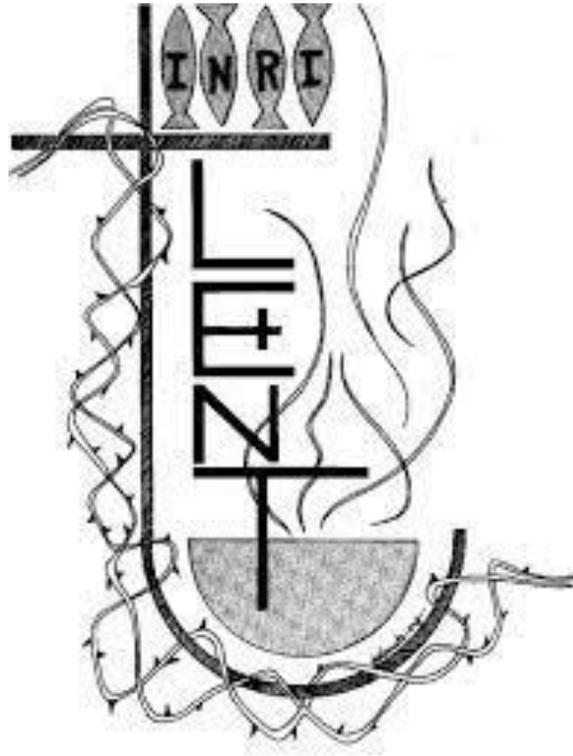


*Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols
Trumbull, CT*



Sunday, March 19, 2023

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist – Rite II*

WELCOME!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you're joining us is a blessing. Please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better. Please come and have some coffee and food with us after service in the Peet Hall.

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

✚ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, M'lee, Dave, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Jane, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Hunter, Mason, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Louise, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Angela, Pat, Barbara, Phyllis, Al, Nancy, John, Cherie, Sam, John, Leslie, Joanne, Barbara, Ellen, Anthony, Michael.

✚ WORSHIP

Please note, we will hold Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary.

✚ PARISH LIFE

🌸 **Easter Flowers & Book of Remembrance Donations** - Please see the attached order form for Easter plants or donations to Trinity's Book of Remembrance. All order forms are due to the office by Sunday March 26th. Thank you!

Please help with our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt by donating individually wrapped “bite size” candies (so they fit into plastic eggs). Due to allergies, please do not bring candies containing nuts. Questions, please see Miss Brenda - Thank you!

Covenant to Care Easter Basket Collection: We are collecting items to make five Easter baskets. Any candy, books, toys, etc. would be wonderful. I will also be collecting gift cards from Walmart, Target and Amazon. You can find a link on Amazon to a wish list for Covenant to Care. Donations will be collected until March 26th. *Thank you! Lisa O'Neill*

Wednesday Lenten Forum

Each Wednesday of Lent from 1:30-2:30 pm via Zoon, we will be discussing The Big Questions. Each week, we'll ponder some of the biggest questions out there: Why do we suffer? Is God always good? Is there really an afterlife? Come grow with us! Send an email to Rev. Kate at rev.kemd@gmail.com to sign up.

Wednesday Night Compline

Every Wednesday night in Lent, Rev. Kate will be leading a compline service at the church at 8:00 p.m. This service will be streamed on Facebook but you could also attend in person if you would like to. It will be a time of quiet reflection, prayer, and candlelight.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Trinity is fortunate to have a Scholarship Fund, established by the Charles L. Dennis family, which allows college level scholarships to be awarded to members or children of members of Trinity. To be eligible, recipients must be high school seniors entering an institution of higher education. Applications are available in the Parish Office and must be submitted by March 31st.

Are you interested in coming to an Episcopal 101 or Confirmation class? Rev. Kate is looking to host these two classes soon but wants to know who is interested. Episcopal 101 would be for people who want to learn about the roots of the Episcopal church, why we worship the way we do, and how we connect to the wider world. Confirmation would be for anyone who would like to see if they want to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in either of these classes, please talk to Rev. Kate or email her at rev.kemd@gmail.com.

Hymn: Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel (H 574)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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 (S 91)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

Collect Of The Day

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23 (Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses)

The Lord is my / shepherd;*

I shall / not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures*

and leads me beside / still waters.

He revives my / soul*

and guides me along right pathways for / his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no / evil;*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, / they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence
of those who / trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is run/ning over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my / life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD / for ever.

The Second Lesson *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.” *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: : Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord

The one who follows me will have the light of life.

The Gospel *John 9:1-41*

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become

his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Moment of Silent Reflection

The Homily

The Reverend Kate McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

The 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 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 – Form I

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 this town of Trumbull, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, 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. We ask the congregation to please pray for the people listed on your pink cards *Silence.....* We encourage you to pray for these people throughout the week. 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, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Silence

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.**

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

The Offertory

Hymn: Amazing Grace (H 671)

(to be sung)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharist Prayer B

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 (S 124)

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A moment of Silence

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

Fraction Anthem: *Angus Dei* (S 161) (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

(*gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request*)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. Please note that we are only drinking from the cup and not dipping the bread to stop the spread of germs as Covid numbers continue to go up and down. 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.

Communion Hymn: The King of Love (H 645)

Prayer After Communion

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

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (H 686)

The Dismissal

Clergy	<i>The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar</i>
Intercessor	<i>Sam Sutter</i>
Lectors	<i>Bill DeFranco, Sharon Buzzeo</i>
Organist & Choirmaster	<i>Herb Lazration</i>
Usher	<i>Christian Medina, Antonio Medina</i>

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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 Tuesday and Wednesday 1 – 3pm
Please note, the office is closed on Friday.