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First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 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

Holy Eucharist Rite II

"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

Deep River

Carlton R. Young

Opening Hymn

Give Me Jesus



1. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2. Now the jour-ney has be-gun, now the jour-ney has be-gun,
3. When the prize is sure-ly won, when the prize is sure-ly won,

Refrain



1. in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus. Give me Je -
2. now the jour-ney has be-gun, give me Je - sus.
3. when the prize is sure-ly won, give me Je - sus.



sus, give me Je - sus. You may have all this world. Give me Je - sus.

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The Word of God

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

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.

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth

The Word of the Lord

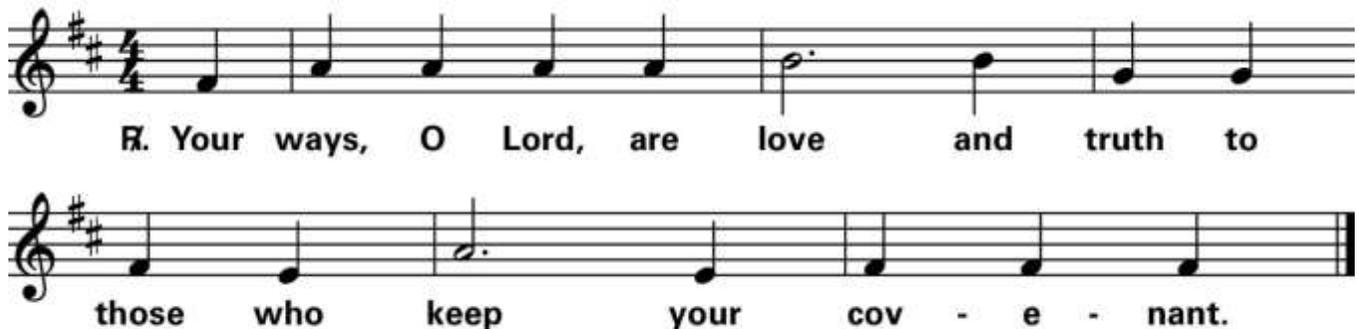
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame; **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*
- ³ Show me your ways, O LORD, **and teach me your paths.*
- ⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, **for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*
- ⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, **for they are from everlasting.*
- ⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; **remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the LORD; **therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right **and teaches his way to the lowly.*
- ⁹ All the paths of the LORD are love and *faithfulness *to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

Responsorial Psalm

Your Ways, O Lord, Are Love and Truth



R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to
those who keep your cov - e - nant.

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Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now

saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Rev. Kevin Cross

Nicene Creed

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is

worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

In this season of Lent, may all who are lost be found, as we turn to God in prayer, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of God's people of the world, that they may see God's hand working in their everyday lives, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this nation and all the nations of earth and their leaders that they may seek God's will in all they do, and create a world where peace and justice are the norm and not the exception, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the church and its leaders, that they may preach the Gospel in all that they do and say, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are sick, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

For all who have died, that they may be taken into your loving arms and live eternally with you in paradise, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and for their families, remembering especially those in harm's way, that God will protect and defend them day-by-day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this community, that we may grow in the love of God so that we may be a loving and reconciling people to those we meet, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We will now take a moment for private prayer ...

Celebrant

Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. **AMEN.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, 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.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

Preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion

The Way Is Jesus

Carol Heine

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour 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 Lord. AMEN.

Birthdays

Kerry

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@holyltrinityoxfordmd.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 21, 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 Wangness

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

Flowers Donated by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Dedication to: _____

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Mail to:

Church of the Holy Trinity
Easter Flower Fund
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Oxford, MD 21654

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

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| <u>Monday - February 22</u> | <u>Friday - February 26</u> |
| 6:00 pm - Men's Bible Study via Zoom | OFFICE CLOSED |
| <u>Tuesday - February 23</u> | <u>Saturday - February 27</u> |
| 8:30 am - Morning Prayer via Zoom 5:00 pm - Difference Group via Zoom | |
| <u>Wednesday - February 24</u> | <u>Sunday - February 28</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 - February 25</u> | |
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Vestry Members

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| Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden Tot O'Mara, Deputy Sr. Warden | Louise Thorndike, Secretary | Ellen Anderson, Registrar |
| David Wangsness & 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

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| 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 | |
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“When we put our
problems in God's
hands, He puts His
peace in our hearts.”

Powerful Motivational quotes
all about life, love, and the universe