TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
March 7, 2021 • 10:30am

Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.

Prelude, *Allemande, from Suite in E Minor* **Jean Philippe Rameau**

Penitential Order
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

∞ The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.
Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

∞ 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.**

The Lessons

∞ The First Reading EXODUS 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words [to Moses on Mount Sinai]:
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and

all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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

∞ The Gradual, ***Psalm 19:1-4, 7-8, 14*** PLAINSONG, MODE VIII

**The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

**The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

∞ The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

> "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
> and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

∞ The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

The Reverend John Pitzer

∞ The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together.

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.

∞ The Prayers of The People

All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the City of New Orleans, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, [especially], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For (the reader will include prayers for our parish family), let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, (especially) let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, [especially], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

∞ The Peace

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

∞ Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem, *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness* CORNHILL, HAROLD DARKE

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
shine in our hearts, we pray;
dispel the gloom that shades our minds
and be to us as day.

Give guidance to our wandering ways,
forgive us, Lord, our sin;

restore us by your loving care
to peace and joy within.

Lord, grant that we in penitence
may offer you our praise,
and through your saving sacrifice
receive your gift of grace.

Now nearer draws the day of days
when paradise shall bloom,
when we shall be at one with you,
Lord, risen from the tomb.

The universe your glory shows,
blest Father, Spirit, Son;
we shall acclaim your majesty,
eternal Three in One.

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Sanctus

CHARLES WOOD

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O God Most High.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

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

People and Celebrant

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 usmnot into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

∞ The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

∞ A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant In communion with those who are participating online, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant 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.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, everyone must use the hand sanitizer station before receiving communion. The consecrated hosts will be in a paper cup on the altar. As you approach the altar, please take one paper cup. Once you have consumed the communion, you will place the paper cup in the receptacle located near the altar.

The Communion Anthem, *Spirit Song* JOHN WIMBER

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Refrain: Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His Name.
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.

∞ The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior 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.**

∞ The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

∞ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Recession, *O Love That Casts Out Fear* **St. Thomas**

O love that casts out fear,
O love that casts out sin,
tarry no more without,
but come and dwell within.

True sunlight of the soul,
surround us as we go;
so shall our way be safe,
our feet no straying know.

Great love of God, come in!
Wellspring of heavenly peace;
thou Living Water, come!
Spring up, and never cease.

Love of the living God,
of Father and of Son;
love of the Holy Ghost,
fill thou each needy one.

Sunday at Trinity

Stations In The Street - Join The Reverend John Pitzer in a walking meditation through the stations at 5:15pm on Jackson Avenue. (See more details on the next page!)

Faith and Fiction meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Toups at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

12 Steps Are for Everyone meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

Youth Group (6th-12th) gathering outside at Molly's House. The theme for Lent is 40 Days of Fire, and Sunday is lighting the fire of Creativity. Two special guest artists are coming for fiery paint pouring and wood burning tutorials.

Trinity is once again offering the **8:00am Rite I Eucharist**, with a venue change from the Chapel to the Church.

The Season of Lent

'Lenten Learn' Speaker Series - Join us online Wednesdays during Lent (starting February 24th) at 12:00pm.

The focus of this series evolved out of the small group work we did around the themes of humility, mercy, and justice with Sister Helen Prejean offering the final theological reflection on justice. Sister Helen moved us to expand our knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system here in New Orleans as we figure out the best way to move forward as a faith community to engage and affect change as it relates to justice here in our own backyard.

Our presenters this year will take us on a journey from past to present and inform our work together moving forward as we seek a more just New Orleans.

Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode in member email, or contact abond@trinitynola.com.

The Law Professor
Wednesday, March 10 at 12:00pm on Zoom
Tania Tetlow, President of Loyola University

The Hope House
Wednesday, March 17 at 12:00pm on Zoom
Don Everard, Executive Director of Hope House and Sr. Lilianne

Stations in the Street -During this season of Lent, Trinity Episcopal Church invites all pilgrims to journey through the last days of Jesus' life as we reflect on how his journey impacts our own. A twelve-panel art installation by artist Scott Erickson will be featured along Jackson Avenue in front of our church for all to experience.

While this walking meditation is available to everyone at any time, we will also offer clergy-led walking meditations on **Sundays at 5:15pm during Lent** (March 7, 14 and 21). **https://trinitynola.com/stations-in-the-street/**

"Holy Hour" Weekday Chapel, Weekdays in Lent, 7:00am - 8:00am in the Chapel, Monday through Friday (February 22 - April 2)

Lenten Musical Offerings / Evening Prayer - On Wednesdays in Lent, at 6:00pm in the Church, a service of Evening Prayer with featured musical offerings. Pre-register online.

Wednesday, March 10
features Chip Wilson, guitar, and Paul Weber, piano, in a program of original songs.

Wednesday, March 17
features Matt Lemmler, jazz piano, in a program for St. Patrick's Day.

Easter Memorial Flowers and Music Donations

Help adorn the church for Easter and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Easter Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated. You can give online (below) or via mail.

Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Blair Daspit, (or by email to bdaspit@trinitynola.com) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Easter Flowers or Christmas Music. The dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletin and listed on the church website. While there is no deadline for giving, the deadline to submit dedications is March 15th for printing purposes.

Formation Opportunities

Daily Meditation - Trinity sends out a Daily Meditation by email in which writers from our parish are invited to reflect on either scripture from the Daily Lectionary or another source that has inspired their faith. It is a way of sharing spiritual insights; individual voices offering bits of their personal spiritual story to contribute to our shared story as a diverse worshiping community. If you wish to contribute to the writing, or if you are not receiving these Daily Meditations and wish to do so, kindly contact Maria Elliott. melliott@trinitynola.com

The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group explores some of the biggest questions of faith, informed by short readings from recent theologians. Meeting dates include: March 14, April 11, and May 16. Contact Phyllis Raabe at praabe@tulane.edu with questions and to request Zoom access.

Enneagram Zoom Group The Enneagram is a map that helps us develop awareness of body, mind, and heart and offers us a guide to deepening spiritual awareness: particularly around the questions of "Will I have enough?", "Will I be in control?", "Will I find belonging?" The three fundamental questions that Jesus grapples with in the wilderness. The Enneagram offers us a way toward compassion and understanding of ourselves and others based on learning the strengths and habits of nine archetypes of human character structure. To join our ongoing Zoom Group Thursdays at 4:30 pm, March 11, 25 April 15, 29 May 13, 27. Contact Maria Elliott 504-259-2098 melliott@trinitynola.com

Confirmation

Class Schedule - February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th at 7:30pm - 8:30pm on Zoom. See member email for Zoom ID and password. Please reach out to jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com with any questions.

40 Days of Fire: Youth Group in Lent

40 Days of Fire! For Lent, the bonfire will be lit at Molly's House for youth group 4pm - 5:45pm. Grades 6-12 invited to light the fire of Creativity this Sunday! Special guest artists are coming for a wood burning tutorial and a fiery paint pouring lesson. Each youth will have the chance to make their own of each style. RSVP to jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com by 12pm on Sunday.

March 7th Rekindling the fire of Friendship. Indoor/Outdoor game night and bonfire.

March 14th Embodying the fire of Faith. Walking the outdoor stations of the cross on Jackson Ave.

March 21st Appreciating the fire of Creativity. Painting canvases and the art of wood burning.

March 28th Following the fire of Justice. Outreach project TBD.

Stewardship at Trinity Church

We are immensely grateful for all the pledges of support received to date. Please be sure to submit your 2021 pledge as soon as possible so that we may include it in the budget planning process. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today at **https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/**. Please contact Raina O'Neil, Director of Stewardship with any questions about pledging. (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.

Rummage Drop Off

We are now accepting rummage on Tuesday and Fridays from 11am-1pm at the Josephine Street loading dock. Stay tuned for our next Sale date!

Trinity Treasures

Hippity, hoppity Easter's on its way! Can you believe it? Make somebunny smile with bunny face masks from Trinity Treasures. Pre-order now! In stock next week!

Trinity Treasures is now open Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship. Shop online at trinitytreasuresnola.com. Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.

Flowers in honor of the marriage of Megan and Todd McPherson.

In memory of:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers
Lillian Gail Rogers
Mr. Roland McKenzie
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gibson
Mr. and Mrs. Francis McPherson

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