

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

8:00 A.M.

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A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature

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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE

WELCOME

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Officiant 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. I John 1:8, 9

THE CONFESSION

BCP 79

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's 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, let with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Please read in unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 22:22-30

BCP 610

Please read responsively by verse.

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD
shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Please read in unison.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

CANTICLE 10

The Second Song of Isaiah

BCP 86

Please read in unison.

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.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

CANTICLE 14

A Song of Penitence

BCP 90

Please read in unison.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:
 You made the heavens and the earth, *
 with all their vast array.
 All things quake with fear at your presence; *
 they tremble because of your power.
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
 O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
 You hold back your hand; *
 you do not punish as we deserve.
 In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
 and I know my wickedness only too well.
 Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
 Do not let me perish in my sin, *

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, *
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Silence for reflection.

Officiant Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

All 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

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

All 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

BCP 98

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant Day by day we bless you;
People We praise your name for ever.

Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People For we put our trust in you.

Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 218

Officiant O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP 98

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 100

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

At this time, you are invited to share your prayers either silently or aloud.

If you pray aloud, please end your prayer with "This is my prayer"

Everyone else should respond "This is our prayer."

Officiant Let us join together in the words of the General Thanksgiving.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father 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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

All Amen.



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+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. D. Littlepage – Officiant and Preacher

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for JoEllen Jansing; Jose & Julietta Jimenez & Nelis Bido-Jimenez; David Johnson and Lay Worship Leaders.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. David's, Gales Ferry; St. James', Glastonbury; St. Luke's, Glastonbury; Christ Church, Greenwich; prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

We pray for Johanna, Kate Smith, Patrick, Sam Hines and Yoleanna Russo, Juli Porter, Juhudi Mgombo, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Diane Bodine, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Alice Turcotte; Mary and Jim Register, Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), and Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), Jessica Compfer, Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones especially the Negrelli and Rowe families.

We pray for all who have died, especially Joseph Negrelli, Jr., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

Condolences

The prayers of Trinity Church are with Cathy Rowe in the death of her father, Joseph Negrelli Jr., who passed into eternal life on February 23rd.

Father of all, we pray to you for Joseph, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

~~Book of Common Prayer

Bishop Visitation

Bishop Ian Douglas will be preaching and presiding at our live-streamed 10am service today. After the service he will lead a special Adult Forum “Chat with the Bishop” where he will share what’s happening across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and answer questions from the Congregation.



Join us on Wednesdays (February 24 through March 24) from 7-8pm on Zoom
Meeting ID: 820 8769 1272 for this year’s Lenten series, *Bringing Prayer to Life*.

We will explore the treasures that the Book of Common Prayer has to offer beyond Sunday morning worship. We will also explore ways that the Book of Common Prayer can serve as a foundation to launch us into other types of prayer.

Advocacy for Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis

The Hartford Region YWCA has developed a toolkit to assist people in reaching out to local and state leaders to call for them to address racism by declaring racism a public health emergency. The toolkit can be accessed at ywcahartford.org/advocacy/create-a-community-without-racism.html. Please take the time to explore the toolkit and take action!



Follow-up information from the 2/21 Open Forum on Racial Disparities in Health:

The Connecticut State Legislature will consider SB 842 during this legislative session. If enacted, this bill will expand access to health insurance in Connecticut by offering a “public option” health insurance plan. This would allow many people with limited income and no health insurance to purchase insurance they can afford. Let your state senator know if you support this bill.



DID YOU KNOW

41% of undergraduates and 48% of community college students suffer from food insecurity. Many of the students are beneficiaries of SNAP Vouchers (formerly called Food Stamps), which does not allow for the purchase of personal hygiene products.

YOU CAN HELP

Christ Church Cathedral invites the Parishes in the North Central Region and its members to collect weekly one personal care hygiene product for each week of Lent (February 17th to April 4th) to benefit Capital Community College (CCC) Food Pantry. Please share with your family, friends, and communities. The Director of the CCC Food Pantry has identified the most needed hygiene products:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Large size Poise and Depends products

Drop off for all collected items will be at our Cathedral from Wednesday, April 7th to Friday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday April 11th 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information contact Cathedral Deacon Bonnie Matthews at bmatthews228@comcast.net

EMAIL SPAM REMINDER

There has been another increase in spam emails purporting to be coming from Rev. D. Please remember that Rev. D. will never email you asking you to purchase gift cards, or to urgently email back but not call. If it's urgent Rev. D will call you and will not request that you not call. An easy way to check the validity of an email is to check the 'from' email address. **Finally, if there is any doubt, DO NOT RESPOND TO THE EMAIL. Instead, call or text Rev. D. at 860-986-3289.**

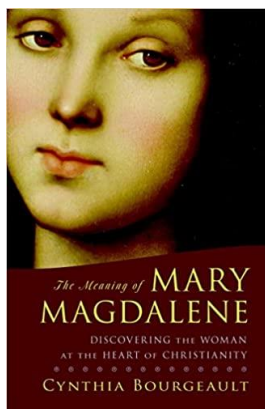


Vaccination Info: As of March 1, People 55 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. More information about scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine can be found [here](#)

COVID

CT Covid Vaccine Appointment Assist Line that can be accessed at 877-918-2224
M- F 8am-4:30pm.

SHOTS



Women Together

Women Together begins a 7-week series on February 16th with *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene*; Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity. The author is Episcopal priest, retreat leader and lecturer Cynthia Bourgeault. The Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schiori describes the book as “a remarkable invitation into the origins and wisdom of Christianity, through the apostolic witness of Mary Magdalene”. Women from Trinity, St. Monica's, and St. John's currently participate in WT, and all are welcome to join, whether for this series alone, or longer. Meetings are weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, from 2:00-3:15 pm. For more information, and to receive a link, please contact Heather Kramer (kramerheather1989@yahoo.com) or Enid Oberholtzer (tomenidjas@aol.com).

Church by the Pond – Saturday, February 20, 2021



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 28th **The Second Sunday in Lent**

8:00 A.M. Call-in Morning Prayer – Phone call
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion (via YouTube);
The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas Presiding and Preaching. Zoom Coffee and Adult
Christian Formation following.

Monday, March 1st

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy in person learning
5:30 P.M. Trinity Community for Racial Justice – via Zoom
7:30 P.M. Life in the Spirit – Book Club – Zoom

Tuesday, March 2nd

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy – in person learning
2:00 P.M. Women Together (w/ St. John's and St. Monica's) via Zoom
5:15 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom
6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal – Church

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:00 P.M. Lenten series: *Bringing Prayer to Life* – via Zoom

Thursday, March 4th

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy – in-person learning
12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer – Zoom
6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal – Church

Friday, March 5th

8:15 A.M. Trinity Academy – in-person learning

Saturday, March 6th

Sunday, March 7th **The Third Sunday in Lent**

8:00 A.M. Call-In Morning Prayer – Phone Call
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion and Confirmation
(via YouTube) Zoom Coffee and Adult Christian Formation following



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