



# Holy Trinity

## Anglican Church



*The First Sunday in Lent*

March 9, 2025

## **Musical Prelude**

*The Prelude music begins at 9:45 a.m. and is our time of quiet reflection, solitude, and prayer.*

## **Processional: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (688)**

### **The Acclamation**

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*All: His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Collect for Purity**

*All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Decalogue**

Reader: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: Honor your father and your mother.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not murder.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not commit adultery.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not steal.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Reader: You shall not covet.

***All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these,  
your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.***

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

## **Kyrie**

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***All: Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people.*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

***All: And with your spirit.***

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.*

Reader:     <sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\*

*All:           will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

Reader:     <sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,\*

*All:           my God, in whom I trust.”*

Reader:     <sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler\*

*All:           and from the deadly pestilence.*

Reader:     <sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;\*

*All:           his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.*

Reader:     <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,\*

*All:           nor the arrow that flies by day,*

Reader:     <sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,\*

*All:           nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.*

Reader:     <sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,\*

*All:           but it will not come near you.*

Reader: <sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes\*

*All: and see the recompense of the wicked.*

Reader: <sup>9</sup> Because you have made  
the LORD your dwelling place\*

*All: the Most High, who is my refuge—*

Reader: <sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you,\*

*All: no plague come near your tent.*

Reader: <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning  
you\*

*All: to guard you in all your ways.*

Reader: <sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,\*

*All: lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

Reader: <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;\*

*All: the young lion and the serpent you  
will trample underfoot.*

Reader: <sup>14</sup> “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will  
deliver him;\*

*All: I will protect him, because he knows my  
name.*

Reader: <sup>15</sup> When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;\*

*All: I will rescue him and honor him.*

Reader: <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him\*

*All: and show him my salvation.”*

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit:\*

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

**Second Lesson: Romans 10:4-13**

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<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual: Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet**

*Chorus*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path*

*When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end Chorus*

*I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end Chorus*

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

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written,” ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ <sup>11</sup>and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon: “Shadow of the Almighty”**

The Reverend Matthew L. Rusch

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand for the recitation of the creed.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*As you prefer; you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, and Alex Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregations:

Resurrection Church Anglican, Jacksonville;  
Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne;  
St. Francis at the Point, Point Clear, AL;  
Incarnation Jacksonville, Jacksonville;  
Jody Farmer, Ken Aycock, Robert Stull,  
and Woody Volland.

Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially President Trump, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Deegan. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

***All: Hear our prayer.***

*You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud.*

*The Priest offers concluding prayers.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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.*

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## The Peace

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

*All: And with your spirit.*

*The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.*

## Blessing of the Children & Announcements

*All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,*

*All: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

## Offertory: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (142)

### Doxology

*The Congregation stands for the Doxology.*

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

### The Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

*All: And with your spirit.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

## **The Sanctus**

**(S-129)**

***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.***

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

*As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.*

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.*

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by  
his body, and our souls washed through his most  
precious blood, and that we may evermore  
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Priest: 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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.*

## **Communion 1: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (522)**

### **Communion 2: In Christ Alone**

*In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together.*

**All:** *Heavenly Father, 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 Blessing**

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Recessional: Onward, Christian Soldiers (562 vs. 1-4)**

### **Dismissal**

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

# Fellowship Offerings

Regular childcare is available from 9 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building.

## Sunday Morning Groups starting at 9:15 a.m.

**Rector's Forum:** Father Matt is presenting teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall.

**Zechariah:** led by Hayes Howard

Zechariah is considered a minor prophet but has a message that is very apropos to us today. He writes to a discouraged and weary Judah that are much like weary Christians in the Church in the West today.

## **Women's Study of Mark:**

Join us each **Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.** in the education building, second door on the right, for a woman's study on the Gospel of Mark, using Kay Arthur's book which is available at the class. Led by Kitsy Wedekind and Teresa Cooksey.

**Wednesday Noon:** Come Wednesdays from **12 to 12:45 p.m.** to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

## **HTAJ Book Club:**

Enjoy reading and talking about books? Join the HTAJ book club! Each month we'll read a book and then meet one evening (in Riverside) to chat about it. Email or text Kaylene (904-515-3002), [kaylene@daze.email](mailto:kaylene@daze.email)) for details

**Ladies' Third Thursday Sewing Group:** We meet to make simple dresses and shorts for needy children. This year we will help with Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes and OKOA-US refuge in Africa. We gather to cut, sew, hem and do the finishing touches to make 300 dresses a year. Join us for fun and fellowship from 9-11:30 a.m. upstairs, in the education building. No sewing skills necessary.

## **Friday Men's Fellowship Group and Breakfast:**

Currently we are studying *Exodus for You* by Tim Chester. Come for breakfast and discussion at **8:00 a.m.** each Friday in the **fellowship hall.**

## **Friday Young(ish) Men's Lunch:**

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nametags:** Do you need a nametag? There is a clipboard in the fellowship hall to sign up for one. Please write legibly!

**1 Corinthians:** Every Wednesday Father Matt presents a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall beginning at **6 p.m.** Every Sunday Father Matt is presenting a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall starting at **9:15 a.m.**

## **The Meal Train:**

Do you have a need for a meal to be provided for you, or a loved one, during a difficult time? Do you wish to serve Your Holy Trinity Family in a way that fits your gifts? Please remember our Meal Train. It is here to help you, or to help you help others by providing meals. Contact Azin Cooksey at [azinhamidi8@gmail.com](mailto:azinhamidi8@gmail.com) for information.

**Youth Group:** Meets tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Room upstairs in the education building

**Sunday School and Youth Classes:** Classes for children and youth start at 9:15 a.m. in the education building.

## **VESTRY**

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Sharon Vinyard  
Lee Wedekind

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Ned Daze
- 3 Julia Daze
- 5 Bridget Riner
- 11 Austin Hadd
- 16 Wally Gaffney
- 18 Joseph Rodak
- 21 Tony Hadd
- 22 Faye Cooper
- 24 Jan Kennelly
- 25 Kenny Stubblefield
- 26 Will Allen
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- 31 Matthew Smith

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