

Trinity Presbyterian Church

March 22nd, 2020 - 10 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lord, in thy spirit's hurricane, I pray,
Strip my soul naked—dress it then thy way.
Change for me all my rags to cloth of gold.
Who would not poverty for riches yield?
A hovel sell to buy a treasure-field?
Who would a mess of porridge careful hold
Against the universe's birthright old?

— George Macdonald
Diary of an Old Soul (for February 19)

Prelude In the Garden — C. Austin Miles/Gina Sprungen

Call to Worship/Lenten Acclamation

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

PRAISE

Hymns **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

¹ Please place mobile phone and pagers in silent mode. Should you arrive after the prelude, please wait in the entrance area until the opening hymn, the doxology, or the passing of the peace.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row—bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

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 Music (FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 refrain 5.5.10.11.10): William M. Runyan, 1923, © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope
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Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the following prayer in unison)

**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.**

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.**

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (responsible)

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,
We confess we have not borne fruit as we ought,
Nor have we abided in your love.
We ask for your mercy and your help.**

Leader: In the wilderness we find your grace;
you love us with an everlasting love.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: There is none but you in whom we find life;
our sin cries out and our guilt is great.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
restore us so we may love one another.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

For the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him. [2 Chronicles 30:9b (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

just to rest up - on his prom-ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

REFRAIN,
 Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882

TRUST IN JESUS 8.7.8.7.rel.
 William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

COMMITMENT

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶^aIf anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

“COUNTING THE COST”
The Hard Sayings of Jesus

Confession of Faith: **The Apostles’ Creed—#783A**

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The Apostles’ Creed

A

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come 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.

B

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
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Special Music Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

O God our Father, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering unto you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn I Surrender All

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I Surrender All

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system is the refrain, with lyrics 'I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all;'. The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'all to thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: D^b, A^b7, D^b, A^b7, D^b in the first system; A^b7, D^b, A^b7, D^b in the second; D^b, A^b7, D^b in the third; and G^b, D^b/A^b, A^b7, D^b in the fourth.

1 All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;
2 All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly thine;
3 All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my-self to thee;

I will ev-er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai-ly live.
let me feel thy Ho-ly Spir-it, tru-ly know that thou art mine.
fill me with thy love and pow-er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all;
I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav-ior, I sur-ren-der all.

Words: Judson W. VanDeVenter, P.D.
Music (SURRENDER 8.7.8.7 refrain 5.5.8.5): Winfield S. Weeden, P.D.

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude When the Saints Go Marching In — African-American Spiritual/Chuck Marohnic

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We Appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE, GUITAR

Trinity Church Announcements CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

IF THERE ARE SUNDAY CLASS AND WORSHIP SERVICE DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS THEY WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE, WWW.TRINITYCHURCHNY.COM

TODAY

The Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season, traditionally a time of penitence and expectation in preparation for Easter. If you'd like more information, pick up a copy of Pastor Higgins' paper, "On Keeping a Holy Lent" (also available on our website). Purple has traditionally been associated with penitence and expectation and is used during the Lenten season as we follow Christ in the way of the cross.

Prayer Focus for the Lenten Season. During Lent, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we pray for God to do great things in our hearts. Specifically, we pray for the following:

- for a Holy Lent, a "springtime of the soul," focused not on ourselves but on God & our neighbors;
- for hearts of joyful obedience to our Savior's commandments & priorities, especially as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves;
- for all who work for peace & justice among the nations of the world, especially organizations like World Vision; and
- for our own personal commitment to justice, including saving for & giving to the Easter Sacrificial Offering.

Two steps in prayer for the TPC Building Campaign

1. Prayer commitment (and fasting, one day a month) as we finish the capital campaign.
2. Prayer walking the property starting this month and continuing throughout the building process. (In groups, the church will organize, please contact Pastor Mark at markswanson@trinitychurch.cc if you are interested or have any questions).

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

March 29. Luke 16:1-13. "God & Mammon." Pastor Higgins preaching

April 5. PALM SUNDAY. Luke 19:22-44. "The Lord Needs It." Pastor Magneson preaching

April 9. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Service at 7pm the Church House with a meditation by Pastor Swanson from Luke 22:14-30.

April 10. GOOD FRIDAY. Service at 7pm. Luke 23:46. "Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit." Homily by Pastor Higgins

April 11. EASTER VIGIL—the First Service of Easter! Brief meditation by Pastor Higgins

April 12. EASTER DAY. New series begins. 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. "Death Is Ended!" Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

All services streamed from the Church House

- Palm Sunday, April 5, 10am.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7pm. A brief, simple Maundy Thursday service, with singing, a short homily by Pastor Swanson.
- Good Friday, April 10, 7pm. The solemn service of Good Friday includes readings of the passion narrative, contemplative music, and a homily by Pastor Higgins.
- EASTER EVE, April 11, 7pm. The Easter Vigil is the first celebration of Easter and a service for the whole family. We begin in darkness, but then the service *explodes* with joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! The service includes confirmations, a brief meditation by Pastor Higgins, the first Eucharist of Easter.
- EASTER DAY, April 12, 10am. Easter morning is one of the highlights of the year, featuring festive music, an Easter sermon by Pastor Higgins.

Happy Anniversary! Last Monday, March 16, marked the 23rd anniversary of the organization of Trinity Church as a particular, self-governing Presbyterian congregation. On that date, at an afternoon service with the Rev. Dr. Tim Keller preaching, the first three elders—Jim Courtney, Bruce Gregory (now in California), and David Williamson (now in Ithaca)—were installed, and Pastor Higgins was installed as the pastor. Thanks be to God for his blessings over the years! (The Higgins family moved to Westchester in August 1994, preview services began in December 1994, & Trinity Church "launched" in June 1995.)

The Easter Sacrificial Offering is received each year during the Easter season. The offering goes to the Trinity Church Mercy Team's ministry. Setting aside money (over & above one's regular giving) for such an offering is a traditional Lenten discipline, and we encourage you to practice this—perhaps with your family and/or Community Group—during this holy season. If you are giving online, select the "Mercy Fund" for this gift.

Live-streaming our Worship Services. Beginning this Sunday, we will **live-stream our service at our normal start time of 10 am** from the church office chapel. The service will be shortened due to omitting communion but will include hymns and music. Since we are following guidelines to keep the number present under 10, the only people that will be at our chapel will be the pastors, musicians, and technical support doing the videography. The congregation will attend online. Instructions for how to access the live-stream session and the worship bulletin will be sent out by newsletter at the end of each week so you can download it (have it ready) for Sunday. The bulletin will include the text and music so you can participate. Keep in mind that while we may be using a different means of communication, it is still participative - meaning worship is not passive (just watching) but is an act of praise and response to God. So read aloud the responsive text, pray, and sing along with us. God recognizes your worship no matter where you are sitting on Sunday.

Using video-conferencing for Church Meetings. We will still proceed with staff and leadership meetings in the weeks ahead. If you are part of those meetings you will receive an email with the info to join a scheduled audio or video conference. So remain alert to meeting requests by monitoring your email regularly.

Pastoral Care. If you would like to meet with a pastor, feel free to call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or by using the [church website contact form](#) and your request will be forwarded to them.

Encouraging Community Groups to Meet via Video-Conferencing. We are making available to our Community Group leaders a shared church Zoom account so they can schedule and conduct their weekly community group meetings via video. If you are interested in participating, contact your community group leader. If you are not yet in a community group but would like to join one, contact us via our [church website contact form](#), or email SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc to find out more.

Connecting via Social Media. If you are on Facebook and haven't yet done so, explore our church "Trinity Presbyterian Church NY" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Presbyterian-Church-NY-1667993360081615/>). In addition, Brett Liedtke from our Care Team has created a "Trinity People Staying In Touch" Facebook *group* that we invite everyone to join. The purpose of the group is to allow people to get in touch with one another and with the Care Team should they have any needs or prayer requests. To join the group, email her at breliedtke@hotmail.com requesting an invite. Once you receive an emailed invitation in reply, login to your facebook account and then go back to the emailed invitation and click on "Join Group" to join the "Trinity People Staying in Touch" group page. As well we have our "TrinityChurchNY" Instagram account. Links to our Facebook and Instagram are always included at the bottom of every newsletter.

Mid-week Evening "Compline Online" Prayer Sessions. Pastor Mark Swanson will be hosting a brief prayer session for the congregation on Facebook as a means of staying connected. It will be on **Wednesday evenings at 8 pm**. Login to Facebook and head to the *Trinity Presbyterian Church NY* Facebook page to participate. Reminders of these meetings will be posted to the church facebook page and church calendar.

Regular Weekly Newsletters. The main way we will be in touch with everyone in the congregation is through the weekly newsletter. Sometimes you will receive more than one a week. As you are in touch with others in the congregation, check with them whether they are receiving the newsletter. It is important to stay informed. If anyone needs to be added, use the [church website Contact Form](#). (A link to the church website is always at the bottom of the newsletter and in our mobile app.)

Prayer Team Support. Our Prayer Team is always available to support you - especially during this trying period. It helps to know that you have brothers and sisters praying for you. You can submit a prayer request directly by email to Linda at TrinityRyePrayer@trinitychurch.cc, or, through the church website Contact Form (posted above).

Giving/Receiving Offering by Mail or Online. This, perhaps, is the easiest adjustment because its been in place for a while now. One convenient way is to give online through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*.

If you are giving by check you can mail it to the church office at the following address:

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Attn: Administrator 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577

If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Lisa Fick, our administrator at administrator@trinitychurch.cc, or use the website contact form.

During this time of restrictions due to COVID-19 we still have ongoing expenses and plans to move ahead with the church building project. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges.