

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

March 26, 2023

Opening Hymn

No. 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, upon a cross they bound thee,
And mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns with which they crowned thee;
And still our wrongs may weave thee now
New thorns to pierce that steady brow, and robe of sorrow round thee.

O awful Love, which found no room in life where sin denied thee,
And, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee,
Till not a stone was left on stone,
and all those nations' pride, o'er thrown, went down to dust beside thee!

New advent of the love of Christ, shall we again refuse thee,
Till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release
To seek the kingdom of thy peace, by which alone we choose thee.

O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us thy new creation;
Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss,
We bring our hearts before thy cross, to finish thy salvation.

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A Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People His mercy endureth forever.

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men:
Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire
that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the
world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and
set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there

were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, *
more than watchmen for the morning,
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Gradual Hymn

No. 152

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear
poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to thee; thou knowest our infirmity;
now we repent, and seek thy face; grant unto us thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess our sins and all our wickedness,
and, for the glory of thy Name, our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things
with inward fasting, so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!

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Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Martin Gutwein

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying,
“We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice.”

Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our
hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that
the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

We call to you, O Lord;
People: Lord, hear our voice.

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering
throughout the world, a word of hope.

We call to you, O Lord;
People: Lord, hear our voice.

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and
refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places.

We call to you, O Lord;
People: Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city.
Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us.

We call to you, O Lord;
People: Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from
their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal
bodies by your healing Spirit.

We call to you, O Lord;
People: Lord, hear our voice.

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection.

We call to you, O Lord;

People: Lord, hear our voice.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 665

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

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Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 439

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

Words: American Folk Hymn

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from the Southern Harmony

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
 Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
 Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
 By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
 by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
 All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
 opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;
 all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
 There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;
 ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
 highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
 Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
 help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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Notes and Announcements

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PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Church of South America...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for the Ministry of Spiritual Directors...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Sunday School Children and Staff...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley...

For those Celebrating Birthdays this week:... Joseph Sirak 3/27...

For those Celebrating Anniversaries this week:

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Veronica, Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Matt, Mark, Tanya, Leslie & Chris, Marlene, Benedette, Joseph, Dot, Renee, Julia, Olivia, Howard, Evelyn, Bea, Lisa, Craig, David, Caiden, Gage, Amanda, Rita, Brianna, Mary, John, Marion, Joe, Lyn, Linda, Hank, Sue, Nicole, Robyn, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Lisa, Milton, Ben...

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT – *During the season of Lent we will use the Rite 1 Eucharist. We do not sing or say the Gloria or the acclamation Alleluia. We will be inspired by familiar stories in the Old and New Testaments. The Penitential Order and the Decalogue will be used during Lent. The Church invites us to the observance of a holy Lent... Be faithful in attendance.*

PLEASE WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein who is filling in for us again this week.

LOTS OF SIGNUP SHEETS – Don't forget to check the back table in the church for all the various Holy Week opportunities. From the Quiche Brunch and Passion Reading, to foot washing and the overnight vigil, there is a way for everyone to participate and make Holy Week even more meaningful. Add you name to one or two (or four)!

LENT MADNESS HAS BEGUN – It's time to participate in the annual Sainly Smackdown at lentmadness.org. Read about the 32 saints who will vie for this year's coveted Golden Halo and cast your votes daily. Complete information on voting and the full 2023 bracket are now available online.

THE NOISY COLLECTION RETURNS IN MARCH! Please bring in loose change (or paper money) for this special collection each Sunday in Lent. This outreach offering will be divided between Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of NJ and Episcopal Relief and Development.

COME, MAKE PALM CROSSES The Altar Guild will be meeting on Friday, March 31st to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday and you are invited to join us. Just bring a pair of scissors and look for us in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m. We'll also be looking for some willing hands to put candy in plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, so if the palm crosses defeat you, you can always move over to the bunny committee! We hope you can join us.

THE MAXSOLD AUCTION IS OVER! Many thanks to everyone who participated in our MaxSold auction. The auction concluded last Wednesday evening after a flurry of very exciting last-minute bidding. We should have the final tally next week and we are now confident that this ambitious fundraiser did well and will benefit our general operating fund.

DONATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED – Is it Spring Cleaning Time at your House?

Please consider donating your unwanted items to Holy Trinity for our 2023 sales events. Throughout the year, we will be collecting gently used seasonal decorations, jewelry, handbags, books, puzzles, household items, etc. (No clothing or shoes) Please mark your donation as “Yard Sale”. Last year, your donations helped us raise \$3,000.00. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Call Carol - 856-858-5909.

FAREWELL GALA FOR BISHOP STOKES – LAST CHANCE The Farewell Gala for Bishop Stokes will be held on Sunday, May 21 at the Doubletree Hotel on Rt. 70 beginning at 5:00 in the afternoon. Individual tickets are \$125. Our first Holy Trinity table is now full, but you are still welcome to register as an individual, or, if we can get 10 more people, we will reserve a second table. Please talk to Theresa or Charlotte or Ron immediately if you are interested!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP – LAST MEETING BEFORE

EASTER We’re still having a great time at Sunday School, we’ll be meeting again today at 4:00 p.m. In April we’ll meet on 4/16 and 4/30. Plan to be with us on these days from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for a children’s chapel service, followed by snacks and age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through middle school.

ONLINE GIVING– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the [Holy Trinity website](#) or click [here](#) and send your contribution electronically through **Vanco**. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you all for your continued financial support.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH - Don’t forget we’re still collecting various items for the Collingswood Food Pantry. For the month of March, we ask for donations of laundry detergent. Please leave your donations in the tower and we will deliver them. If you have baby food, cereal, and left over from last month, we will deliver that also.



2023 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign next to the desired date, if available or call the office at 856-858-0491. Flowers are \$45.00.

UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

COVID SAFTY PROTOCOL UPDATE Although transmission rates are fairly stable, face masks are appropriate for indoor gatherings especially for people with higher risk factors. Indoor coffee hour has returned, but the exchange of Peace will continue at a distance for the time being. Offering and Communion guidelines remain the same. **THIS IS HOW WE LOVE EACH OTHER.**

LOOKING TOWARD HOLY WEEK - EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY

All services will be in person and live streamed on our website – holytrinity.us

PALM SUNDAY

April 2



8:45 AM – Liturgy, Passion Gospel, and Mass

*Weather permitting, this service will begin outside with the reading of the Palm Liturgy and a procession into the church. The Gospel is the Passion of Christ according to St. Matthew and it will be read in parts. A **Quiche Brunch** will follow the service. See signup sheets for both the Passion Reading parts and the brunch at the back of the church.*

April 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:00 PM – Choral Mass of the Last Supper

A commemoration of the events in the upper room. Foot washing (after the example of Christ) is included in this Liturgy. See the signup sheet in the back of the church if you'd like to participate in the foot washing.



All Night Vigil Watch

April 6-7

(At Home and In-Person)



The All Night Vigil Watch in the Chapel will run from the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service until the start of the Good Friday service. All hours of the watch can be done from home, with the chapel also available for those who would like to attend in person. The altar of repose will be set aside in the chapel for in-person devotions and meditations Thursday evening from 9:00 PM through noon on Friday. Sign up in the back of the church or contact Theresa Chattin (609-941-1651, theresa15@aol.com) if you would like to participate. Jesus said, "Could you not watch with me even one hour?"

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

12:00 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Cross

With the Mass of Pre-Sanctified and hymns.



EASTER EVE

April 8

8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter

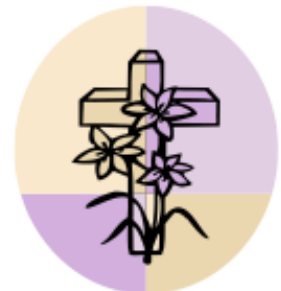
This Liturgy is one of the earliest rites of the Christian Church and celebrates the Passover of our Lord from death to life. The Vigil ends Lent and ushers in Easter. The service includes the Lighting of the Paschal Candle, procession with incense, Old Testament readings, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the First Mass of Easter. The service begins in darkness and ends in joyous light and celebration. Bring small bells to ring.

EASTER DAY

April 9

9:00 AM Festival Mass of the Resurrection

With music and incense, Easter will be celebrated with great Festivity and joy! This is the Queen of Feasts for we are heirs of the resurrection life. Please share this celebration with your whole family, your friends and neighbors. **Invite someone you know to attend Easter services with you!** Weather permitting, the service will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt for children.



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(You may also email or call the office with your order.)*

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