

**Holy Trinity Church**  
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

## **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 14, 2021**

*9:30 a.m. choral service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*

*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist*

*Lynn Garland, Reader*

**Prelude:** "Nettleton" -Callahan

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Processional Hymn #339**

*Words: Johann Franck; Music: Johann Cruger, Melody*

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded; high o'er all the heavens he reigneth yet to dwell with thee he designeth.**

**Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten; Joy, the best that any knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth: at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.**

#### **\* Acclamation for the Penitential Order      Prayer Book, p. 351**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endures forever.**

#### **\*Confession of Sin      Prayer Book, p. 352**

**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.**

#### **\*Trisagion #S-100 Holy God**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

#### **\* Collect *(said by all)***

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **First Reading**

Reader    A reading from the book of Numbers

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of

bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Numbers 21:4-9*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

**Silence**

**PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22**

*(Said in unison)*

**BCP., p. 746**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.  
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.  
He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.  
Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.  
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

**Silence**

**Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord **People Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

**Fr. Richard Signore**

**Prayers of the People, III**

**Prayer Book, p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### **Prayer for the Parish**

**O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen**

### **The Peace**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory:** *“Le Prie-Dieu” -Oldroyd*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

**Prayer Book, p. 361**

**Sanctus** *(said by all)*

**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 Lord’s Prayer**

**Prayer Book, p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem** *(said by all)*

*Setting: Gerald R. Near*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**Communion:** *“Rockingham” Setting by Webbe*

**Prayer** *(said by those at home)* *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

**The Post Communion Prayer** *(Said by all worshiping in person)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn #691**

*Words: Ray Palmer; Music: Lowell Mason*

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cavalry, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**Postlude: “CWM Rhondda” -Setting by Hopson**