



February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer

Opening Sentences

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Officiant begins

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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.

Invitatory and Psalter

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Antiphon for the Invitatory

Officiant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy.

People: O come, let us worship!

Venite

All say together

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Antiphon for the Invitatory

Officiant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy.

People: O come, let us worship!

Antiphon for the Psalm

Officiant: We cannot live by bread alone.

People: We live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

- ¹ To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- ³ Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- ⁵ Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God.**
- ⁷ Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁸ **You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.**
- ⁹ All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.
- Glory to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for evermore. Amen**

Antiphon for the Psalm

Officiant: We cannot live by bread alone.

People: We live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

A Reading from the gospel of Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together.

I believe in God, our source and our maker,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, our Maker's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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
To be seated at the right hand of the Maker.
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.

The Prayers

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Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For our Country

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Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, and viruses, we flee to you for succor. Deliver the people, we beseech you, from their peril; give

strength and skill to all those who minister to the needy; prosper the means of their safety; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we all may apply our hearts unto your heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please offer your own prayers of petition and thanksgiving silently or aloud.

Celebrations and Blessings

Birthdays: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant/s as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries: O God, who has given us the sacrament of marriage that we may know you through the intimacy of married love; send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and kindness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Travelers: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel especially these your children; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Mission

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Announcements

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Source of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Trinity Mission Prayer

Dear God, guide us at Trinity Episcopal Church to be an inclusive and caring Christ-centered community nurtured by our worship and tradition. We ask you to strengthen and guide us as we live out our mission to welcome and celebrate the diversity of all people through spiritual education, growth in faith, and service in Christ's name. Amen.

Concluding Versicle

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Blessing

TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting 2021 – Vestry Nominations

The 164th Annual Meeting for Trinity Church will be held on Sunday March 7, 2021. The details of how this meeting will be conducted are TBD and will be communicated as we get closer to the date.

At this time nominations to the vestry are now being accepted by the 2021 Vestry Nominating Committee, that includes the following member Lisa Pawluk, Pont Hall, Reggie Cole and Diane Serex-Dougan. If you are interested in serving on the vestry, please contact any committee member to make your desire known.

Outreach Committee: The Outreach Committee thanks everyone at Trinity for their support. Please continue to read the E-Times and the Bell Tower for Outreach updates. Questions or interest in the committee can be directed to Lisa Reagle, committee chair, 919-618-0535 or reaglelisa@gmail.com. **The next committee meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 at 9:30 am.**

On Sundays at 10 a.m. you can find Kathleen Capcara, Trinity's own Godly Play storyteller, presenting Epiphany lessons on the classic scenes of the early life of Jesus as portrayed by artists from around the world. Several of these scenes are linked to the Canticles used in the Daily Office. (Morning and Evening Prayer.) Tune in to Trinity's Facebook page or YouTube channel to see these lessons.

Brown Bag Bible Study! **Thursdays from 12-1pm on Zoom.** Grab a sandwich and your Bible to join in a discussion of weekly lectionary readings. The meeting information is available on our website or by contacting the office.

Wednesday Night Live Evening Prayer with Sykes & Wiley! Find the dynamic duo live at 6pm on YouTube @ Trinity Church Towson.

PRAYERS

Intercessory prayer “is a profound, loving, and costly holding up of others who are on our hearts before God. True intercession is being with God, with the people on our hearts.” -Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

Please help us keep our list up to date by contacting the office when you or someone you know is in need of prayer, and by also letting us know when special prayers are no longer needed.

We pray for those with immediate needs: Michael Shaw, Jim Thierer, Peggy Weller, Ruth Hall, Carol and Bob Peterson, Laurel Valenti, Larry Davis, Jessica, Lorraine Robertson, Rich Dougan, Larry Bearden, Delilah Dougan, Randy Brown, Susan Henry and Helen Doyle.

We pray for those with long-term needs:

Phoebe Bacon, Pat Blake, June Burgess, Ilene Clarkson, Betty Denison, Ann & Ken Eder, Marina Gavrelis, Jack Gillett (grandson), Dottie Hagan, Betsy Hughes, Dick & Gini Patterson, Francis Schultz, Dixie Shelhoss, Ruth Stahl, Nancy Sword, Jim Weatherly, Ebbie Wheeler, Fred Webber, Pat Wolf, and Deacon Emeritus Bob Runkle and Mary Beth Jorgensen.

We offer special prayers for: Our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico.

We pray for our students attending college/university:

Stephanie Anderson, Alexis Arthur, Mason Ayotte, Michael Behnke, Vicah Blair, Natalie Bolander, Nicci Bonner, Vincent Boone-Banko, Charlie Bouloukos, Zenden Cole, Zac Eldridge, Amy Emminizer, Anna Fuhrman, Bridget Flynn, Maddie Grable, Alexandra Harrington, Faith Hall, Drew Hauber, Heather Hinson, Andrew Jenkins, Tommy King, Allie Lawrence, Thomas Lewis, Naima MacDonald, Mason Miller-Breetz, Walker Miller-Breetz, Meron Miller, Taylor Moyer, Rehema Mwaisela, Sophie Mwaisela, Sarah Oliver, Hannah Preston, Danielle Rolle, Emma Riggs, Darah Schillinger, Madeline Stewart, Annie Swindell, Brittany Wellington, Kate Wittler, Kiely Woodward and Tori Wright.

We pray for those serving in our military: Jordan Clark and Toni Myatt.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Bob Powers, Katie Bass, Betty Dennison, Nancy Nicholson and James Weatherly.

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