



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

23 March 2025 at 10:30 AM

Welcome to Trinity Church! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to observe a period of silent contemplation before the service begins. Please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The music for our service can be found in the red *Hymnal 1982*. Numbers marked with an **S** are found in the front section of the Hymnal. If you need any assistance, please feel free to ask a neighbor.

PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COVER ART

Moses and the Burning Bush (ca. 1300)
St. Catherine's Monastery, Mt. Sinai, Egypt

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

The Liturgy begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

God Loved the World

A. D. Miller

Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 392

Come, We That Love the Lord

TUNE: *Vineyard Haven*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
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.

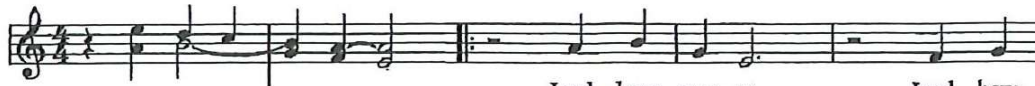
Amen. Lord have mercy.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 352

THE KYRIE

SETTING: *Portola Valley Mass*, Carson Cooman (b. 1982)



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have



mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3.1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you!'

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

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

GRADUAL – Psalm 103.1-11, 20-22

Benedic, anima mea

The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

**Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the LORD, O my soul.**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN 439

What Wondrous Love is This

TUNE: *Wondrous Love*

THE GOSPEL

St. Luke 13.1-9

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

Please stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PEACE

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

Announcements may be made at this time.

THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory Anthem, a collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Consider*

WORDS: Christina Rossetti

MUSIC: Roland E. Martin

Consider

*the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief;
We are as they;
Like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.*

Consider

*The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food:—
Much more our Father seeks
to do us good.*

Consider

*The sparrows of the air of small account:
Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount,
He guards us too.*

Consider

*The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair:—
What profits all this care
And all this coil?*

Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing

ALL THINGS ARE THINE

TUNE: *Gardiner*

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

SETTING: *Land of Rest*, arr. M. Pruner

F B \flat F Dm C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, - God of power_ and

F Am Dm B \flat F
might, - heaven and earth_ are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

C7 F $\text{sus}4$ F F
san - na in_ the high - est. Bless - ed_ is

B \flat F Dm C F Am
he who comes_ in the name of the Lord. - Ho -

Dm B \flat F C7 F $\text{sus}4$ F
san - na in_ the high - est, - Ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE CONSECRATION

BCP 373

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

BCP 364

THE AGNUS DEI – S 164

SETTING: *El Shaddai Communion Service*, Betty Carr Pulkingham

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 150

Forty Days and Forty Nights

TUNE: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Two American Hymns

C. Callahan

*The loose offering this weekend is for the Rector's
Discretionary Fund*

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Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. Geoffrey Mackey (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Dan Thomas (5:30p); Everett Orem (8a); Paula Sellers, Roland Mezick (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Tucker (5:30p); Everett Orem (8a); Michael McKibben, Paul Miller (10:30a)

Crucifer: Jacob Miller (10:30a)

Altar Guild: Susan Shock (8a); Julie Matheny, Edith Newman (10:30a); Mickie Richardson (Tuesday); Linda Tucker (Wednesday); Susie Fitcher, Carol Snyder (Friday); Sherrie Smith (5:30p)

Ushers: Ken Currier (5:30p); Larry Nutter (8a); Julie & Tom Gyongyosi (10:30a)

Musicians: Lori Clark (guitarist, vocalist), Bob Harris (vocalist) (5:30p); Jane Irvine (guest organist) (10:30a)

Coffee Hour: Michael Dillon, Olivia Mezick (10:30a)

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Erica Parrish (**M**), Salem Cole Chapman (**T**), Kim Couch (**W**), Eric Yi (**TH**), and the wedding anniversaries of Olivia & Roland Mezick (**T**), Abby & Richard Hayhurst (**SA**).

The Greenery this week is given to the Glory of God.

This Week at Trinity
March 24th – 30th

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans, Traffic Circle)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Trevor Chapel)
WEDNESDAY	12:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Youth)
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (One Service)
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

Ride Needed for Saturday Evening Service

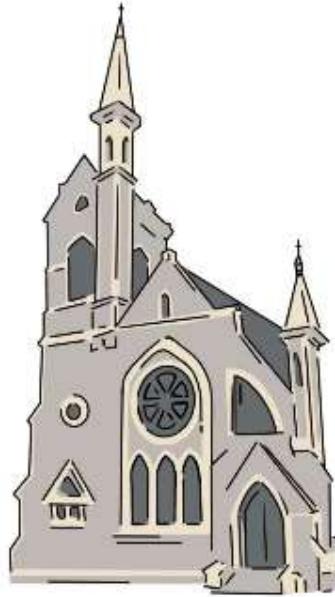
A Parkersburg resident who is without a car would like to attend our Saturday evening service. We are looking for someone who could pick him up and take him home. He lives in North Parkersburg, just off 36th Street. If you would be interested in serving this way, please speak with Fr. Geoff.

Upcoming Holy Day: The Annunciation

The Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord falls on March 25, nine months before Christmas. We will have a Eucharist in the Trevor Chapel at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 25, in observance of this major feast.

E.C.W. Lenten Quiet Day

The ECW is sponsoring a Lenten Quiet Day on **Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM to noon**. Led by Fr. Geoff, it will include times of prayer and reflection on the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer and fasting in contemporary life. All women are welcome to attend, whether they are members or friends of the parish. There is no cost.



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"We exist to love God and our neighbor."