

TRINITY CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Holy Eucharist at ten o'clock

At Trinity, we strive to use expansive language in our liturgy to reflect our beliefs that God transcends and includes all genders and that all gender expressions reflect the beauty of God's creation. Sometimes, however, our liturgy and scripture readings use gendered language for God and humanity as part of the common spiritual heritage of Anglicanism and the Christian Church. In congregational responses, we invite you to use whatever pronouns and titles help you to see the divine in both God and humanity. As the scripture lessons are read, we invite you to consider that the writings contained in the Bible are contextual--reflecting particular times, places, and cultures--but that they can be understood in universal and expansive ways. God is love!

Hymn numbers refer to either the Hymnal 1982 or Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS), located in the pew racks.

Prelude

Adoro te Devote Plainsong Melody Mode V; arr. Charles Callahan and G Winston Cassler

Hymn 147 "Now let us all with one accord"

*All who can please stand
Bourbon*

Opening Acclamation

All who can please stand

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

All who can, please kneel

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.

The celebrant pronounces 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.**

Remain kneeling
Archangelsky

Trisagion

The Trisagion is sung through three times, each time with increasing vigor

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Remain kneeling

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated

The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18)

After these things 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."

*At the end of the lesson, the reader says, The Word of the Lord
All Reply, **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 27

James Turle

Sung by the choir

- 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;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

The Lesson: A Reading from the 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.

The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.
All Reply, Thanks be to God

Hymn "455 "O Love of God, how strong and true"
Verses 1-2 are sung before the Gospel and verses 3-4 are sung after.

All who can, please stand
Dunedin

The Holy Gospel Luke (13:31-35)

All who can please stand

At the Announcement, all say **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very hour 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.'"

The Reader says, The Gospel of the Lord.
All Reply, Praise to you, Lord Christ

Verses 3-4 will now be sung.

Sermon

The Rev. Chase Danford

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Luna Annabella Escalante to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the baptismal vows are made, the Celebrant then asks the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

All who can please stand

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod;—

1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

Gath-er with the saints at the riv-er That flows by the throne of God.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant

Luna, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Luna, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says, Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Celebrant and People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in God's eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated

Congregational Celebrations and Thanksgivings

The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of cre - a - tion
 joins us in praise; lift-ing our voic - es, lift-ing our hearts
 to the glo-ry of God for - ev - er!

The Offering

Choral Anthem *Steal Away*

Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

Refrain: Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
 Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling;
 The trumpet sounds within-a-my soul,
 I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder;
 The trumpet sounds within-a-my soul,
 I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

My Lord calls me, He calls me by the lightning;
 The trumpet sounds within-a-my soul,
 I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

The Great Thanksgiving

All who can please stand

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer

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

Tschesnokoff. DSKing, arr.

The congregation is invited to sing the part most comfortable for you.

Men: Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Trebles: Ho ly, ho - ly,

7 ho - ly Lord God of hosts. All: Heav'n and earth are full of your

13 Glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

19 Sung by the Choir: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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 and 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.

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.

Celebrant

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father (or Mother/Parent), **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.**

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei, from *Missa Secunda*

Hans Leo Hassler; DSKing, editor

Sung in Latin by the Choir

translation -

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

The Invitation

At the Communion



The sacrament of Holy Communion is a profound and central part of our worship. In it we receive God's promise to set aside all that separates us; we strengthen our union with Christ and one another; and we experience a foretaste of the time when all creation will share the feast God has prepared for us. All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are invited to join us at the Lord's Table.

Follow the usher's direction to communion. Receive the bread in open palm. Wine is available in the silver chalice, and non-alcoholic grape juice in the wooden cup. You may receive the wine by taking a sip or touching your wafer to the wine. For the grape juice, please only touch the wafer to the juice. If you would like a blessing in lieu of communion, indicate so by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the clergy for one if desired. Please let the usher know if you need the Celebrant to come to your pew to administer communion.



During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them for themselves or someone else are invited to come to one of our prayer stations for individual prayer. Prayer stations are located at the back of the church (near the entrance doors) where a member of the Trinity Prayer Team will be sitting in a chair, ready to say a prayer with you. See insert for more information.

Hymn 152 "Kind maker of the world, O hear"

A la venue de Noel

[Blessing of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Bless you for your ministry and bless those to whom you bring these holy gifts, that they may be united with this community in the holy sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

People **Though we are many, we are all one body because we share in the one bread.]**

Post Communion Prayer

All who can please stand

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

from A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 149 "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

Old 124th

Dismissal *People's Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in C Minor*

Jean Jacques Charpentier

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