

TRINITY EPISCOPAL MISSION



The Fig Tree, by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Luke 13:1-9

The Season of Lent

Holy Eucharist

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

CALL TO WORSHIP (BELLS)

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

All stand.

ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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*

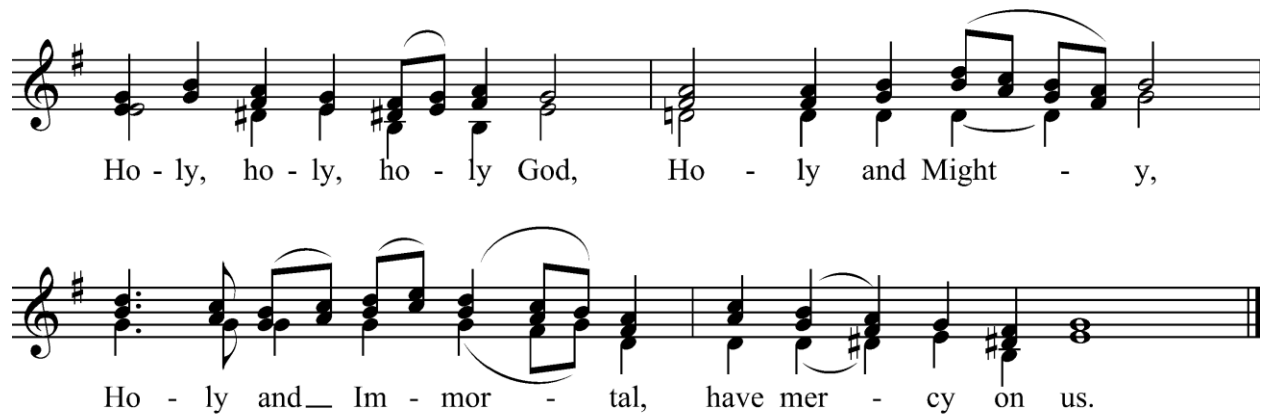
Let us examine our conscience. *(Silence)*

Kneeling, all pray:

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.

Trisagion

MHSO #16



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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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.**

The Peace

All Stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

THE SCRIPTURES *All sit.*

The Reader introduces each lesson:

A Reading from

The Reader closes each lesson:

The Word of the Lord.

To which we respond:

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All Stand

GOSPEL

At the beginning:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ...

Glory to you Lord Christ.

At the end:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED

All stand and together say:

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 OF THE PEOPLE

LEVAS 251

As we approach Christ's Table, let us earnestly offer our prayers to God, who makes all things new. The response to each petition is sung:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness, -

Make thy way plain be - fore my face.

Reader:

Draw your church more deeply into the reality of Christ's sufferings, so that everyone whom you have called in Christ may show forth the power of his resurrection. Empower those preparing for baptism that they may be welcomed into the Body of Christ. God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

Renew the spirit of hope in our county, in our country, and in every land. Strengthen the leaders of all nations to rule with justice. Invigorate us, that we may reach forward to the future you promise. God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

Show your mercy to those who are held back by their wanderings, and free them to receive your word of life. Rescue from cruelty and fear those who are deprived of their human needs or their human rights. Give them their share of the dignity you confer on all your children. God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

Grant us inquiring and discerning hearts that are open to your Word in Scripture and Sacrament, that we may embrace your promise, heed your commands, and declare your praise. God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

We pray most especially for those in need of strength and healing, especially those on our prayer list God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

We pray also for all those who have died, and all those who mourn. God our Savior, we pray: (sung response)

Presider

We thank you God, for transforming the wilderness of the cross into a way of return for your lost and broken creatures. Receive our prayers, and ready our hearts, minds, and souls to share in the resurrection you have prepared for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(From the New Zealand Prayer Book.)

Thanksgivings

Presider: At this time, I invite you forward if you are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or any other blessing.

Presider: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they give thanks for your grace in

their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and strength, and increase their trust in your goodness in all the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Hebrews 13:15,16)

Let us not neglect to do good and to share what we have;
For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

All sit

THE OFFERTORY

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider or Presider. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar. All stand and sing the Doxology.

Doxology

(Music from H #377)

The people stand.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures, here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Merciful One.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All-powerful and Ever-living God: we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. You sustained the people of Israel with manna in the desert, and water from its rocks. From the tree

of death you have provided us with the Bread of Life and Fountain of Salvation. And so, together with all of creation, we praise you in an unending song of joy:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Giver of Life, you who are strong let yourself be conquered. You came down from heaven as from a throne, but came forth on the earth as a servant. Like a seed of wheat, you fell among the dead, only to spring up as a whole sheaf, the New Bread of Life. Blessed is your offering!

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body, given for you.

When the supper was ending, he took the cup, offered thanks and praise, and gave it to his friends saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It is shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,**

Christ will come again.

Most loving God, we offer to you our prayer of thanksgiving for the life of your Christ, who was stripped of all dignity that we might be clothed with glory. Though you could have made us fair by force, you have toiled in every way that we might become fair by our own choice. And so, we bring this bread, asking that your Spirit make it a strength beyond eating, and this wine, a power beyond drinking. May this bread consume the one who devours us, and this cup destroy the death that swallows us. May they become the Body (+) and Blood of your Christ, our Lord and brother Jesus, at whose command we have gathered.

Blessed One, who fashioned life from the dust, now repeat this mercy. Let your hand shape us anew. Fill us with your Holy Spirit (+) that we might become a sacrifice of praise. Look kindly on our offering, and see the One who has brought us into freedom. Grant that we who are nourished at this table might not hold back our steps from those who are sick, nor turn away those who fail, nor keep your love from those who close their hearts.

May your power descend upon us, your hope shine out from us, and your salvation appear about us. Merciful God, your compassion does not fail. You began with us in love, end with us in mercy. Hear our prayers and unite us with those who have gone before, and those to come after, in the vision of your Christ, from whom all good things come! **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(LEVAS #265)

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

Unison

Our_ Fa - ther in heav-en, hal-owed be your Name, your

king-dom come, your will be done, on earth_ as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly_ bread. For - give us our sins as we for-

give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de -

unison

liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the

glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in G major, 2/4 time, and a piano accompaniment in G major, 2/4 time. The second system has a vocal line in G major, 2/4 time, and a piano accompaniment in G major, 2/4 time. The piano accompaniment in the second system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.

THE 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.

THE COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider and People, standing or kneeling:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth to proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

All Stand

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

WHEN YOU HAVE COME into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Romans 10:Sb-13

"THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame:' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved:'

Thanks be to God