

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey

March 21, 2021 at 10 AM



"Wheat Fields" – Darko Topalski

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rite II – Service of the Word with Spiritual Communion



The Reverend Andrew D. Kruger, Presider

Anthony J. Rafaniello, Director of Music + Organist

John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden

Preparatory Prayer in Silence

Celebrating Sunday

The Presider says

Almighty and holy God, your Son,
in obedience to the Spirit, fasted forty days in the desert:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

I. Gathering of God's People

Penitential Litany

Rory Cooney/Gary Daigle

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All: Cantor: All:

(Verse) Hold us in your mer - cy. (Verse) Hold us in your mer - cy.

1. Maker's love poured out from heaven...Mercy's word made flesh among us...
2. Where you are, your servants follow... Draw all people to yourself...
3. You whose cross has gone before us... You who bear our cross with us...
4. Innocent, you faced the guilty... One in death with us forever...
5. Break the power of the darkness... Let us rise to life with you...

Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 351

Presider

✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Cantor

God's mercy endures for ever.

Lenten Bidding

CS

The Presider says

Dear People of God, in the name of the Church, as we give thanks to God for our redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ, I urge you to keep a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Therefore, with penitent hearts, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

CS

**Holy God, you formed us in your image
and redeemed us by the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through the water of baptism you clothed us
with the shining garment of Christ's righteousness,
and established us as heirs with him in your kingdom.
But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints,
and have wandered far in a land that is waste,
sinning in thought word and deed
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.
We turn to you in sorrow and repentance.
Receive us and restore us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
Amen.**

The people, after dipping their fingers in the holy water, mark themselves with the sign of the cross.

Absolution

CS

✠ Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you; pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Music for Celebration (David Hurd)

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son—

Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Chri-

ste e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son,

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son.

Presider The Lord be with you.

Cantor And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Cantor Amen.

Children’s Talk

Andrew Kruger

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

Tanakh

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

Plainchant Psalter 97



TONE IV.1

- 1 *Have mērcy* on me, O God, according to your / loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion / blot out mÿ offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through / from my wickedness *
and / cleanse me frōm mÿ sin.
- 3 For I know / my transgressions, *
and my sin is / ever bēfōre me.



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Holy Gospel

John 12-20-33

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word

Homily

Andrew Kruger

Apostles' Creed

Enriching Our Worship 41

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Common Worship alt.

The Presider says

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

The Intercessor prays

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For those preparing for baptism: Henry, Aurora, Lilianna, Wesley and Matias, and for their teachers and sponsors, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness, let us pray to the Father.

Holy God, you are Mighty and Immortal: **have mercy on us.**

The people add their thanksgivings and petitions using the chat function; the Presider concludes the prayers with the collect.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

The People may unmute themselves to share the Peace.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Episcopal Community Services

The Rev. Canon Joan Pettit Mason

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Presider If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

Please mail pledges to Trinity Episcopal Church, 205 North Avenue, East, Cranford NJ 07016

Offertory Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

By Carl F. Mueller; Text from Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Thanksgiving

Nathan Nettleton

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have taken us by the hand, and offered yourself to us in a sacred covenant.

You are the creator of all things; you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth. You led a suffering people from slavery to freedom, and offered to be their God if they would be your people.

Though we broke our vows to you and pursued evil, in gracious love you offered us a new covenant embodied in your Son, Jesus, who was made perfect on the path of obedience, even in the face of suffering.

Lifted up on a cross to die, he has drawn all people to himself; and raised from the dead, he has become the source of eternal salvation for all who live in obedience to the new law you have written on our hearts.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Presider continues

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us the grace to perceive and welcome Christ that we may follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. As we walk with our Lord on the path of obedience, sustain us on our way through the gift of this spiritual communion.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Presider The gifts of God:

People **For the people of God.**

Silence is kept and an image of Trinity's reserved sacrament is revealed.

Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus de Liguori alt.

Presider Let each of us invite Christ to come into our heart.

People and Presider pray together

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving
as I proclaim your resurrection.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come.
Amen.**

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider 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.**

V. Going out as God's People

Commissioning of the People

Nathan Nettleton

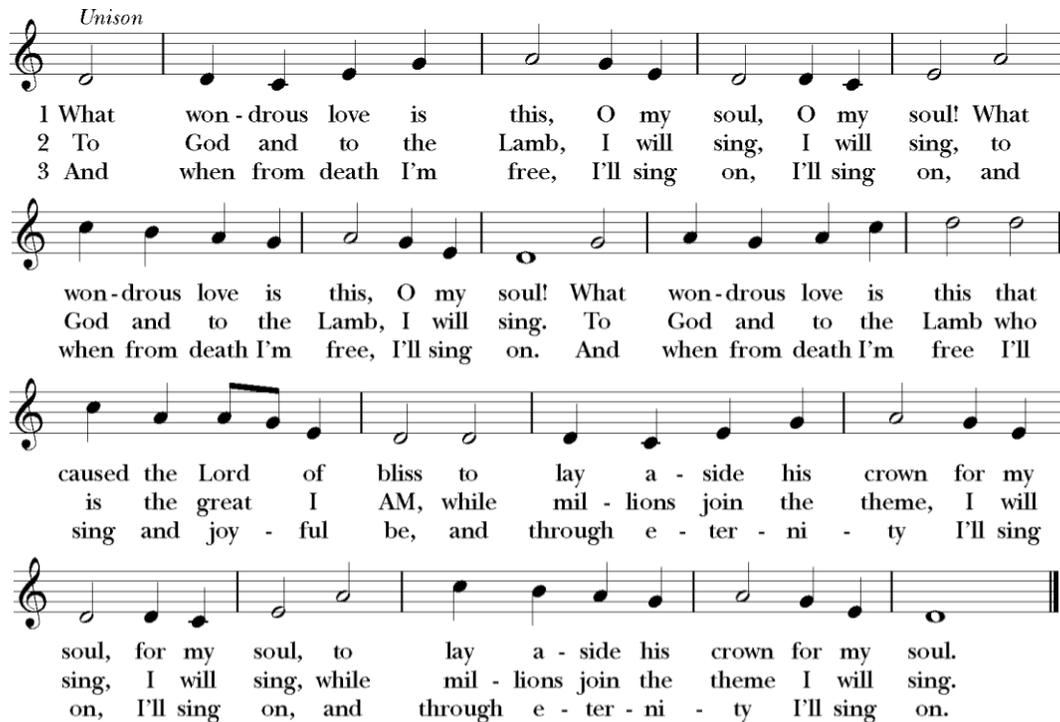
Presider Go now, to serve Christ and follow him. Let your old life fall like a grain of wheat into the earth so that you may bear much fruit as you allow God to reshape your heart and live in obedience to the law written within you.

Lenten Blessing

Alternative Service Book 1980

Presider May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Unison



1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
 won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



What you need to know today ...

Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey “Combining social and racial justice advocacy and awareness-raising with resource provision to empower under-resourced communities is our urgent priority” writes The Rev. Canon Joan Pettit Mason, who joins us this morning to share her vision of how we can help in serving the needs of the disadvantaged in our communities. [Click this link](#) to watch a YouTube video featuring Mother Joan and Ms. Sharisma Ubiera of Trinity Church, Asbury Park. In lieu of Easter flowers this year, our parish is making a donation to Episcopal Community Services. To make a contribution and to list the name(s) of loved ones to be remembered, use this [link](#).

Sandwich Sunday is today. Consider participating in this important outreach effort to feed the poor. St. John’s Episcopal in Elizabeth is our sister parish; it is a privilege to team up with their efforts to alleviate hunger. Sandwiches made yesterday will be delivered this afternoon. Traditionally the third Sunday of the month, the next opportunity is April 18. Volunteers are needed to make the sandwiches on Saturday, April 17 between 10 AM and 12 noon. To learn about this vital outreach; please contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the parish office.

The Parish Office Marion Nechuta is in the office on Thursday afternoons to field phone calls only, no in-person contact is permitted at this time. Marion may be contacted via the parish email or her cell (908-451-4498) during the rest of the week from 2 PM to 5 PM.

Diocesan Convention Last Saturday, March 6, for the first time in 237 years, the 237th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey was held virtually. There are various ways to learn about it. To view Bishop Stokes’ address to the convention click [here](#). To view presentations to the convention, click [here](#). In addition, a recording of the entire convention is available on the Diocesan YouTube channel.

Stamp Out Despair The Ministry for the Imprisoned is collecting books of stamps (or financial donation for purchase of same) to be donated to [First Friends](#), which will distribute them to individuals in immigration detention facilities. Checks should include “Stamp Out Despair” on the memo line. Most importantly, please write a short (2 to 4 sentences) “Dear Friend” note in a card. Please include it with the stamps or donations which should be mailed to the parish office or dropped off. Help lessen their loneliness and despair and support this vital new ministry. The collection of donations, stamps, and letters is running for the duration of March.

Year of Eucharist Reflections This year, we seek to more fully develop our Eucharistic identity as individuals and as a community. The Liturgical Committee is inviting everyone to share their eucharistic experience. View Peter Waldron’s moving reflection on the Eucharist by clicking [here](#): the password is 1872. Take some time to prayerfully reflect on the deeply personal question of what Eucharist means to you. Then, go to the *Fellowship* tab on Trinity’s Website, click *Trinity Community Forum*, enter password 1872, click on *Year of Eucharist Reflections*, click on *Please share your...*, click on *Write a comment*. When finished, hit *Publish*.

“Remembrances and Recollections” The [Trinity website](#) contains a growing number of historical contributions from parishioners. This week there is a new entry about Dr. Arthur Patchett’s and Lois Patchett’s activities and accomplishments while at Trinity. Also, some brief anecdotes by Lynn Kiamie-Bianchini, as well as Bonnie Gentese, who spearheaded the annual “Breakfast with Santa” fund-raiser for many years, reflecting on the amount of work and great joy that resulted. Share your story; please contact any member of the Archival Committee: Vicki Goralski, Irene Telerico or Fran Witherington.

Parish Pledges Statements have been delivered or mailed to you. Please contact Financial Secretary Sarah Gregory (908-347-6498 or quanset19@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The parish leadership is so grateful for your continued faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges — labeled “To Financial Secretary” — to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; [please click on this link](#). Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

What you need to know this week ...

The Daily Offices Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

Emergency Food Supplies for St. Joseph’s Social Service Center Bring supplies to Junior Warden Sydney O’Hagan (774-218-3461) and leave them on her front porch at 205 High Street, Cranford every Wednesday. [Click here](#) for a list of appropriate items.

Trinity’s Handbell Choir Rehearsal is this Wednesday, March 24 from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM to prepare several pieces for Easter. Contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com) to participate or if you have any questions.

Trinity’s Virtual Choir Rehearsal is online every Wednesday night from 8 PM to 8:45 PM. The Winter session runs through March 24 and the choir will prepare and present several anthems for Lent and Easter. Anyone who enjoys singing should consider participating, even without the ability to read music. [Click here for more information and to sign-up](#) or visit trinitycranford.org and click on ‘Music.’

Add your voice to our virtual rendition of “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” Whether you are comfortable singing harmony or just want to belt out the melody, follow the directions provided in this [link](#). All recordings are due by next Sunday (Palm/Passion Sunday), March 28. The virtual Easter hymn will premiere at the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Women’s Bible Study Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity’s online platform. The group travels to Asia Minor, about 100 miles from Ephesus, as the focus continues on the epistle of Saint Paul to the Church in Colossae, commonly called *Colossians*. Questions about its authorship have recently been settled with N.T. Wright having the final words, calling it “thoroughly and completely Pauline.” If anything, it would have been dictated to an *amanuensis* or secretary, most likely Timothy, during Paul’s first or second imprisonment. Find out more as leader Nancy Miller continues the study this week.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM via Trinity’s online platform.

Saint John’s Episcopal Church in Elizabeth is our sister parish. Their Pantry is getting bare. Please help in stocking it; [click here](#) for more details about the items needed and deliver them to Marion Nechuta at the address above.

What you need to know for the future ...

Holy Week and Easter The full schedule of services follows below after the Lectionary and Liturgy notes.

Mystagogia The Easter/Paschal season is understood as a time during which the great mysteries of the faith are given time to “sink-in” and mature. Mystagogia is this seeping in period, in which all believers are encouraged to contemplate more deeply the Church’s life and sacraments. As part of the *Year of Eucharist*, this Easter season the 150th Liturgical Committee together with Fr. Andy will be offering several adult education classes delving into the mysteries of the Eucharist. The class will be online and take the form of an instructed Eucharist (pre-recorded parts of the Eucharist accompanied by commentary) followed by discussion time. The classes will begin on Thursday, April 8 and continue every Thursday during the Paschal season; the one exception being Ascension Day on Thursday, May 13. Each class will start at 7 PM and conclude by 8 PM.

Baptisms During the Easter Season The sacrament of baptism will be offered at the Great Easter Vigil and on Sundays during the season of Easter at the 8 AM in-person and physically-distanced service. Please pray for the candidates, their parents, and sponsors as they prepare for the sacrament of baptism. Below are the names of the catechumens in order of their date for baptism.

- † Second Sunday of Easter, April 11 (Henry DeVelde)
- † Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25 (Aurora Tsiolas)
- † Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2 (Lilianna Ilich)
- † Last Sunday of Easter, May 16 (Wesley Ditzel IV)
- † Day of Pentecost, May 23 (Matias Juarez)

Trinity Men’s Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. On April 3, the discussion centers on the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Trinity Women’s Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8 PM online. All women of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. On April 12, one week after Easter Sunday, the discussion centers on the Resurrection.



Lectionary & Liturgy

Each year on the first four Sundays of Lent we hear Old Testament readings which recall the most important events in “salvation history”. On the fifth Sunday each year, we hear one of the prophetic passages which foresee the greater and ultimate saving event to come in Jesus’ dying and rising. This year, the reading is Jeremiah’s message that God will at some time in the future establish a new covenant with the people which will transcend the old covenant of the Exodus. The most significant thing about this new covenant is that it will be expressed in an interior relationship with God rather than an exterior law.

The second reading today describes Jesus’ suffering as the manifestation of his priestly ministry (using the image of the mysterious Old Testament priest Melchizedek, who in Hebrew tradition was thought greater than the priests of Israel and one who was, in some sense, immortal). This is part of this epistle’s argument that Jesus has supplanted the priesthood and worship of Israel. The Gospel reading also relates Jesus’ dying to his glorification and our salvation and as the means of calling the whole world into the kingdom.

As we near the end of our Lenten pilgrimage, these readings underscore the primary result of our worship and especially of Baptism and Eucharist: we have been made part of Christ’s Body in Baptism and a part of his priesthood; that is, we are part of what he does, we express our share in his sacrifice and his mediation between humanity and God in our celebration of the liturgy. Thus, indeed, is this new Covenant written on our hearts and we truly each know God as Jeremiah foretold. Pray for those who will join that new Covenant when they are baptized at Easter.

- † **Cover Art** – “Wheat Fields” by artist, from Novi Sad, Republic of Serbia.
- † **Penitential Litany** – Words: Rory Cooney (b. 1952), Director of Liturgy and Music Ministries at St. Anne’s Catholic in Barrington, IL, since 1994. Music: Gary Daigle (b. 1957), The director of music at St. Edna’s Catholic in Arlington Heights, IL. The two are long-time collaborators. About this piece, adapted from *Parce Domine*, Rory writes: “One of the first institutes at which Gary and I worked together was in Orange, CA. He wanted a litany that we could sing *a cappella* as we processed, one that expressed confidence in God’s mercy. Thus we came up with a call-and-response litany that could be used for movement without any accompaniment or worship aid required. What began as an *a cappella* litany morphed over many uses and situations into a more complex arrangement for stationary use in church.” Both © 1993, GIA Publications.
- † **Preparatory Prayer, Lenten Bidding, Confession + Absolution** – From *Celebrating Sunday*, “a resource in the revision process of *An Anglican Prayer Book, 1989*, focusing on ideas of celebrating the Eucharist and worshipping under Southern Skies in an African voice.”
- † **Kyrie** – Words: Public Domain. Music: from *Music for Celebration*, David Hurd © 1979, GIA Publications
- † **Collect of the Day** – The present revision of the BCP shifts this older collect here, replacing a Gregorian collect asking for protection and not suited to the time of the church year. The changes of 1662 introduce an antithesis between the “unruly wills and affections” of sinners, and the love for God’s commandments and the desire for what He has promised—gifts of God’s grace. –[*Notes on the American Prayer Book* by Marion Hatchett]
- † **Lections** – The readings for our lessons are determined by *The Revised Common Lectionary* © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), Nashville, TN and drawn from the Bible texts of the *New Revised Standard Version Bible* © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA.
- † **Psalter** – Plainsong dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity. It has one melody (monodic), traditionally sung without musical accompaniment, and most frequently based on the psalms. In the *Plainsong Psalter* [© 1988 The Church Pension Fund], the 150 psalms of David are set to plainsong psalm tones with antiphons as selected and compiled by Howard E. Galley, Jr. and published in the Psalter section of his *The Prayer Book Office* [Seabury Press, NY, 1980]. Editor James Litton an American musician, who directed the American Boychoir from 1985 to 2001, and is widely recognized as one of the leading choral conductors of the day. He has been a member and vice chairman of the Standing Commission on Church Music, and participated in the preparation and publication of the Hymnal 1982. He is a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music (founded by Sydney Hugo Nicholson), one of 7 Americans to receive this honor.
- † **Proclaiming Hymn** – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).
- † **Apostles Creed** – “Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God. The term comes from the Latin *credo*, meaning ‘I believe’ and while we will always have questions about God, the Church, and our own faith, we have two foundational creeds that we use during worship. In reciting and affirming these creeds, we join Christians across the world and throughout the ages in affirming our faith in the one God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.” –[© The Episcopal Church]. Trinitarian in structure, its earliest known mention occurs in a letter of AD 390 from a synod in Milan. Its present form is similar to the baptismal creed used in Rome in the third and fourth centuries, and developed from questions addressed to those seeking baptism. Our Church uses it as part of a Baptismal Covenant and is recited by candidates, sponsors and congregation. It is also used in Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.
- † **Offertory Anthem** – Words: Psalm 51:10-13. Music: Carl Mueller (1892-1982) © 1941 (renewed), G. Schirmer, Inc. (ASCAP)
- † **Spiritual Communion** – From material adapted from the Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787), an Italian writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, and theologian. He is said never to have refused absolution to a penitent; “the penitents should be treated as souls to be saved rather than as criminals to be punished.” The shape of this prayer comes from *An Anglican Prayer Book 1989*, with additional material adapted from *A Prayer Book for the Armed Services 2007*.
- † **Communion Meditation** – Words: Psalm 102; Taizé Community. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1982, 2011, Les Presses, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.
- † **Lenten Blessing** – The Alternative Service Book 1980 © 1980 the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.
- † **Sending Hymn** – Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2021

Palm Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 28 @ 8 AM (in person) & 10 AM (online)

Greet Jesus with palm branches and then be immersed again in the dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord.

[Sign up for 8 AM Service.](#)

Sung Compline in Holy Week

Monday (March 29), Tuesday (March 30), & Wednesday (March 31) at 8 PM online

Conclude your day with the Ignition examen (a prayerful review of the day past) in the context of the beautiful cadences of Compline.

Maunder Thursday (Triduum I)

Thursday, April 1 @ 7 PM in-person & streamed online

Enter into the Great Three Days with the institution of the Lord's Supper and the stripping of the Altar

[Sign up to attend in-person.](#)

Maunder Thursday Vigil

Thursday, April 1 from 8:30 PM till Friday, April 2 @ 6:30 AM online

A video feed of the stripped altar in the church and the reserved sacrament in the chapel will be streamed.

[Sign up to keep vigil.](#)

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2 @ 2:30 PM in-person and outdoors

Journey through the traditional Stations of the Cross as depicted by Benedictine liturgical artist Martin Erspamer.

[Sign up to attend.](#)

Good Friday Liturgy (Triduum II)

Friday, April 2 @ 7 PM online

Commemorate our Lord's saving death, venerate the life giving cross, and pray fervently for the needs of the whole world.

Paschal Vigil – Part 1 (Triduum III)

Holy Saturday, April 3 @ 8 PM in-person outdoors

Held in the parking lot between TEDS and the Church (bring a folding chair)

Listen to the Great Stories of the Faith as told by Casey Woodruff, Elizabeth Broccoli, and Piper Ferriter in the warm glow of the Easter fire and Paschal candle. (Anthony will lead us in song)

[Sign up to attend.](#)

Paschal Vigil – Part 2 (Triduum III)

Easter Sunday, April 4 @ 6:30 AM in-person outdoors

Held on the North Ave lawns outside the Church (bring a folding chair)

Celebrate Eucharist with the rising sun and refuse to forget the risen conquering Son. (Anthony will lead us in song)

[Sign up to attend.](#)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4 @ 10 AM online

'Join' Fr Andy in the sanctuary of the church for a streamed Rite II Holy Eucharist with Anthony leading our singing from the organ console.

The Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer

Offered online, Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

Enrich your experience of Holy Week and Easter Week by joining in the daily offices.

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Triune God, you come to your people in dreams and visions:
quicken our imagination by your Holy Spirit,
that we will be inspired to honor our past, live out our baptism today, and serve future generations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Andy's Reflection: Easter Flowers

[This was sent as part of the weekly email blast.] You will, I'm sure, remember that last year I invited the parish to give contributions towards a set of Gold Vestments in memory of loved ones and in lieu of Christmas flowers. I appointed Carol Beier, Trinity's head sacristan, to lead a committee who have commissioned a beautiful set of gold vestments from CM Almy — the vestments should be delivered in time for use on Easter Day.

As we plan for Easter it is apparent that the vast majority of the parish will again not be in the building and able to appreciate the abundance of flowers with which we are accustomed. Therefore I am proposing that in lieu of contributions towards Easter flowers we give to Episcopal Community Services (ECS).

ECS was formally established at the end of last year by our Diocese to expand our capacity to meet critical human needs in the cities, towns, and villages of our Diocese, while also advocating for meaningful systemic change. Combining social and racial justice advocacy and awareness-raising with resource provision to empower under-resourced communities is the urgent priority of ECS. The Rev. Canon Joan Pettit Mason and Ms Sharisma Ubiera are the co-chairs of the organization and addressed the Diocesan Convention last week: you may view that video [here](#). Mother Joan is well known to many at Trinity and I have asked her to give a brief address at our 10 AM online service on Sunday, March 21.

As has been our custom in years past, those in whose memory the gifts are given will be included in our Easter Day bulletin. To make a contribution, however big or small, and to list the name or names of loved ones [click this link](#). If you are not able to access the link, please call Marion Nechuta and provide her with the following information: your name, the name of the loved one being remembered, and the intended donation. May God bless us as we remember those we love, and reach out in compassion to our neighbors who are struggling. Amen.

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