher: Jim Conzo
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today 9:00 AM Sunday School

Mondays 6:30 PM *beginning tomorrow*, there will be a book group on Zoom led by the Rev. Marilyn Anderson. The book is <u>Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit</u>. See this coming week's Trinity Update for more info.

Tuesdays 7:00 PM Beginning April 5—Overeaters Anonymous meets in Walker Hall

Thursdays 12:30—1:30 PM Bible Explorers meet. We will read Exodus until Easter

Sun., March 20 12 Noon Next Vestry meeting

4:00 PM Next Misa en Español

At our Sunday services: The 8:00 AM service is now mask optional. And we continue to ask that all people wear masks at the 10:00 AM service whether vaccinated or not.

Please remember that we are filming this service and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.

The Trinity Vestry 2022

Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden M. E. Freeman, Jr. Warden and Treasurer Beverly Becker, Clerk Barry Anderson, Mike Cuoco, Al Dorf, Scott Frost, Theresa Kenny, Alan Swide

A prayer for Ukraine and the World

For all the lives lost, for refugees and the wounded, for homes seized and peace broken.

May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May the Spirit of wisdom and humility enliven our global leaders.

May we affirm the dignity and rights of all. Amen.



Damaged church in Mariupol, Ukraine.

-The Guardian

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