The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 8:00 a.m.



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Wendy Wentland, Pianist

Making God's Presence Real By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

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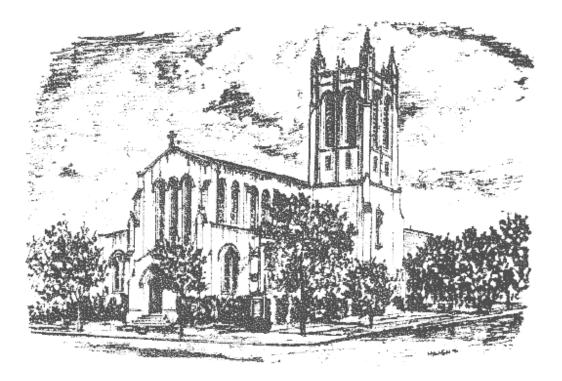
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, page 323

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. **People** His mercy endureth forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, page 323

Officiant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Summary of the Law

BCP, page 324

Officiant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

The Kyrie

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Officiant

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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

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

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

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be alorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Please stand as able.

THE 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.

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Wendy Wentland, piano

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (*pronounced "Kaye"*), and Hector, our Bishops; for Hannah, and Dale our clergy, and for all who minister in this place, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Andy John and the Church in Wales. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for St. John's, Columbus; St. John's, Sealy; St. Mary's, Bellville; and St. Paul's, Navasota. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Elmer Romero and the Photography ministry.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Greg our governor, Lina, our county judge, John our mayor, and the legislatures and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Cindy, Angela, Velma, Leslie, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Almighty God, thou lovest all thy children and art a home to those who are in any need or trouble; inspire thy Church with the Spirit of Christ's love, empower us to battle the root causes of homelessness, and help us to live as one with one another.

We offer you, O Lord, our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Pat, Bob, Joanne, Bob, Katelyn, Kathleen, Andy, Kathryn, Mary, Pat, and Doug as they celebrate their birthdays.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially for Ross Norwood, Bruce David Hall, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine, and all victims of gun violence, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

Officiant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE Celebrant

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the back of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

Offering

Online Giving is available through AccessACS. Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, click: <u>https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now</u>

Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.

Verse and Response at Presentation of the Offering

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Please stand as able.

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Celebrant	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 unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant 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,

Sanctus and Benedictus

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 God, 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.

People AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you. 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 has 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.

Please stand as able.

The Blessing

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people, that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know thee more fully, and to serve thee with a more perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Officiant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

We would like to thank Pat Laubach, Mary Cloud, Linda Davenport, and Joanne Starbuck for hosting this week's coffee hour.

> Please note that dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour on April 7, 14, 21, and 28.

To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Thank you





OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B

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Manna Bags- March 17th, 11:45am

Be a blessing for the homeless this Lent. Let's help the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) by assembling hygiene (toiletry) or manna (snack) bags for the homeless. Materials and instructions to be distributed during coffee hour to assemble at church, or at home.

Baptism Class – March 23rd, 11am

We celebrate Holy Baptism during the Easter Vigil, March 30th, at 7:30pm. All people of any age are welcome to be baptized. In baptism we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

Baptism Class will be held Saturday, March 23rd, at 11:00am in the Smith Room. Please contact the Rector for more information at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Easter Flowers – Due March 24th

Help make our church more beautiful to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord by donating flowers. These can be a memorial to a departed loved one or to honor a living person. The deadline is Sunday, March 24th at 5 pm. For more information, 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church) click here.

Candy for Easter Eggs – Due March 24th

Candy donations are needed to fill eggs for the Easter egg hunt by March 24th. Please contact Pat at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for more details.

The Watch – Overnight March 28th to March 29th

Our Lord asked his disciples to watch one hour with him. We watch with him from the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday until the Good Friday Liturgy at noon. We especially need coverage between 1 am and 5 am. Please sign up for your hour here!

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24th: 8 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Wednesday, March 27th: 6 pm (Tenebrae) Maundy Thursday, March 28th: 7:30 pm Good Friday, March 29th: 11:30 am (children's program), 12 noon (liturgy), 1:15 pm (Stations of the Cross) Holy Saturday, March 30th: 7:30 p.m. (Great Vigil of Easter) Easter Day, March 31st: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

All Parish Retreat! Register Now! **Camp Allen Retreat Center**

April 12-14th - SIGN UP HERE All are welcome! \$60 adults/\$30 children plus \$15 each for Saturday night meal. We will enjoy fellowship, prayer, games, and more!

Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel) 10:30 am (Historic Church)

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 17th, 2024

7:30am - 1:30pm Nursery Open 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 am Sunday Meditations (Zoom) 9:30 am Education Hour 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church) 11:45 am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 pm Meet and Greet (Rector's Office) 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel) 8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, March 18th, 2024

12 pm Yoga (In Atrium) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church) 6:30 pm Vestry (Smith/Zoom)

Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

12:00pm The Listening Post

Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

10:30am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church) 6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Pub Theology (Mucky Duck)

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church) 6:30 pm Listening Heart (Masterson)

Friday, March 22nd, 2024 12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson) 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 11:00 am Baptism Class (Smith)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoomwithus



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Cindy, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Bryce, Rose, Bart, Marie, Josh, Christina, Collette, Sybil, Charlotte, Bob, Pamela, James, Jason, Meredith, Nikki, Annalise, Ella, Julie

For the faithful departed:

Ross Norwood, Bruce David Hall, the victims of war in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at <u>www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/</u>. The next available dates: April 14th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer here or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: <u>jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com</u> or call/text at 832–370–7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.



Pat Laubach, Joanne Starbuck, Bob Davenport, Katelyn Fielder, Kathleen Goodell, Andy Durham, Kathryn Herman, Mary Cloud, Pat Golmon, Doug Caddy



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Larry Laubach, Treasurer finance@trinitymidtown.org

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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9

Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm Friday 9 am - 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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Deadline is Sunday, March 24th

*Location may have multiple dedications.



March 17, 2024 – Lent 5 (B) Week 5: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, selfgiving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at *iam.ec/ lifetransformed* or by scanning the QR code to the right.

Week 5

Sunday, March 17

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 5. The topic is based on the practice "Rest" and is titled, "The Valley of Dry Bones".

Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Monday, March 18

Today's Prompt: When you reflect on financial giving, are your palms open?

Read: "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When it returns, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order." – Matthew 12:43-44

Tuesday, March 19

Today's Prompt: Who might you have a conversation with to learn about God?

Read: "Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path." – Psalm 119:105

Wednesday, March 20

Today's Prompt: What are you thankful for? *Read:* "For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." – 1 Chronicles 29:15

Thursday, March 21

Today's Prompt: Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story?

Read: "Finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the

stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus." – Luke 5:19

Friday, March 22

Today's Prompt: How do your creative outlets impact on taking rest? *Read:* Genesis 1:1-24

Saturday, March 23

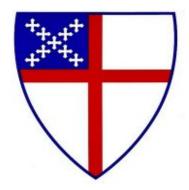
Today's Prompt: Practice lectio divina with this scripture: Read: "But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate." - Luke 15:17-24

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