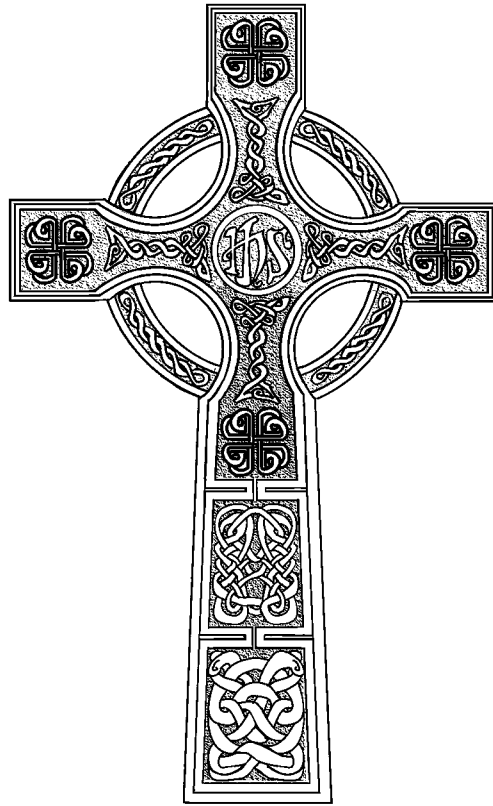


Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023 - 10:00 AM

The Rev. Stacey Forte-Dupré, Celebrant

Mission Statement

The mission of Trinity Parish is to bear witness to God's reconciling love, to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

We are blessed that you have come to worship with us today.

Our service, based on the practice of the early church, is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible, and other sources approved for our use by the Episcopal Church USA. Please enjoy the drama of our worship, watch to see what others do, and follow this service bulletin. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and join us in celebrating God's love for us all.

Episcopalians consider all baptized persons to be members of Christ's Church. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are invited to come to the Lord's Table and receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the consecrated Bread (or Host) and Wine. To receive communion, accept the Host in the palm of your hand, consume it, and guide the chalice to your lips. For intinction (dipping the Host into the Wine), leave the Host in your palm for the minister. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come to the altar for God's blessing through a priest. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest. If you cannot come to the altar rail, the ministers will gladly bring communion to you in your pew. Just let an usher know.

If you enjoy your time with us, consider coming back and asking about our ministries in the areas of worship and music, prayer, community outreach, women's and men's spirituality, communications, and Christian education.

Birthday Blessing

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be, keeping *them* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marriage Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary	Margaret Winter, flute, Jeffrey Rickard, piano
Introit	“Richard de Castre’s Prayer to Jesus” Terry
ProceSSIONAL Hymn	Hymnal 149
Penitential Order	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351-353
Salutation and Collect of the Day	BCP 357 / Page 4
The Lessons	Pages 4-5
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 440
The Holy Gospel	Page 6
The Sermon	Mo. Stacey
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III	BCP 387
Peace	BCP 360

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	“They that wait upon the Lord” Larkin
Presentation Hymn	Hymnal 489

After receiving the offering the celebrant says the following

All things come of you, O Lord

People And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C	BCP 369
Sanctus	Hymnal S124
Lord’s Prayer	Hymnal S149
Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S161
Communion Anthem	“Jesu, grant me this I pray” Kitson
Communion Hymn	“I Lift Up My Soul” page 7
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 366
The Blessing	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	Hymnal 473
Dismissal	BCP 366
Closing Voluntary	Jeff H. Rickard, organ

Lessons for March 5, 2023

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 12:1-4a

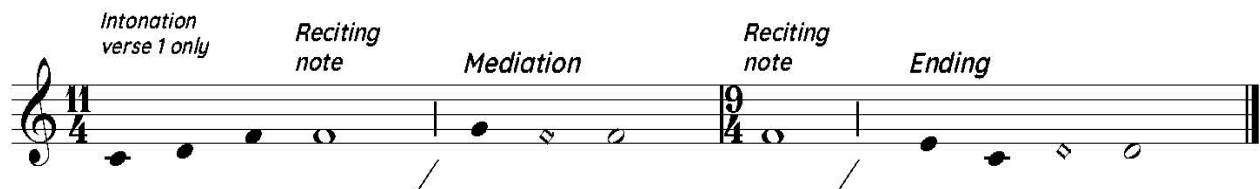
The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 – Tone II, 1



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills; *
from where is / my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the / Lord, *
the maker of heav-/en and earth.
- 3 He will not let your / foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will / not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel *
shall neither slum-/ber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over /you; *

the Lord is your shade at / your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
nor / the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all / evil; *
it is he who / shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your / coming in, *
from this time forth / for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-7

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

I Lift Up My Soul

Text based on Psalm 25

Daniel Kantor

Refrain

I lift _____ up my soul to you. Lift _____
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_____ up my soul un - to you, _____ Lord, my God. _____

Refrain: I lift up my soul to You. Lift up my soul unto you, Lord my God.

Choir: From of old comes your true compassion,
Lord of charity, in Your mercy remember me.

Refrain

Choir: Lead me our of distress and crisis.
End my suffering, take away all me sins, forgive.

Refrain

Choir: Rescue me, I in You take refuge.
With integrity, shall I wait for You, Lord my God.

Refrain

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