



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355

9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise”

Blue Hymnal 401

OPENING SENTENCES

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Blue Hymnal S91

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

PSALM 27 (Congregation invited to sing bolded verses)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear?*

the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall / I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum/bled and fell.*

Though an army should encamp a/gainst me,*
yet my heart shall / not be afraid;

And though war should rise up a/gainst me,
yet will I put / my trust in him.*

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one / thing I seek;*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days / of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD
and to seek him in / his temple.*

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter;*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high / upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my / head
above my enemies round / about me.*

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great / gladness;*
I will sing and make mus/ic to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call;
have mercy on me / and answer me.*

You speak in my heart and say, / "Seek my face."*
Your face, / LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your / face from me,
nor turn away your servant in / displeasure. (continued)*

You have been my helper; cast me / not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of my / salvation.

Though my father and my mother for/sake me,
the LORD will / sustain me.*

Show me your / way, O LORD;*
lead me on a level path, because of / my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adver/saries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who / speak malice.*

What if I had not believed that I should see the
goodness of the / LORD*
in the land of / the living!

*O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart;*
wait patient/ly for the LORD.*

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

GRADUAL HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"

Blue Hymnal 641

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

HOMILY

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Form I (Response – “Lord Have Mercy”)
Confession

White Card
BCP (Red Book) 383
White Card

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness” (tune: Land of Rest)

Blue Hymnal 144

DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal 43 (verse 4)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

BCP (Red Book) 361

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal S124

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Blue Hymnal S119

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal S157

Prayer of Humble Access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

(gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing. Please stay at the rail until all have been served and then return to your seat.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn “The King of Love”

Blue Hymnal 645

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (Red Book) 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Blue Hymnal 143

DISMISSAL

The altar flowers this morning are given by Patti Kay in memory of Jane Sampson.

Clergy

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Intercessor

Sam Sutter

Lectors

Joanne Deluca, Jackie Mullady

Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

Usher

Christian Medina, Antonio Medina

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

☛ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Al, Cherie, Sam, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Walt, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Sandie, Stacey, Drewseller, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin,

Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike, Sharon, Chuck, Lou. Please also pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

Please pray for Dave Erhardt and his family. We have been notified by Georgeann that Dave has been placed on Hospice care in their home.

As most of you know, Jane Sampson died early Monday, March 10th. Cards of condolence may be sent to her children, Barbara, Tom & Jim at 120 Rustown Drive, Stratford, CT 06614.

☛ PARISH LIFE

Lenten Coffee Hour Discussions- There are a few things in life that people don't want to talk about: money, politics.... and death. This Lent we will take on the discussion of death. What does it mean to die well? What does Jesus have to say about it? How do we have these conversations with our loved ones? What is an advanced directive and why do I need one? These conversations will happen during coffee hour from March 9th to the 30th. Come with an open heart and all your questions.

St. Patty's Board Game Night! ☘ Come on March 17th at 5:30pm with your friends and family for a fun night filled with games and food! Feel free to bring your favorite board games and we will provide the pizza, drinks, and ice cream. There might even be some hide-and-seek in the church played! Please sign up on the sheet posted so that we can make sure we can have enough food.

Cooking with Kate will be held Sunday, March 30th! Come help prepare meatloaf for St. John's Family Center. Cooking will be after worship.

Camp Washington – The Vestry has voted to support up to three scholarships for Trinity's young people to attend the ECCT's summer camp. Offerings include a Mini 3-day Camp for ages 5-10, a Children's One Week Camp for ages 7-12, and a Teen One Week Camp for ages 12-16. Requests for scholarships must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than March 15th.

Confirmation and Reception Group – Are you interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Please contact Rev. Kate (talk, email, text, phone call) and let her know if you would like to join the group. The group will meet Wednesday evenings March 12, 19, 26 & April 2 from 7-8pm via Zoom.

HELP STILL NEEDED – Volunteers are still needed for the following committees or activities. If there are no volunteers, it is possible that the activity will need to be cancelled. Those in **bold** currently need the most volunteers. **Audio Recordings, Buildings and Grounds, Caring Connections/Pastoral Care Team, Choir, Counters, Covenant to Care, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Finance Committee, First Friday Food Drive, Greeters, (Meat) Loafers, Maundy Thursday, Scholarship Committee, Sermon Group, St. Francis Day, and the St. Nicholas Fair,** Sign-up sheets will be in the Parish Hall during the next few Sundays or call (203-375-1503) or email trinitynicholsct@gmail.com to let us know your preference. Some of these activities only function on an as needed basis and may only need one or two members, but others need several volunteers to be able to spread the workload.

Join us for the 51st Annual Greater Bridgeport CROP Hunger Walk on May 4th at 1:30pm!

The Crop Walk is a 2.2 mile walk that helps raise money for the food insecure in our area. Information will be able to be picked up at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd, Trumbull, CT 06611 on March 30th at 2pm or you can pick up packets to fundraise and register at church on the Sundays after. Please come and raise money for a great cause.

Join The Bible Study Group- Wednesday's at 10am in the library.

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. Thank you!

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm. Rev. Kate's Office Hours are Wednesday's 11 – 3pm, and Thursday by appointment. Please note, the office is closed on Friday.