

# TRINITY CHURCH

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*March 10, 2024*

*9:30 a.m.*



## WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!

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**The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi, Rector**

# 9:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Lent – Holy Eucharist

## The Invitatory

Prelude	<i>Hymn: Supreme Creator of the Light</i> <i>Antiphon: How fair and how pleasant art thou</i>	<i>Marcel Dupré</i>
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* Processional Hymn #624	<i>Jerusalem the golden</i>
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## Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Bless the One who forgives all our sins;

People: *God's mercy endures for ever.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Trisagion S 102 (sung 3x)

All: *Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.*

## The Word of the Lord

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. 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.*

### Lessons of the Day

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

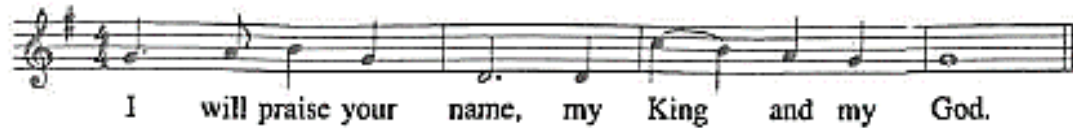
Reader: A reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Refrain



- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, \*  
whose mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that the Lord redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 God gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. *REFRAIN*
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
who delivered them from their distress.
- 20 God sent forth a word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks for the mercy of the Lord \*  
and the wonders done for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and recount the Lord's deeds with shouts of joy. *REFRAIN*

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #467	<i>Sing, my soul, his wondrous love</i>
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Gospel

John 3:14-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi

The Nicene Creed (Congregation)

All: 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.

Intercession Prayers

Form 2

Reader: The intercessions today are Form 2 found in the red prayer book.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for **The Episcopal Church; St. Luke's Church, Chester; the Rev. Bruce MacDuffie**, for our Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown, and our priest, Sarah Ginolfi; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.  
*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray that the children under the protection of Orphan Care Volunteers Association in Uganda receive those blessing's necessary to sustain their physical and spiritual well-being. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray especially for **John, Kyle, Jackie, Nanci, Jane, Elaine, Hawa, Tom, Barbara, Ryah**. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy One. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, **especially Ann Krouse who died last week**. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially **Melissa Fay, Cameron Slenker, David Franzoni, Melissa Alarie, Linda Barcomb, Callum Smathers** who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Celebrant: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

#### The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence for private confession.)*

All: *God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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.*

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

#### Announcements

*Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your faithful stewardship helps us dare to dream alongside God's mission of Love. The offering plate is located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar.*

Offertory Anthem

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

*trad. American, arr. John Riddle*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving S 120

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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus S 122

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

## Eucharistic Prayer D (People stand or kneel as able.)

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, we might guard and serve all your creatures. When our actions took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, our Lord 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup.

O God, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: *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.*

#### The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

#### Agnus Dei S 160

All: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.*

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

#### The Invitation

from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Celebrant: Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and, and you who have failed. Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*You are welcome at God's table! To join in this sacred meal, proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing. The inside rows go first up the center aisle and then the outside rows dismiss to the back of the church and then up the center aisle. If that's too far a walk, please come to the railing in whatever way you are most able, or alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. There are two options to receive the wine: by sharing from the common chalice (cup) or by intinction (dipping the wafer) into the Communion Bowl. Please do not use the common cup for dipping. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Finally, those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest.*

Communion Anthem

*Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

*Harold Darke*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant: God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you now and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn #690

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

*People: Thanks Be to God!*

Postlude

*Thou Heavenly Jerusalem*

*Dupré*

***Exiting:*** *Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift.*

*\* Please note: The Hymnal 1982 uses masculine pronouns for God since that was customary at the time of its printing. Those worshipping, however, are welcome to substitute gender neutral pronouns for God when singing or speaking if that better honors your practice.*