



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
February 17, 2021 • 6:00pm

**Inspired by Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church strives to  
love our neighbors, do justice and walk humbly with God.**

*The ministers enter in silence and the Celebrant begins the liturgy with the Salutation and the Collect of the Day.*

## ∞ The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *People* **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## ∞ The First Reading

JOEL 2:1-2,12-17

*The People sit.*

**B**low the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

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

∞ The Gradual, *Psalm 103:8-14*

CHANT BY EDWARD ELGAR

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

∞ The Second Reading

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10

**W**e 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. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,

sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

∞ The Holy Gospel

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

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

**J**esus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ANDREW R. THAYER

∞ Lenten Invitation

*Please stand.*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

∞ Blessing of the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

∞ Imposition of Ashes

*Those who desire the imposition of ashes may come forward.*

*Deacon  
People*

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,

O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## ∞ Litany of Penitence

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*Celebrant* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:  
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation  
of other people,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

## ∞ The Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the



absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

∞ The Peace

∞ Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem, *Voce Mea***

GIOVANNI CROCE

I will cry unto God with my voice: even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

*(Ps. 77:1)*

*The Offerings are presented in silence.*

∞ The Great Thanksgiving (PRAYER A)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds with the Proper Preface.*

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:

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.

*The People stand or kneel, the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at

the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

### ∞ The Lord's Prayer

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

### ∞ A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant* In communion with those who are participating online, and cannot physically receive the Sacrament, we pray:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### ∞ The Invitation

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## ∞ The Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar area, everyone must use the hand sanitizer station before receiving communion. The consecrated hosts will be in a paper cup on the altar. As you approach the altar, please take one paper cup. Once you have consumed the communion, you will place the paper cup in the receptacle located near the altar.*

### **Communion Motet, O Jesu Christe**

JACQUET DE MANTUA

O Jesus Christ, have mercy on me,  
When I languish with grief.  
Lord, thou art my hope.  
Unto thee have I cried: have mercy on me.

I cried to the Lord with my voice:  
with my voice I made supplication to the Lord.  
The just wait for me,  
until thou reward me.

Unto thee have I cried: have mercy on me.

*(Ps 141:2, 8)*

## ∞ The Post Communion Prayer

*All stand.*

**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

## ∞ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O My Soul.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Sunday at Trinity

**Faith and Fiction** meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Touns at merryparis@yahoo.com to learn more.

**12 Steps Are for Everyone** meets at 9:15am on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Karen Taylor at taylorks@aol.com for Zoom access.

**Godly Play** meets at 10:30am on Zoom. Check member or emails or contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com for Zoom access.

**EYC: The Chosen**, meets from 4:00pm to 5:45pm on Zoom. Check member emails or contact Rev. Jane-Allison Wiggin-Nettles at jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com for Zoom access.

Beginning Sunday, February 24, Trinity will once again offer the **8:00am Rite I Eucharist**, with a venue change from the Chapel to the Church.

### February is Black History Month

**Black History Month Playlists** are live! There are playlists for Adults, Children and Families, and Youth. Visit <https://trinitynola.com/formation/playlists/> to check them out. If you would like to facilitate a weekly small group to discuss, email us and we'll help you set it up!

**Girl Trek's Black History Bootcamp: A 21-Day Walking Meditation** - Lace up your shoes and walk in honor of our Black Foremothers! Walk in solidarity with over one million Black women and girls around the country who are prioritizing their self-care and walking in the direction of their healthiest, most fulfilled lives. Whether you're already in a walking group, looking for a walking buddy, push a stroller, or prefer to walk solo, you can participate. Every time you walk, listen and learn the **herstory** of a Black foremother. These stories are available through GirlTrek's playlist that you can access through Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

- Sign up online at <https://trinitynola.com/girl-trek-black-history-bootcamp/> or email aeastham@trinitynola.com to let us know you're ready to walk! By registering, you will receive a link to the day's episode by email, every morning at 5:00am, beginning February 7. If you would like to join the Trinity Walking Group, meet at the entrance of Audubon Park on Magazine Street, every Sunday in February (7, 14, 21, 28) at 4:00pm. Bring your earbuds! Bring your dogs! Bring your babies! Let's walk and learn!! Together.

**Open Yale Courses** provides free and open access to a selection of introductory courses taught by distinguished teachers and scholars at Yale University. May we recommend **Professor Holloway's *African American History: From Emancipation to the Present*** which examines the African American experience in the United States from 1863 to the present? To sign up, visit [http://bit.ly/BHM\\_YaleAFAM](http://bit.ly/BHM_YaleAFAM).

## **The Season of Lent**

**Lenten Musical Offerings / Evening Prayer** - On Wednesdays in Lent, at 6:00pm in the Church, a service of Evening Prayer with featured musical offerings.

### **Wednesday, February 24**

features Paul Weber, organ, playing Bach's monumental variations on the Lenten chorale "Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig".

### **Wednesday, March 3**

features Kurt Münstedt, violin, with Paul Weber, piano in a program of classical music.

### **Wednesday, March 10**

features Chip Wilson, guitar, and Paul Weber, piano, in a program of original songs.

### **Wednesday, March 17**

features Matt Lemmler, jazz piano, in a program for St. Patrick's Day.

**Save the Date: 'Lenten Learn' Speaker Series** - On select Wednesdays in Lent, engage with the following speakers at 12:00pm on Zoom. Pre-register at link in member email, or contact [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com).

### **The Historian**

Wednesday, February 24 at 12:00pm on Zoom  
Chris Dier, 2020 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year

### **The District Attorney**

Wednesday, March 3 at 12:00pm on Zoom  
Jason Williams, District Attorney of Orleans Parish

### **The Law Professor**

Wednesday, March 10 at 12:00pm on Zoom  
Tania Tetlow, President of Loyola University

### **The Hope House**

Wednesday, March 17 at 12:00pm on Zoom  
Don Everard, Executive Director of Hope House and Sr. Lilianne

## **Formation Opportunities**

**The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group** explores some of the biggest questions of faith, informed by short readings from recent theologians. Presently, this group meets via Zoom with the next meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 21 at 7:00pm. Meeting dates include: March 14, April 11, and May 16. Contact Phyllis Raabe at praabe@tulane.edu with questions and to request Zoom access.

## **Stewardship at Trinity Church**

We are immensely grateful for all the pledges of support received to date. Please be sure to submit your 2021 pledge as soon as possible so that we may include it in the budget planning process. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today at <https://trinitynola.com/pledge-form/>. Please contact Raina O'Neil, Director of Stewardship with any questions about pledging. (504) 670-2537 or roneil@trinitynola.com.

## **Trinity Treasures**

ALL Mardi Gras items are now 25% off!!! No matter where you might be this Fat Tuesday show the world your NOLA pride with our precious "Everywhere Else It's Just Another Tuesday" t-shirt. Grab one for everyone in your Krewe!

We have sold out of India Stewart's gold sculptured crosses inspired by Tim Trapolin's Easter cross painting. If you would like us to order one or more for you for Easter 2021, please place this order on our website before February 15.

Trinity Treasures is now open Monday to Friday, 8:30am - 3:30pm and Sundays before and after 10:30am worship. Shop online at [trinitytreasuresnola.com](http://trinitytreasuresnola.com). Please remember that Trinity Treasures' profits go to Trinity ministries and community projects through WOTC grants.





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