



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ROCKY HILL

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART"



First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 10:00 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

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.

TRISAGION

HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US (3)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

GENESIS 9:8-17

“Here begins a reading from Genesis”

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and

you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

PSALM 25:1-9

“Psalm 25:1-9 is appointed today. Let us read it alternatively.”

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ²Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. ³Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. ⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. ⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. ⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. ⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. ⁸He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. ⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 PETER 3:18-22

“Here begins a reading from 1 Peter.”

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

“The Word of the Lord.” “Thanks be to God.”

MARK 1:9-15

“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.” “Glory to you Lord Christ.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was

coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
"The Gospel of the Lord." "Praise to you Lord Christ."

HYMN: #121 – *Christ When for Us You Were Baptized*

SERMON: Fr. Jacob

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive-ness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God on this first Sunday in Lent, we remember the trials and temptations of your son Jesus Christ in his journey through the wilderness, and how he triumphed over all.

In our prayers we think of the difficult journeys in life encountered by so many people in the world. We pray that in their different times of need, they may find discernment to see their way ahead, and strength to

overcome whatever problems they face. We pray that faith may be deepened in this period of Lent, and all may walk in the light of the Lord. Lord in your mercy - **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, of which we are members, and thank you for the light it provides for our journeys ahead.

We pray for those who lead us in our worship, and for all those who enable others to know that light in their lives.

We pray for each other, that we may each respond to the challenges that the time of Lent presents to us. Help us to be able to look at ourselves, and to recognize our failings, our inadequacies, and the need for your presence in our journey of life.

We pray for the family of the Church. when we receive the bread and wine at our communion today may we experience a sense of belonging to you and to each other.

Bind us together, Lord, as a family, so that we can travel along life's journey helping and supporting one another, overcoming together all the trials and temptations which confront us daily
Lord in your mercy - **hear our prayer.**

Lord God we think of the troubled parts of the world, where there is so much suffering, where darkness prevails and where the light of the Lord seems so far away.

We pray for people whose humanity is denied by others for those without homes and food; for those suffering from malnutrition, illness and disease for those living in fear of the war and conflict.

We remember especially the people living in other parts of the world where there is unrest;

We pray for all those working for peace and justice, for our armed forces;

We ask that they may all be sustained and encouraged in their difficult work in what must seem an endless journey and may they know the light of the Lord in everything they do in the name of peace.
Lord in your mercy - **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we thank you for our neighbors, our friends and for the people around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We thank you, for all the joys and blessings of family life. forgive us when we quarrel and make us always ready to forgive one another.

We pray for those who are old and lonely, those isolated because of ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted. Show us all

what we can do to help, and teach us to be good neighbors and true friends.

We thank you Lord for your miracles of healing, and we pray for all who administer to the sick and infirm. We bring before you in a moment of quietness those we know or love who are ill or in special need at this time, and we name them in our hearts.

We pray that your blessing be upon them and those who love and care for them and we pray that they may find encouragement and peace, that their sorrows and concerns be transformed into comfort and their loneliness into fellowship with you.

Lord in your mercy - **hear our prayer**

We pray for those all those who mourn and for those who still miss the companionship and care of loved ones.

We pray that as they journey in this part of their life, that the challenges of Lent and the assurances of Easter will bring to them new strength and new purpose.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and light a candle to symbolize the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope.

You turn our darkness into light, in your light shall we see light.

Lord in your mercy - **hear our prayer**

Lord God our Father as we go out into the world today we remember that your son was tempted by the forces of evil but chose faithfulness rather than popularity, service instead of fame, sacrifice instead of power.

These temptations still come to us Lord and we are far weaker and so we pray for the strength to shun them as he did so that we may be of use to God and to others.

Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for the Parish Family

Silence

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Fr. Jacob

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

We give thee but thine own, what e-er the gift may be: All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty Creator heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil and to live no longer for ourselves alone but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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 people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION - "Gifts of God for people of God."

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

In Union O Lord, with all the faithful, in our homes and at this and every altar of your Holy Church where your

blessed body and blood are being offered, we present to you our souls and bodies. And because we cannot now receive sacramentally, we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you, let us live and die in your love. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**OUR WORSHIP IS OVER,
OUR SERVICE BEGINS**