

# TRINITY CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NJ

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

### Holy Eucharist at ten o'clock

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*Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you are here. We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. This service is based on the Order for the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer and Enriching our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and much of the service music. Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982, copies of which are in the pew racks. Lessons and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, following the Revised Common Lectionary.*

#### About Today's Liturgy

*The forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter is called the season of Lent, which started on Ash Wednesday. During this time our services will be more introspective and penitential, as we are invited to reflect upon our mortality and those things that "draw us from the love of God." This does not mean the Sunday service is any less joyful, as every Sunday of the year is in reality a day of resurrection -- a mini-Easter. We believe that "keeping Lent" helps deepen our Easter joy.*

*Every year, on the first Sunday in Lent, we begin with the Great Litany. Predating Christianity, this prayer form has been used by other religions, including Judaism, and the Litany is the oldest Christian liturgy authorized for use in vernacular English. It is a set of prayers, specifically supplications, that help focus our attention on our need of God. The Eucharist (mass) begins with the procession walking around the inside of the church. Please join in responding with the words in italic.*

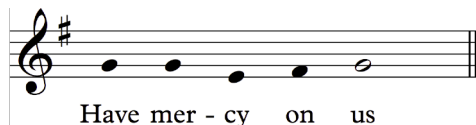
**Prelude** *Prelude on Heinelein*

Michael McCabe

#### The Great Litany

*All who can please stand*

I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

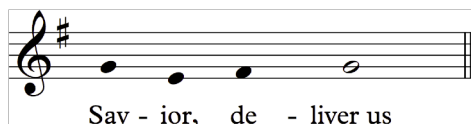


Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
*Have mercy on us.*

II. From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
*Savior deliver us.*

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,  
*Savior deliver us.*

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
*Savior deliver us.*

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,  
*Savior deliver us.*

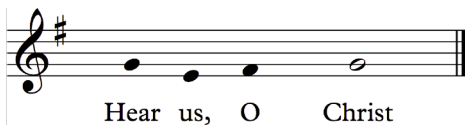
By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
*Savior deliver us.*

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
*Savior deliver us.*

III. Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
*Hear us, O Christ.*

IV. Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless and keep all your people,

*Hear us, O Christ.*

V. Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

*Hear us, O Christ.*

VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

## Trisagion

Archangelsky

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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Congregation is seated*

## The Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-11)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

*The Reader says, The Word of the Lord.*

*All Reply, Thanks be to God*

*Sung by the choir*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."  
9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,  
10 There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.  
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.  
12 They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
you shall trample the young lion  
and the serpent under your feet.  
14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
16 With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.

**The Lesson:** A Reading from the Letter to the Romans (10:8b-13)

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

*All who can, please stand*  
*Caithness*

**Hymn 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"**

*Verses 1-2 are sung before the Gospel and verses 3-4 are sung after.*

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke (4:1-13)

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*The Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All Reply*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Verses 3-4 will now be sung.*

**Nicene Creed**

*All who can please stand*

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 truly human.  
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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 Peace**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

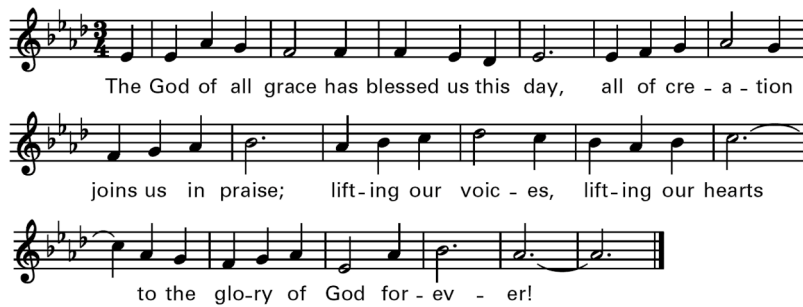
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*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 *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*

Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

*Refrain:* For Jesus Himself will be our leader.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there. *Refrain*

There will be no trials there. *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, ho - ly, ho - ly\_\_ Lord God of hosts. All: Heav'n\_\_\_ and earth are full\_\_\_ of your Glo - ry. Ho-san - na in\_\_\_ the high - est, in the high - est. 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*  
*Sung in Latin by the Choir*

Hans Leo Hassler; DSKing, editor

*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** LEVAS 146 "Break thou the bread of life"

Mary A. Lathbury

#### **[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 *The 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 143** "The glory of these forty days"

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

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

**Postlude** *Postlude*

John Stanley

## **Trinity Church Vision Statement**

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God’s love will be perfected in us.” (1 John 4:7, 12)

Love is at the very core of Trinity Church. Through our faith and ministry, we seek to share Jesus Christ’s unconditional, revolutionary love for all of God’s creation and people. We demonstrate love in action by respecting the dignity of all, practicing radical hospitality, standing in solidarity with the marginalized, advocating for peace and justice, dismantling structural racism and every system of oppression, embracing inclusivity, maintaining our sacred space as a spiritual and physical sanctuary, and pursuing ecological sustainability. Strengthened by joyful worship, prayer, lifelong spiritual formation, stewardship of resources, pastoral care, and fellowship, we commit to follow Jesus in the Way of Love.

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