



**TRINITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Laetare Sunday*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
March 14, 2021 • 10:30am

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

## **Prelude, Improvisation on "Crucifer"**

### **At The Procession**

Introit, Laetare Ierusalem

Ant. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied at the breasts of her consolation. (Isaiah 66:10-11)

V. I rejoiced when they said unto me, "we will go into the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)

### **Penitential Order**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

### ∞ The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

## ∞ The Collect of the Day

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

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 forever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## ∞ The First Reading

NUMBERS 21:4-9

A Reading from the book of Numbers

**F**rom Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## ∞ The Gradual, *Psalm 107:1-3, 7-22*

PLAINSONG, MODE VIII

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.**

**Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

**He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

**Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

**They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.**

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

**He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

∞ The Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus

**Y**ou were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

∞ The Holy Gospel  
*All stand.*

JOHN 3:14-21

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

**J**esus said, “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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ANDREW R. THAYER

∞ The Nicene Creed

*All stand and say together.*

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

*All remain standing.*

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 the City of New Orleans, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, 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 the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, (especially), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For (the reader will include prayers for our parish family), 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, (especially) let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, (especially), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

∞ The Peace

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

∞ Announcements



# The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem, *In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me*

HALTON HOLGATE,  
WM. BOYCE

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,  
taught my sin-filled heart and mind,  
else this world had still enthralled me,  
and to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you  
till by grace you set me free;  
for my heart would still refuse you  
had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you,  
for your grace alone I thirst,  
knowing well, that if I love you,  
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

-Josiah Conder

## ∞ The Great Thanksgiving

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High!**

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

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever 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 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.*

## The Communion Anthem, *Holy Ground*

GREEN SONGBOOK 88/89

## ∞ The Post Communion Prayer

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## ∞ The Dismissal

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

Recession, *Lift High the Cross*

HYMN 473, VS 1-2

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Sunday at Trinity

**Stations In The Street** - Join in a walking meditation through the stations at 5:15pm on Jackson Avenue. (See more details on the next page!)

**Faith and Fiction** meets at 9:00am on Zoom each Sunday. Check member emails or contact Merry Toups 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 taylorlks@aol.com for Zoom access.

**Youth Group (6th-12th)** Embodying the fire of Faith. Walking the outdoor stations of the cross on Jackson Ave.

Trinity is once again offering the **8:00am Rite I Eucharist**, with a venue change from the Chapel to the Church.

### 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. Pre-register online.

#### **Wednesday, March 17**

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

**'Lenten Learn' Speaker Series** - Join us online Wednesdays during Lent at 12:00pm.

The focus of this series evolved out of the small group work we did around the themes of humility, mercy, and justice with Sister Helen Prejean offering the final theological reflection on justice. Sister Helen moved us to expand our knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system here in New Orleans as we figure out the best way to move forward as a faith community to engage and affect change as it relates to justice here in our own backyard.

Our presenters this year will take us on a journey from past to present and inform our work together moving forward as we seek a more just New Orleans.

Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode in member email, or contact [abond@trinitynola.com](mailto:abond@trinitynola.com). Previous speaker recordings available on our website.

#### **The Hope House**

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

**Stations in the Street** -During this season of Lent, Trinity Episcopal Church invites all pilgrims to journey through the last days of Jesus' life as we reflect on how his journey impacts our own. A twelve-panel art installation by artist Scott Erickson will be featured along Jackson Avenue in front of our church for all to experience. While this walking meditation is available to everyone at any time, we will also offer clergy-led walking meditations on **Sundays at 5:15pm during Lent** (March 14 and 21). <https://trinitynola.com/stations-in-the-street/>

**“Holy Hour” Weekday Chapel**, Weekdays in Lent, 7:00am - 8:00am in the Chapel, Monday through Friday (February 22 - April 2)

## **Easter Memorial Flowers and Music Donations**

Help adorn the church for Easter and honor or remember a loved one by giving to the Easter Memorial Flowers and Music fund. All gifts, great and small, are appreciated. You can give online (<https://trinitynola.com/easter-memorial/>) or via mail.

Please send the names and your donation to the church office, attention: Blair Daspit, (or by email to [bdaspit@trinitynola.com](mailto:bdaspit@trinitynola.com)) and indicate whether your dedication is intended for Easter Flowers or Music. The dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletin and listed on the church website. While there is no deadline for giving, the deadline to submit dedications is March 15th for printing purposes.

## **Formation Opportunities**

**Daily Meditation** - Trinity sends out a Daily Meditation by email in which writers from our parish are invited to reflect on either scripture from the Daily Lectionary or another source that has inspired their faith. It is a way of sharing spiritual insights; individual voices offering bits of their personal spiritual story to contribute to our shared story as a diverse worshipping community. If you wish to contribute to the writing, or if you are not receiving these Daily Meditations and wish to do so, kindly contact Maria Elliott. [melliott@trinitynola.com](mailto:melliott@trinitynola.com)

**The Spiritual Seekers Discussion group** explores some of the biggest questions of faith, informed by short readings from recent theologians. Meeting dates include: March 14, April 11, and May 16. Contact Phyllis Raabe at [praabe@tulane.edu](mailto:praabe@tulane.edu) with questions and to request Zoom access.

**Enneagram Zoom Group** The Enneagram is a map that helps us develop awareness of body, mind, and heart and offers us a guide to deepening spiritual awareness: particularly around the questions of “Will I have enough?”, “Will I be in control?”, “Will I find belonging?” The three fundamental questions that Jesus grapples with in the wilderness. The Enneagram offers us a way toward compassion and understanding of ourselves and others based on learning the strengths and habits of nine archetypes of human character structure. To join our ongoing Zoom Group Thursdays at 4:30 pm, March 11, 25 April 15, 29 May 13, 27. Contact Maria Elliott 504-259-2098 [melliott@trinitynola.com](mailto:melliott@trinitynola.com)

## Confirmation

**Class Schedule** - March 14th, March 21st, March 28th at 7:30pm - 8:30pm on Zoom. See member email for Zoom ID and password. Please reach out to [jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com](mailto:jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com) with any questions.

## 40 Days of Fire: Youth Group in Lent

40 Days of Fire! For Lent, the bonfire will be lit at Molly's House for youth group 4pm - 5:45pm. Grades 6-12 invited to light the fire of Creativity this Sunday! Special guest artists are coming for a wood burning tutorial and a fiery paint pouring lesson. Each youth will have the chance to make their own of each style. RSVP to [jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com](mailto:jwigginnettles@trinitynola.com) by 12pm on Sunday.

**March 14th** Embodying the fire of Faith. Walking the outdoor stations of the cross on Jackson Ave.

**March 21st** Appreciating the fire of Creativity. Painting canvases and the art of wood burning.

**March 28th** Following the fire of Justice. Outreach project TBD.

## 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](mailto:roneil@trinitynola.com).

## Rummage Drop Off

We are now accepting rummage on Tuesday and Fridays from 11am-1pm at the Josephine Street loading dock. Stay tuned for our next Sale date!

## Trinity Treasures

Sun's out, fun's out! Get a jump on filling your Easter baskets with THE COOLEST sun activated color changing fingernail polishes, putties, and dinosaur eggs now available at Trinity Treasures. Let the sunshine in!

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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