



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

*Proclaim. Exalt. Serve.*

**The Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 7, 2021**  
**Morning Prayer**

# WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Anglican Church! If this is your first time with us we are especially delighted to have you here.

We gather in the midst of a difficult season in the life of our country and the world. As the Coronavirus pandemic rages on we find ourselves trying to navigate wisely between our deep human need to gather as God's people for worship and our fundamental concern to keep each other safe from infection. This is tricky! In order to gather in person we have had to make a number of changes to the way we worship and congregate on Sunday mornings.

Our service of Morning Prayer will last about 55 minutes. It has been simplified from the Prayer Book service in order to reduce time and limit congregational speaking. We will no longer have acolytes or a processional. Several other elements of the service have been removed for the time being.

Here are some simple instructions for keeping everyone safe and healthy.

- Please wear a mask at all times when you are inside the building. We understand that especially young children may struggle with this, and we leave mask-wearing for them to the parents' discretion.
- Please note which rows of chairs may be used for seating and be sure to keep a distance of 3 chairs between yourself and the next individual/family group.
- We firmly believe that singing with masks will not increase the risk of infection in our space, and we have made this decision with the helpful input of trusted medical experts. So please, feel free to make a "joyful noise to the Lord!"
- If you need to leave the service for any reason please exit using whichever aisle is most expedient.
- At the conclusion of the service please exit the church via the side aisles. If you would like to catch up with others please find them outside!

This way of worshiping together is different from what we are used to, but the God we worship is the same yesterday, today and forever! So we gather with confidence and joy in him!

Yours in Christ,  
John

# A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

## PRELUDE

*Collect for purity*

*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 Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, Georgiann Toole*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery be Thou my health and life.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray,  
Through darkness and perplexity, point thou the heavenly way.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, that when this life is past,  
I may eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.*

## WELCOME

## INTROIT

*The sacrifice, Richard Shephard*

*The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: A broken and contrite heart he will not despise.*

## OPENING HYMN *(all sing)*

*Holy, holy, holy!*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which, wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

*CHOIR ONLY: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

## **A PENITENTIAL ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Officiant*            Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

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*

If we say that 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. *1 John 1: 8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4: 14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## **CONFESSION** *(said by all, kneeling)*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lord, have mercy (sung by all, kneeling)*

Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.  
Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.  
Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

## **ABSOLUTION**

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 COMFORTABLE WORDS**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that  
believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into  
the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## INVITATORY *(standing)*

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:

All: **O come, let us adore him.**

## Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino (read responsively)*

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; \*  
**sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name; \*  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his honor to the nations, \*  
**and his wonders to all peoples.**
- 4 For the LORD is great, and highly to be praised; \*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
**but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**
- 6 Glory and majesty are before him; \*  
**power and honor are in his sanctuary.**
- 7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families of the peoples, \*  
**ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.**
- 8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, “The LORD is King; \*  
**It is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge  
the peoples righteously.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*  
**let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.**
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \*  
**then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.**
- 13 For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, \*  
**and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.**
- 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.**

## THE LESSONS

### Old Testament: Isaiah 53:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5**

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**2** And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Children’s Worship (11:00 am service only)***

*Children grades K-5 are invited to a time of kid worship at this time. Please join Miss Beth at the front of the sanctuary and she will direct you. Please promptly pick up your son or daughter in the courtyard after the service.*



**GOSPEL SONG** *(sung by all)*

*How great is our God*

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

**CHORUS:**        *How great is our God, sing with me  
                      How great is our God, and all will see  
                      How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb    **CHORUS X2**

**BRIDGE:**        *You're the Name above all names  
                      Worthy of our praise  
                      My heart will sing  
                      How great is our God (repeat 2x) then CHORUS*

**THE GOSPEL** *(please stand)*

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny

himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Dr. John W. Yates III*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

Officiant: Lord, give to your Church the spirit of truth, unity, and concord and to all its leaders wisdom and humility.

*Please pray silently for our church staff and the Diocese of the Carolinas.*

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Lord, give wisdom and integrity to the leaders of our city, state and country.  
*Please pray silently for our elected officials.*

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Lord, give comfort and strength to those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, and grant protection to all health care workers.  
*Please pray silently for anyone undergoing hardship of some kind.*

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Lord, make us mindful of the needs of those who live or work in the neighborhoods around our church.  
*Please pray silently for our witness as a church in our community.*

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

Officiant: Lord, work in us that which is pleasing in your sight during this season of Lent.  
*Please pray silently for growth in knowledge and love of the Lord.*

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy.                   **People: Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the life of Lynda Blount and pray for peace and comfort for Betsy Gray Barrus and her family. Lord Jesus, we pray for all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Lydia Aldridge; Stuart Allen; Richard Barefoot; Diana Barnhart; Judah Best; The Brickley Family; Mel Broughton; June Brown; Barbara Cooley; John Converse; Rob Dickinson; Bill Dixon; Carolyn Eskridge; Mabel Geoghegan; Thomas Golson; Susan Steele Grady; Sterling Kane; William Kane; Holland McPeake; Pat and Mary B. Raiford; Chloe Renken; Anne Roux; Lindsay Roux; Gabrielle Rowe; Wendy Shull; Mildred Whitmire; Sally Whitt; Randi Wood; and Judah Yonan.

We pray for all those expecting the birth of a child, especially Gracie and Clifford Humphrey; Michelle and Kevin Norris; Jennifer and Brian Stoker; Jamison and Steve Whitley. Grant comfort and peace to all who desire to conceive, or adopt, and in your time, we pray, give them the joy of children.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military, especially Chase Duncan and Gabriel Rodriguez — keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(please stand, said by all)*

**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. **Amen.**

## THE GRACE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

All: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore." **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## CLOSING HYMN (*all sing*)

*Immortal, invisible*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the good news of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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