



Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering Companionship along the Way

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *Southwell*

Processional Hymn 641 Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Pastor 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: Hymnal S 102 Holy God

Alexander Archangelsky

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray together our collect:

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.

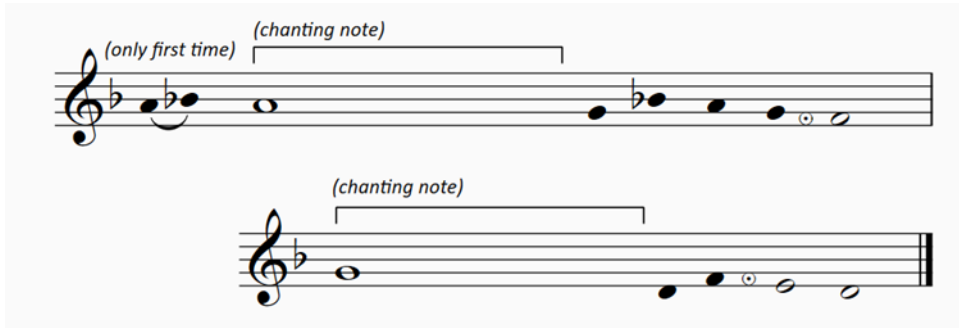
A reading from the Book of Joshua 5:9-12

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Hap- | py are they whose trans- | gressions are for- | given, *
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 a- | way, *
because of my | groaning | all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy up- | on 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 con- | ceal 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.

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

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

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
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.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Johan Johnson

Minute of silence for 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, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and the new understanding of the role of the Church in this unknown territory of living with coronavirus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our towns, for every city and community, and for those who live and work in them, 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; Tom Ragan, Isabel Rooney, Tom and Susanna Schindler, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, 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.

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.**

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Old 124th

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy: Hymnal S 124 Sanctus

David Hurd, b. 1950

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of Power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Lamb of God: Hymnal S 161 Agnus Dei

David Hurd b. 1950

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask for a blessing.

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

So gibst du nun

Postcommunion 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.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the One who made us, the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

Henri-Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Closing Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Improvisation on tune *Nettleton*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Supply Priest: The Rev. Johan Johnson, Chaplain at Salisbury School

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Minister of Communion: Mary Anne Carley

Lector: Bill Jenks

Epistoler: Hotchkiss Student or Jim Conzo

Intercessor: Diane Walters

Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco

Counter: Gordon Gustafson

Greeter/Usher: Jim Conzo

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

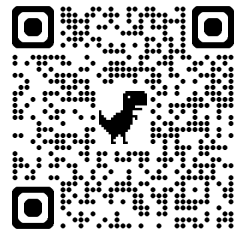
- March 25-31** Pastor Heidi is away visiting family in Virginia. Please contact the Junior Warden, Cheryl Duntz in the case of a pastoral emergency.
- Saturday, Apr. 5** 11:00 AM Memorial Service and reception in Walker Hall for Jane Lipton
- Sunday, April 6** 11:45 AM Outreach Brunch with a talk from Vecinos Seguros; Jill Drew and Rev. John Carter.
3:00 PM Vecinos Seguros Rapid Response team meeting
- Thurs., Apr. 10** 6:00 PM Vecinos Seguros Community Meeting with Immigration Attorney Glenn Formica
- Sat., April 12** 10:00 AM Brass Polishing Party
10:00 AM Parish Clean up morning
Please do your best to attend one of these events so that we can be in tip top shape for Easter morning.
- Sunday, Apr. 13** Palm Sunday
12:00 Noon Vestry Meeting
- Thurs. April 17** 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Lamb Dinner
- Friday, April 18** 12 Noon: Good Friday Way of the Cross
6:00 PM Good Friday service with music; Guest Speakers on the life of Jesus

Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 6:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge each month
6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Explorers begin The Gospel of Luke on April 3
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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