



The Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m., March 19, 2023



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The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service or attend Sunday School in the North Parish Hall. Nursery care is also provided in the North Parish Hall. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

O Jesus, I Have Promised

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Introit

Oh, May My Soul Commune with Thee

Lorin F. Wheelwright

Oh, may my soul commune with thee
And find thy holy peace;
From worldly care and pain of fear,
Please bring me sweet release.

Enfold me in thy quiet hour
And gently guide my mind
To seek thy will, to know thy ways,
And thy sweet Spirit find.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor *People*

(Each commandment monotoned) A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

Setting: Howard E. Gulley (1929-1995)
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I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Hymnal 1982, #390

Praise to the Lord

Lobe den Herren

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

Collect for Purity

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.*

Confession

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.*

*We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.*

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

Trisagion (Hymnal S102) *Sung three times.*

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the final phrase. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons

here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Lift Every Voice, #104 The Lord Is My Shepard

1. The Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;
 2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,
 3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;
 4. Let good - ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest;—
 2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear;—
 3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er;—
 4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - hove;—

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow,—
 2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay;—
 3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head;—
 4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod,—

1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;
 2. No _____ harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;
 3. O _____ what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

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Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Thomas Koschat (1845-1914).

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

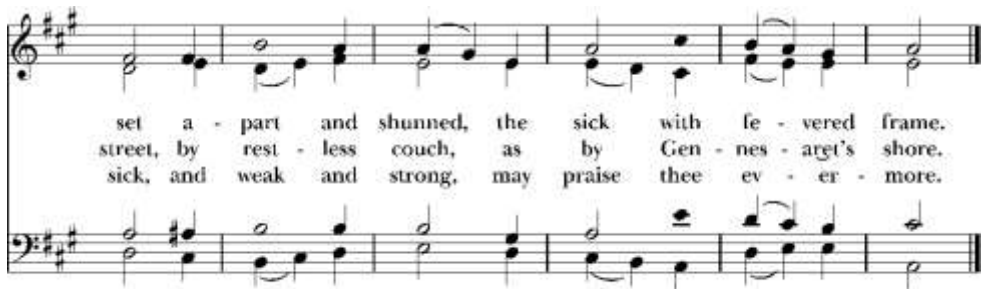
The image shows a four-system musical score for the hymn 'Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and



Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *Sz. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So

they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Kelsey

A period of silent reflection is observed.

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

Leader Siblings, Christ was crucified in faithfulness for the cause of love and justice that all might be reconciled to the creator, and to each other, in peace. Let us pray that through the cross of Christ his example may be realized in our world and in our lives.

Silence

Leader As Jesus was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of the work of reconciliation in our world. We pray that our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and good works may give us penitent hearts, open and receptive to the abundant forgiveness and love of God. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the poor, hungry, neglected, and those who have no choice but to fast every day, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of mercy among those to whom much has been given. Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world. We pray for the guidance of our elected leaders and all who serve the common good throughout the world. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for an end to the desecration of God's creation, that the fruits of our world might be shared equally with all. Inspire us with wisdom to share the riches of creation that all may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, injustice, and oppression. God, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for an end to sickness and disease throughout the world and in our own families, for those who struggle with physical, mental, or spiritual health. O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering, grant your saving health to all who are afflicted by illness including Joan, Kevin, David, Jim, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Denver, Gwen, Barbara, Charlene, Bruce and

especially for those we now name _____ . Bless the labors of all who minister with love and compassion to the sick so that illness may be turned to health and sorrow to joy. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the departed, especially our siblings who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of human heart. We commend to your mercy all who have died especially those we now name,_____. We pray that all may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. God, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

During this time of our rector search, let us pray together:

Dear God who shepherds and searches, help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways as we travel our transition path. We see that you are making all things new, and ask for the courage to do our part. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

If you would like to make a contribution, text the amount to **314 648 8344**.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem: *Agnus Dei* from *Missa Brevis No. 4*

Eleanor Daley

O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

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have mercy upon us.

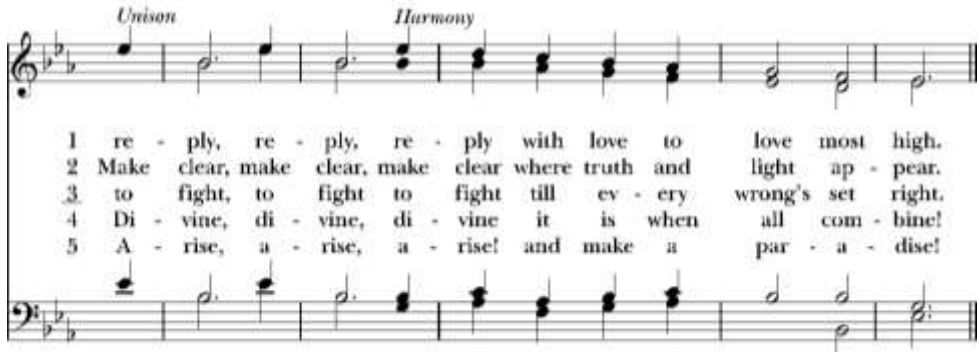
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,
grant up thy peace.

1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
 2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
 3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
 4 For - right - ous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
 5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
 4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
 5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - disc!



1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.
 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Words: Percy Deanner (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Quintet, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus (Hymnal S130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na".

The image shows a three-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes held over across bar lines.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord’s Prayer *traditional*

***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.*

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

Invitation and Welcome to Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion is central to the Christian community. As Christ gave freely of himself so the sacred meal in his name is also freely given. Rejoicing in the spirit of Christ's inclusive love all are warmly invited to receive the bread and wine at the Supper of the Lord.

Gluten-free wafers are available: please assist us by crossing your right arm over your chest so we may serve you correctly. *If you do not receive wine* you may touch the chalice when it is offered, or simply cross both arms after receiving the bread. *Those unable to come to the altar rail* are asked to notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you.

Due to our Diocesan health policy, we ask you not to dip your communion bread/wafer into the chalice when receiving communion (i.e., intinction). You are welcome to receive just the bread or you may touch the chalice when it comes to you, if you are not comfortable with drinking directly from the chalice.

Communion of the People

The Hymnal 1982, #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *Schmücke dich*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Hymnal 1982, #490 I want to walk as a child of the light *Houston*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look-at Je-sus.
 I want to be-with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and we
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking 'a tempo' is written above the first staff. The lyrics 'Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.' are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'sus.'.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayer over the People

*In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows:
The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says*

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982, #493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Dismissal

Postlude

Voluntary in c minor

Samuel Long

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken
10:30 AM Rite II - Sung Eucharist

Weekday Service Schedule

Wednesday Mass at 7:00 AM

Family Service

2nd Sundays at 9:15 AM October –May

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7-2:30, Wednesday & Thursday 8-4, Friday 8-2:30



Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday, 8 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 5: Holy Eucharist, 7 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6: 7 pm

Choral Eucharist with feet washing

Good Friday, April 7

* 11 am: Stations of the Cross

* Noon: Good Friday service with communion from the reserved sacrament

* 6 pm: Stations of the Cross

* 7 pm: Good Friday service with communion from the reserved sacrament

Easter Morning, April 9: 8 and 10:30 am.

Transition Prayer

Dear God who shepherds and searches, help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways as we travel our transition path. We see that you are making all things new, and ask for the courage to do our part.

Trinity Food Ministry

I heard Leonard Cohen's song Anthem earlier this week. It continues to ring in my head.

Ring the bells that still can ring.
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in.

Every Pantry, every Hot Lunch, I see people who are cracked wide open. I know because I see the light shine through them. Regardless of their affliction, their trial, or their sorrow, they shine.

We are all broken or cracked in one way or another. Life does that to us. We do not need to be fixed. We only need to learn to let the Light shine through us. Like the two beautiful women who bring flowers to me. Like the sweet young man who was so excited Tuesday because someone had dropped off a box of toys and he was going to take them to his son. Like the lady who always wants to pray with me, calling on our "benevolent and beneficent God". Like the volunteers who come seeking that Balm in Gilead to sooth their own wounded hearts. So much brokenness! Yet so much Love. It is no wonder that there is a bright glowing in that SPH!

TFM is a food ministry and that is what we do – offer food. Yet, I understand that food is not our primary goal; rather, it is simply a means to an end. The end, or the goal, is to be part of a whole.

There is a world in which people live that many of us cannot, would never recognize. Since we do not understand it, we assign reasons for what we see. What we assign, what we allow our eyes to see is not the reality. We are looking at the brokenness yet do not see the light shining through the cracks. We are unable to hear the bells ringing. We are looking for a perfect offering, one WE believe is perfect. That isn't what God wants. God wants us to see the Light shining through the cracks, to see that in spite of all other things, there is joy and love.

We are all broken in one way or another. See the Light shining through others.
Let God's Light shine through you.

Love always, radically love.
Deacon Barbi

Needs this week at Pantry:

(THANK YOU to all who responded so generously!)

Condiments – oil, flour, sugar, pepper, salt

Canned Chicken and/or Spam

Pasta Sauce

Pasta

Cereal – hot or cold

Ramen Noodles

Wednesday Café Continues

You are invited to come and share a cup of coffee, a bowl of soup, and a lot of good conversation. 11 am to 1 pm.

Action Alert from the Diocesan Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

Every year there is an effort to allow guns on public transit. Every year we have spoken out against it and it has died in committee. So, here we are again. Last week SB224 was heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety. It would allow people with a Conceal and Carry Weapons permit to carry firearms on public buses and trains. If you believe that allowing weapons on public transportation is a risk to public safety and not in the best interest of the people of Missouri, please take a few minutes to contact the members of the committee. The week of March 13 the senate is in recess, so an email might be more effective. To email these senators, go to <https://senate.mo.gov/Senators> and find their individual home pages which have contact links. After March 20, their assistants will be answering the phones.

Sen. Travis Fitzwater, R-District 10 (Callaway, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles): 573-751-2757

Sen Justin Brown, R-District 16 (South Central MO): 573-751-5713

Sen. Jason Bean, R-District 25 (Bootheel and South Central MO): 573-751-4843

Sen. Bill Eigel, R-District 23 (St. Charles County): 573-751-1141

Sen Greg Razer, D-District 7 (Jackson County): 573-751-6607

Sen. Nick Schroer, R-District 2 (St. Charles County): Sponsor of the Bill 573-751-1282

Sen. Brian Williams, D-District 14 (St. Louis County): Gun Sense Candidate 573-751-4106

If you would like to receive email action alerts about gun safety, please send an email to Missioner Mary Haggerty at mhaggerty19@gmail.com (<mailto:mhaggerty19@gmail.com>)

Thank you for taking action to reduce gun violence!

The Trinity Book Group will meet in Trinity's North Parish Hall this coming Saturday, March 18, after 6PM, for snacks. At 7:00 we will start discussing Octavia Butler's novel *Kindred*. All are welcome whether you've finished the book or not, but if you have a County Library copy, please bring it so it can be returned with the Book Bundle. If you would like to join the discussion via ZOOM, please contact Anne Hennig (henniganne07@gmail.com (<mailto:henniganne07@gmail.com>)).

The family and close ones of Martha Ficklen thank Trinity very much for the warm and consoling funeral and reception held here, this past Saturday. Special thanks to Deacon Harry Leip for the service and our preparation for it and especially for his homily written in the company of Martha's poems – as her motto says, “To know each other and be known.” And further to Jeff Nall at the organ, Joyce LaFontain for her welcome, Molly Perling for her reading from H.D., Kate Worland and Lisa Will-Smith for all things reception, Angelo Shell for serving as sexton, Bill Ader for a tricky program -- and to all who attended and who pitched in to help and support us and Team Trinity. As Martha wrote in her poem about “Going to Heaven,” “transportation will be provided”—it was! -
- Nan Sweet

Did you know?

Laetare Sunday, also known as the fourth Sunday of Lent, comes to use from the latin word for rejoice and for many years Trinity has celebrated this Sunday liturgically with our pink set of vestments (designed by parishioner Jeff Wunrow). The Church recognizes that along with Lent's call to penitence, fasting and prayer, Laetare Sunday is a reminder of the hope and joy which awaits us in just a few weeks at Easter. It is also Mothering Sunday (in the UK and Ireland), celebrated since the 16th century, which celebrates mothers everywhere.

This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.

Joan Dunbar is now living at 4624 Lansdowne, St Louis MO 63116. I was hoping that anyone who ever received a card from her, might send her one now.
- Hazel Kirk

Diocesan News

Queer Holiness: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 11:00 AM at Church of the Holy Communion, 7401 Delmar Blvd.

All are invited for a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Charlie Bell, exploring the history, anthropology, and moral imperative for the Church to recognize the gifts of LGBTQIA+ people. Bell is a priest in the Church of England, practicing psychiatrist, and author of *Queer Holiness, a Theological Exploration of Same-Sex Relationships*.

Diocese Day at Busch Stadium: Saturday, May 6 at 1:15 p.m.

Join the Diocese of Missouri for a day at the ballpark! We have 100 tickets to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Detroit Tigers on Saturday, May 6. Tickets are \$30 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (See link in Etimes.)

Find the latest news from the Diocese including articles on evangelism, creation care and many other items of interest: <https://www.diocesemo.org/news/>

Prayer List

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Diocese of Missouri: In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church (1869) in DeSoto and Gary, their Priest-in-Charge.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need

Joan Dunbar

Kevin Whalen

The Rev. David K. Fly

Jim O'Bannon

Betsey Gardner

Pat Way

Ray Becvar

Denver Wright

Gwen Sims
Barbara Bradshaw

Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Jay Shuldiner, friend of Brian Alms, recovering from two falls
Robbie Rhodes, Carter Whitson's cousin on the kidney transplant waiting list
Linda Dickens, Carter Whitson's friend with breast cancer
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.
Romerico Lansang, friend of Brian Alms, lung cancer.
Phyllis, the Rev. Steve Lawler's mother-in-law
Jim Whalen, Kevin Whalen's father in hospice
Family and friends of Brooke Leaton.
Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Frank, Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son.
Dorothy and James Gray, sister and brother-in-law of Willie Meadows, grieving death of their son.
Ulric Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, heart trouble
Mary Seager
The Rev. Ken Yerkes, friend of Brian Alms
Buelane Daugherty, friend of Brian Alms, increasing dementia
Ken Dunbar, Joan Dunbar's nephew, renal failure
The Trimble Family
Mary Feldmeier (friend of Anne H. & Jeanette Swallow), cancer recurrence
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Lois Underwood, Sharron Underwood's sister
Robin Hendry, Helen Hendry's son, continuing health problems
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

Diocesan Clergy: The Revs. David K. Fly, Jan O'Neal, Schelly Reid-Levy.

Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

Birthdays: March 19-25: Kenneth Lehrmann.

Bereavement: Jim Andris, Nan Sweet, Steven Forsyth, John Biggs, Dolores Friesen, Jerry Martin, Ray Becvar.

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Readings for Sunday, March 26 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

Vestry

Senior Warden: Joyce LaFontain

Junior Warden: Lisa Will-Smith

2024

Matt Bernico

Joyce LaFontain

Abby Thacker

Barbara Uhlemann

Lisa Will-Smith

2025

Amy Barnes

Mary Moore

Hal Morgan

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Bill von Glahn