



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I; BCP 323

9:00 AM Church School

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Blue Hymnal 470

OPENING SENTENCES Blue Card

KYRIE Blue Hymnal S91

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### THE 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: *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 32 *(Congregation invited to join choir on alternate verses)*

Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given,\*  
and whose sin / is put away!

*Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes / no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit / there is no guile!*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way,\*  
because of my groan/ing all day long.

*For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night;\*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.*

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,\*  
and did not / conceal my guilt.

*I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD.”\*  
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.*

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in time of / trouble;\*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.

*You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.*

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go;\*  
I will guide / you with my eye.

*Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under/standing;\*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not / stay near you.”*

Great are the tribulations of the / wicked;\*  
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD;\* shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.*

## **The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn:** “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

LEVAS 101

## **The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

## **HOMILY**

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

The Rev. Marcus Halley

## **THE RESPONSES OF FAITH**

**The Nicene Creed**

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

BCP (Red Book) 383

**Confession**

Blue Card

## **THE PEACE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**Offertory Hymn** “Bless The Lord, My Soul!”

Blue Hymnal 411

**The Doxology**

Blue Hymnal 43 (*verse 4*)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharist Prayer 1**

BCP (Red Book) 333

**Sanctus**

Blue Hymnal S124

*Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)*

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*sung*)

Blue Hymnal S119

**Breaking of the Bread**

**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** “Here, O My Lord”

Blue Hymnal 318

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP (Red Book) 339

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Blue Hymnal 690

**DISMISSAL**

Clergy

The Rev. Marcus Halley

Intercessor

Simon Howes

Lectors

Sharon Buzzeo, Sue Silva

Organist & Choirmaster

Herb Lazration

Usher

Joe Buzzeo

❖ **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, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Walt, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Christine, Sandie, Stacey, Drewsella, Bobby, Michael, Brandon, Cathy, Rebecca, Caitlin, Mason, Russ, Renate, Pat, Sam, Renay, Mike, Sharon, Chuck, Lou, Catherine. 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.*

### Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – 6pm Simple Dinner with foot washing and Eucharist to follow.

Good Friday – 12 noon Service with Communion

Good Friday – 5pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday – 9am Worship with Egg Hunt to follow.

#### ☛ PARISH LIFE

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

**Spring Clean-up – Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm** *Spring Clean-up at Trinity--* Come help make Trinity look as beautiful on the outside as it does on the inside! We are going to be picking up sticks, mulching, fixing small things, and so on around the church grounds. *If you can be with us, please sign up on the board outside Peet Hall.* Rain day will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 last two conversations will happen during coffee hour on April 6 & 13<sup>th</sup>.* Come with an open heart and all your questions. *This Sunday there will not be a conversation.*

**Flower Donations for Chapel:** We are looking for potted flower donations to have in the small chapel on Maundy Thursday and will be also used in church on Easter. If you would like, please sign up to donate these flowers and they can be taken home on Easter. This is an easy way to help make these services beautiful and get your flowers for Spring. Please let me know if you have any questions. *Rev. Kate*

**Maundy Thursday – April 17 – Dinner & Service, 6pm:** Please see the sign-up sheet posted where we are asking for donations of soup (brought hot in crock pots) and bread. *We would like a chairman for this event to coordinate food donations and help organize kitchen help.* We will be hosting Christ Church Tashua for this event.

🌸 **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 Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>.*

🍬 **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!

**May 3 at 7pm: Elisabeth von Trapp concert volunteers needed** –Our next Blue Door Concert will feature folk singer Elisabeth von Trapp (from the family that inspired *The Sound of Music*). We are looking for volunteers to help with this event by greeting, guiding traffic, helping to set up and clean up, and preparing snacks and beverages. If you would like to help, please contact Edward Dunar at [Edward.dunar@gmail.com](mailto:Edward.dunar@gmail.com).

**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.

#### ☛ CARING CONNECTIONS

🎂 Birthdays – Gayle Silva (the 28<sup>th</sup>).

💕 Anniversaries – David & Debra Robison (the 25<sup>th</sup>).

#### ☛ OUTREACH

**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 noon we will hold our First Friday Food Drive.** Drive through, drop your donations and get a blessing! Please help those in need. *Thank you!*

**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](mailto:rev.kemd@gmail.com). Thank you!**