



# Lenten Vespers

February 25, 2021

**WELCOME to Holy Trinity!** Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

Our mid-week vespers is a short time of devotion and instruction. We sing of Christ's suffering and care for His people. Each week is a little different. We hope you come back.

In this service, the words marked with **P** are spoken by the leader. The words marked with **C** or **bolded** are spoken by the congregation.



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*Please stand*

## Hymn: 433 Glory Be to Jesus

sts. 1-3, 6



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

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- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be 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.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

*Please be seated*

## Psalm 54

O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

**O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
**they do not set God before themselves.**

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

## Readings

### Genesis 4:1-6

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Luke 22:1-23

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he

will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsory (Lent)

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

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## Message

From the Readings

Pastor Dale

## Offertory

*Please stand*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

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# Prayers

*Remain standing for prayer*

## Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Collects

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.
  
- P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## **Lent & Easter Services at Holy Trinity**

Sunday Worship – 10am *Our weekly worship service with Communion. During Lent, the readings, music, and sermons reflect this time of repentance and renewal.*

Lenten Vespers – Thursdays 7pm from 2/25 through 3/25.  
*Traditional devotional service with seasonal readings and a short message.*

Maundy Thursday – 7pm *A service commemorating the Last Supper and Jesus' institution of Holy Communion.*

Good Friday – 7pm *A solemn service focusing on Christ's passion.*

Easter Sunday – 10am *Worship service with Communion, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection.*