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MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Sunday, March 14

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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LENT

Lenten Meditations

Wednesdays through 3/24, 8:15 am, [on Zoom](#)

Join the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman for fifteen minutes of quiet and reflection during this Lenten season. She will draw from the poems of Ann Weems, the Lenten reflections of Martin J. Smith and the devotions through objects from Jill J. Duffield.



Dial in with 1-646-558-8656, and enter Meeting ID: **856 2764 6885**

Share Your Own Lenten Reflection

Through Sat., 4/3, [available online here](#)

Much like our daily calendar videos during Advent, we have a new message from a different parishioner each morning (except Sundays) during the forty days of Lent. If you would like to record a daily message, please email Paige Fisher at pfisher@trinitychurchboston.org.



FORUM

Hunger Games and the Tyranny of Merit

Sun., 3/14, 4 pm, [on Zoom](#)

Based on the best-selling young adult novel by Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games* (2012) is a film that presents and critiques a re-districted North America ("Panem") of the near-future whose organizing principles are acquisition and competition. What makes *The Hunger Games* an implicitly religious work, and what are the messages of its hugely popular serialization for 21st-century Christians? Join us to view sample clips and learn more.



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PRICE LECTURE



A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Conversation and Music with Don and Emily Saliers

Sun., 3/21, 4 pm, [on Zoom](#)

As an Indigo Girl, folk-rock singer-songwriter Emily Saliers performs in primarily secular settings, while her father, Don—composer, cantor, and church musician—writes and arranges for church congregations. Join father and daughter

as they visit Trinity to speak—from their own life experiences—about music as a spiritual practice, and about the power of music to amplify healing, grief, delight and justice.



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A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Sentences of Scripture

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

MARK 12:29-31

Worship at Trinity

*When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.*

*Leaders of the service will also lead these **bold responses** for the benefit of those worshiping from home.*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

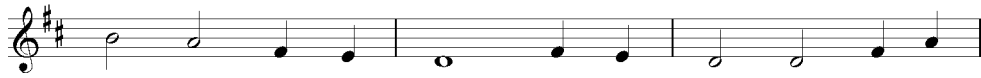
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

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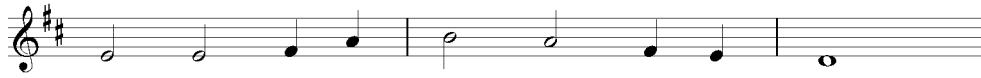
Hymn 686 'Come, thou fount of every blessing'



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



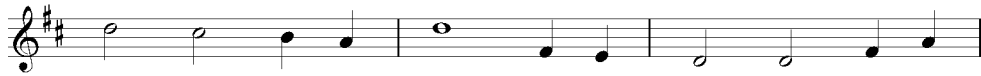
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.
 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.

Canticle '*Trisagion from Missa Oecumenica*
 Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Sung by all.

THE LESSONS

Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

You 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle *'Quaerite Dominum'*

Sung by the choir.

Henry Purcell (1659-1695), arr. James Turle (1802-1882)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reading John 3:14-21

Jesus 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 685 'Rock of ages, cleft for me'



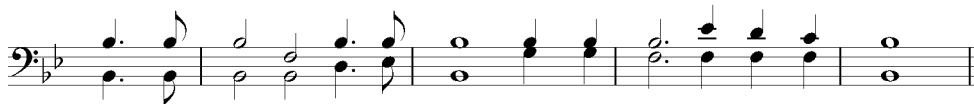
1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,



be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, inequity, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessions

For the ministry of all the baptized, remembering our sisters and brothers in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, especially ... and for all those who serve among us at Trinity Church, especially ...

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including ...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, remembering especially ...

We hold before you all those expecting the birth of a child, remembering especially ...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Remembering especially ... give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Our prayers

In addition to praying for the needs of the living, for those we love and see no longer, and in thanksgivings, we invite your prayers weekly, through two cycles of prayer, for both the ministries of our parish and the faith communities across our wider Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

Collect for Bishop Barbara C. Harris

Everliving God, in every generation you cause fresh winds to renew, refresh, and refine your people and in your Word summon us to live courageously as Easter people in an often Good Friday world. Defend us in our own day to make no peace with oppression; that boldly following the example of your servant Barbara Clementine Harris, chosen bishop in your church, we may strive not for ease or fame but gladly toil and walk with you all along our pilgrim journey; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

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 for ever.

Amen.

Concluding Collect

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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Collects are prayers that "collect" our intentions for any given occasion. In addition to the "Collect of the Day," the Officiant will pray additional collects appropriate for this Sunday.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 603 'When Christ was lifted from the earth'

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity's ministry, empower our service to the community, and sustain our historic buildings.

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Sermon The Rev. Dr. William W. Rich, *Vicar*

Offertory Anthem 'God so loved the world'
John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world
to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

TEXT: JOHN 3:16-17

Presentation Hymn

Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -
chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of
for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un - chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

SENDING

Blessing

Hymn 473 'Lift high the cross'

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Postlude 'Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir'
Christian Geist (1650-1711)

Today's postlude is offered by
Marissa Hall, Music & Worship
Administrator, from the Taylor
and Boody Opus 20 organ
at First Presbyterian Church in
Tallahassee, Florida.

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