



Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

TRINITY CHURCH IN NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✠ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RINGING OF BELL

Angelus

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All Stand

OPENING HYMN *By the Creator, Joseph was appointed*

Hymn 262

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

KYRIE

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you

that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN *Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants* Hymn 338

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

Celebrant: ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All Sit

HOMILY Fr. Raul

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 (FORM V)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Carlye our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joseph, President of the United States, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially, Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Ed, Carol, Nancy, Bob, Debby, Al, Michael, Elie, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Mary Jane, Rich, Bruce and Cole; for our families, friends and neighbors, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve in the military, including Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin, Matt, and canines, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

✠ For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant concludes:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All kneel, as are able

ALL: **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**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN *I'll praise my Maker while I've breath*

Hymn 429

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All may kneel as the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said “TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said “DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People & Celebrant: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then is said,

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you;
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: *Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we
are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of
your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do
the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as
faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

Our Father, by whose Name

Hymn 587

LENT at Trinity Church

Wednesdays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 6:30pm (followed by soup supper)

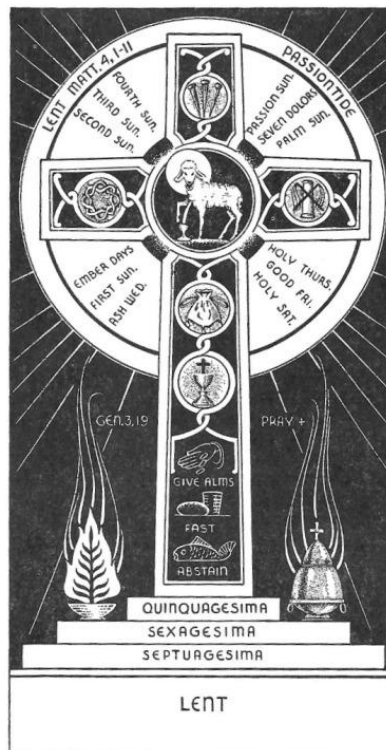
Sundays in Lent:

8am Low Mass

9am Confession (St. Mary's Chapel)

10am Said Mass with Hymns

11:15am Scriptural Rosary



Announcements

Fish and Chips

Fish and Chips - Thursday, March 27th 2025, Continuous seating 5-7PM. The sign-up sheet to volunteer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Takeout available.

**FISH & CHIPS BY
TASTEFULLY BRITISH**



**\$22 per person, Children under 10 are \$10 each
Continuous seating from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

**Price includes
Fish & Chips, Cole Slaw, Drinks & Dessert.**

Eat in or Take Out.

Please order your tickets accordingly.

*Chicken tenders meals are available upon request when ordering.

MARCH 27, 2025 ♦ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

FISH & CHIPS TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Buy on our website: <https://www.trinitynbc.org/events>

Save the date!

Spring Tea - Saturday, May 10th 2025
Continuous seating from 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 18th 2025

Compassionate Outreach

CFA - In our efforts of continuing to support Center for Food Action (CFA), the Outreach Committee has decided to host different themes each month during the year. The theme for MARCH – Paper Products (Toilet paper, tissues, paper towel, napkins, paper plates). As always, all donations are appreciated.

St. Paul's Men's Shelter - The 2025 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

Joyful Fellowship

Coffee Hour - The March signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Anyone needing help, contact Janet Zacco.