

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday Of Lent
Enriching Our Worship Eucharist

March 23, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 am

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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

Siyahamba

J. Carter

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Morning Has Broken

H 8

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People: *Glory to God forever and forever.*

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.

Presider: God be with you

People: *And also with you.*

The Collect of the Day

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.

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

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.”

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 63:1-8

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; **my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*
- ² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, **that I might behold your power and your glory.*

- ³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; **my lips shall give you praise.*
- ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live **and lift up my hands in your Name.*
- ⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, **and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,*
- ⁶ When I remember you upon my bed, **and meditate on you in the night watches.*
- ⁷ For you have been my helper, **and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.*
- ⁸ My soul clings to you; **your right hand holds me fast.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Amazing Grace, Vs. 1-3

H 671

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.'"

The Gospel of the our Savior.

Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend 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 Intercession

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, and for all those listed on our Parish Prayer List, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Joel

Susan Deerin

Lisa McDougall

Deborah Barbour

Michael Delean

Gordon Fronk

Mary Ann Hensinger

Kai Nathan Gunn

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Barbara Sheridan

Donna Richards

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Mike Landau

Ron Fisher

Will Straub

Keri Ann Thomas

Anne Slack

Sarah Kadish

Carole Pfeiffer

Tim Wilson

Connor Frank

Ritzi Miller

David Blanton

Rich Wagner

Eleanor Dallam

Are there others you may name then now aloud or silently in your heart... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the knowledge of Christ, *George Curlin*, 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.*

Are there others you may name then now aloud or silently in your heart... *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.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment

and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *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.

Confession

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

Absolution

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

The peace of Christ always be with you,
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Love of the Lord

Arr. M. Hayes

10:00 am

I'll Walk With God

N. Brodzky

Chuck Petty, Bass

Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

Preface

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (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.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took

bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. *People: We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe 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, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion

Take & Eat

Arr. M. Hayes

10:00 am

In Christ Alone

Townend & Getty

Chuck Petty, Bass

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Change for Change

During Lent the Sunday School children have buckets at the back of the church to collect change to help make change in the world. Your support of change, dollars, and checks enable the children to thoughtfully purchase items for those in need. We have done this for several years now and appreciate your involvement.

Thank you Michelle and Cameron Mactavish for hosting Fellowship our.

Birthdays

Lisa Townsend, 3/24

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!***

Anniversaries

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.

Recessional Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Arr. P. Bettcher



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I

stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Blessing

Sending Forth

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Great Is The Lord

Worship Service Schedule

*Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
First Sunday of the month 9:30 am*

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| <p><u>Monday - March 24</u> 5:00 pm - Men's Inquiring Believers</p> <p><u>Tuesday - March 25</u> 8:30 am - Soupmasters 5:00 pm - Women's Bible Study</p> | <p><u>Friday - March 28</u> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - Choir Practice</p> <p><u>Saturday - March 29</u> OFFICE CLOSED</p> |
| <p><u>Wednesday - March 26</u> 8:30 am - Lunch Bunch 5:30 pm - Voices of Hope</p> | <p><u>Sunday - March 30</u> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist</p> |
| <p><u>Thursday - March 27</u> 8:45 am - Office Angels</p> | |

Vestry Members

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| John Dillon, Senior Warden | Connie Greenhawk, Secretary | Margaret Munsch, Registrar |
| Dick Deerin, Treasurer | Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens | Gordon Fronk - Emeritus |
| Gerry Cooper | John Dillon | Karen Walbridge |
| Ginny Wagner | Margot McConnel | Lee Phillips |
| Martha Callahan | Tom DeMarco | Susan Grauel |

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

| Worship Leaders | 8:00 am | 10:00 am |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Reader | Michelle Mactavish | Corrie James |
| Acolyte | Barbara Cross | Mickey Terrone |
| Usher | | Walda Roseman |
| Vestry Greeter | | Margot McConnel |
| Altar Guild | Ginny Wagner, Midge Menzies, Heather Pusey, Meg van den Berg | |



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