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The Holy Eucharist

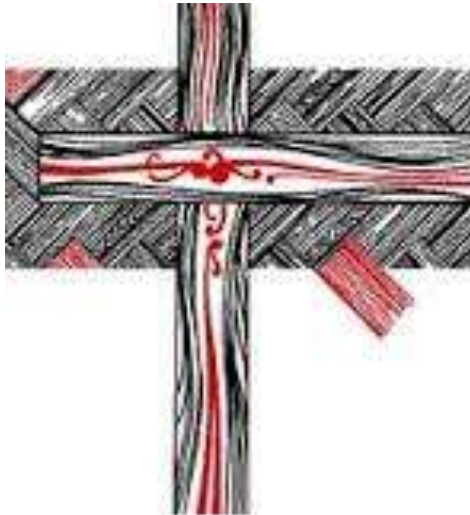
*The New Zealand
Book of Common Prayer*

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

9:30 am

The Reverend Kevin M. Cross, Rector



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" – Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Prelude

*Reflections (New Zealand
Landscapes)*

Nigel Williams

Processional Hymn

The Servant Song



1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People standing, the Celebrant says

In the Name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life. *AMEN*

Blessed be the God of our salvation;
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Grace and peace to you from God.
God fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

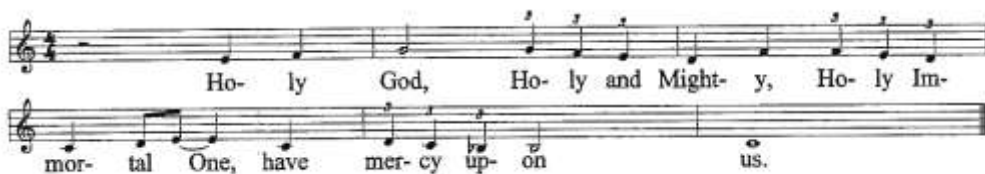
This is the day, which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.
Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Christ is the good shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile. In Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class, or race. In Christ the poor are blessed, the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

God of justice and compassion, you give us a work to do and a baptism of suffering and resurrection.

From you comes power to give to others the care we have ourselves received so that we, and all who love your world, may live in harmony and trust.



Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of

your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

All Standing

Collect of the Day

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.

Proclamation

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:22-30

*²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*

- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; **but when they cry to him he hears them.*
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: **"May your heart live for ever!"*
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, **and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; **he rules over the nations.*
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; **all who go down to the dust fall before him.*
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; **they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.*
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn **the saving deeds that he has done.*

Responsorial Psalm I Will Walk Before The Lord



R. I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

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Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls

into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Thee Lord Christ

A Liturgical Affirmation

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your Love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts as the One in whom we live, move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all in our community who serve the needs of others. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the whole body of Christ. We give thanks for both lay and ordained leaders in the Church. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Les</i>	<i>Shirley Bruner</i>
<i>Berry Passano</i>	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Carole Abruzzese</i>
<i>John Weitzel</i>	<i>Lisa Webb</i>	<i>Ida Peterson Hardon & Family</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackert</i>	<i>Rory Hamel</i>	<i>Eddie Cutts</i>
<i>Barbara & Jack Inserra</i>	<i>Chris Gilson</i>	<i>Sheila</i>
<i>Shirley Deeley</i>	<i>Pat Hervey</i>	<i>Kimberly Petteys</i>
<i>Father Kevin Cross</i>	<i>Tom Mulvihill</i>	<i>Becky Bell</i>
<i>Diane Wilson</i>	<i>Michelle Hostetter</i>	<i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i>
<i>Nancy Wooten</i>	<i>Kenneth Dial</i>	<i>Tom Davis</i>
<i>George</i>	<i>John Perkins</i>	
<i>Enzo De Masi</i>	<i>Musa Abed</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart. (pause) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *Priscilla Thut*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We remember the members of our military who died in service to our country, (especially...) and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart ... (pause)
Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence for the remembrance of those who have passed as result of Covid

Confession

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
Who breaks down the walls that divide.

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

Celebrant

In God there is forgiveness,

Celebrant and People

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another And to be what we claim to be.

Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; And where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

Celebrant says,

God forgive us. Be at Peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation of all the human race.

We shall be one in Christ, One in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, Praise to God who has accepted us, Praise to God who sends us into the world.

The Peace

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
Who breaks down the walls that divide.
The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Offertory

Taste and See

Edwin Childs

Offertory Prayer

Blessed you are, God of all creation, You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, By your Holy Spirit this bread and will be for us the body and blood of Christ.
All you have made is good.
Your love endures forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, Who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us; While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new.

In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say

Sanctus

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.

Hosana in the highest.

All glory to you, God of life, sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.'

After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: 'This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.'

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in mystery be our new and living way, our access to you, O God, source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

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

*Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God,
in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name
echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will
be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today,
feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive
us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.*

*For you reign in the glory of the power that is
love, now and for ever. AMEN.*

*Our Father, who are 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 Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross, *Christ is the bread of life.*
His blood was shed for our forgiveness. *Christ is risen from the dead.*
The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion

I Am The Bread of Life

Edwin Childs

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together. *Praise to God who makes us one people.*

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin. *Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.*

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed. *Praise to God who is revealed as love.*

Blessed be God who alone has called us. *Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.*

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise. *Amen.*

Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our bands were empty, and you filled them.

The Blessing

And the Blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life
be with you always. *AMEN.*

The Dismissal

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant ____ as *he/she* begins another _____ year. Grant that *he/she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Happy Birthday to you,
Remember Jesus
loves you
He made you so special
Happy Birthday to you!***

Anniversary Blessing

Gracious God, Father of all we give thanks for another year of lives shared in human love and in your love that never fails. Bless this couple in all that is yet to come, confirming and strengthening them in the vows which they have made to one another in your name. Bless all who have shared the delight of this married life and been enriched by its mutual love. As they rejoice on this anniversary, give them grace to continue in support and prayer and to find in this family a sign of the family of all Christian people united in fellowship and love. Amen

We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org with the date of your birthday or anniversary.

Blessing

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28, 2021

PLEDGE ENVELOPES - OUTSIDE OF PARISH HALL ENTRYWAY

If you indicated that you wanted envelopes for your pledge offering or you plan to contribute every week, you should find envelopes outside the parish hall with your name on the box. If not there and you want envelopes, please let Connie know.

Pledges: We have all changed our daily routines in an effort to guard against the potential harm from the COVID- 19 virus. Frequently washing our hands, traveling less, and social distancing are all part of the new normal for daily life. Unfortunately, we continue to incur most of our monthly expenses at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Your effort to continue your generous pledging routines will help us meet our continuing financial obligations. Thank you for your consideration. Holy Trinity, POB 387, Oxford, MD 21654. David Wangsness

Sunday Services

Sunday Services at 9:30 am are broadcast only.

Service Broadcasts:

go to our web page www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org Down load a copy of the bulletin and click on the blue button in the bottom right corner.

Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 8:30 am using Zoom technology

A template for Morning Prayer can be downloaded at
<https://files.constantcontact.com/777ce2b0301/d5fdd394-ab87-4371-8e90-b5c741e5282c.pdf>

For meetings Morning Prayer, and other activities using Zoom, you may go to our web site: www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org and click on the green service button



EASTER FLOWER FUND

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Flower Memorial Fund, please fill out the information below and place in the collection plate or mail along with your donation in the amount of your choosing to
The Church of the Holy Trinity no later than
March 29, 2021

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Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays on lawn weathering permitting or broadcast at 9:30 am; Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 8:30 am via Zoom

This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

<u>Monday - March 1</u>	<u>Friday - March 5</u>
6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study via Zoom	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Tuesday - March 2</u>	<u>Saturday - March 6</u>
8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:00 pm - Difference Group via Zoom	
<u>Wednesday - March 3</u>	<u>Sunday - March 7</u>
8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom	9:30 am - Holy Eucharist by Broadcast followed by Zoom Coffee Hour Immediately After Service
<u>Thursday - March 4</u>	

Vestry Members

Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden Tot O'Mara, Deputy Sr Warden	Louise Thorndike, Secretary	Ellen Anderson, Registrar
David Wangness & Susan Segal, Co- Treasurers	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Al Smith - Emeritus
Nancy Roberts	Ed Delaney	Tot O'Mara
Kathy Becker	Suzanne Fischer	Van Holston
Loretta Blume	Susie Segal	Michelle MacTavish

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	9:30 am	
Deacon	Rev. Dr. Lisa Webb	
Reader	Barbara Cross	
Acolyte	Barbara Cross	
Usher		
Medical Team	Thomas DeMarco, MD and Susan Delean-Botkin, CPNP	



Holy Trinity is honored to be able to share the new American Spiritual Ensemble Virtual Concert with you on Thursday March 4, 2021. Dr. McCorvey has made special accommodations for our church community to be part of this special concert, in lieu of their biennial visit to Oxford. The concert is titled, *The Power of Spirituals*. You will hear and see familiar faces from previous tours to Oxford, hear 1st person narratives read by author Eileen Guenther, and see footage shared by the National underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati OH. Please be sure to read the Holy Trinity emails over the next few days so that you can access and enjoy this amazing concert. Holy Trinity is very excited and honored to be a sponsor of this concert.