

OCULI
Third Sunday in Lent



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The Son of God did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word



1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at Thy word We are gath-ered all to hear
 2 All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud -
 3 Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part, Light of Light, from God pro - ceed -
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra -



Thee; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and
 ed Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of
 ing; O - pen Thou our ears and heart, Help us by Thy
 tion! Grant that we Thy Word may trust And ob - tain true



love and fear Thee, By Thy teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
 truth un - cloud - ed. Thou a - lone to God canst win us;
 Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es,
 con - so - la - tion While we here be - low must wan - der,



Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.
 Thou must work all good with - in us.
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der.

WELCOME VISITORS!

Please introduce yourselves to the pastors either before or after the Service and sign our guest register in the narthex. Except on-call and first-response professionals, everyone is kindly asked to turn off all electronic devices. We hope that you will return again soon. Thank you.

Prelude

Prayer upon entering Church: Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pealing of the Bell

“Liebster Jesu”

In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

☩ Our help ☩ is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.



☩ Mine eyes are ever | toward the Lord:*

for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy | upon me:*

for I am desolate and | afflicted.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul:*

O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not | be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son:*

and to | the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be:*

world without | end. Amen.

Mine eyes are ever | toward the Lord:*

for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy | upon me:*

for I am desolate and | afflicted.

Psalm 25:15,16,1,2a

Kyrie eleison, ninelou

HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

In unison, moderate time

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord,

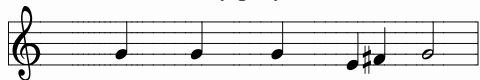
have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-

on us. Christ, have mercy up-on . . . us. Lord, have mercy up-

on us. Lord, have mercy up-on us. Lord, have mercy up-on us.



O Lord, hear my prayer.



And let my cry come unto Thee.



Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants: and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty; to be our defense against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God: world without end.

Gregorian Sacramentary



A — men.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God: world without end.



A — men.

The Old Testament Reading for *Oculi* Sunday from Jeremiah:

In those days, in the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord’s house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’ And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.”’” So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it

happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?’” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the Lord’s house. And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Jeremiah 26:1-15



Arise, O Lord, let not | man prevail:*
let the heathen be judged | in Thy sight.
When mine enemies | are turned back:*
they shall fall and perish at | Thy presence.

Psalms 9:19,3

The Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians:

Brethren: Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

Ephesians 5:1-9



Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the | heavens:*
have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy | upon us.

Psalms 123:1,3a



The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.



Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⌘ *At that time* Jesus was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” And others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

St. Luke 11:14-28



The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The ⌘ resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.



Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation

1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion,
 Star of our night and Hope of ev - ery na - tion,
 Hear and re - ceive thy Church's sup - pli -
 ca - tion, Lord God Al - mighty - y.

- 2 See round thine ark the hungry billows curling;
 See how thy foes their banners are unfurling;
 Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
 Thou canst preserve us.
- 3 Lord, thou canst help when earthly armor faileth,
 Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
 Christ, o'er thy Church nor death nor hell prevai-leth;
 Grant us thy peace, Lord.
- 4 Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
 Peace in thy Church, where brothers are engaging;
 Peace, when the world its busy war is waging;
 Calm thy foes' raging.
- 5 Grant us thy help till backward they are driven,
 Grant them thy truth that they may be forgiven;
 Grant peace on earth, and after we have striven,
 Peace in thy heaven. Amen.

A-men.

Sermon

Collection of the Offerings

Voluntary

The statutes of the Lord are right, re | joicing the heart:*
the judgments of the Lord are sweeter also than honey and the
honey-comb. Moreover by them is Thy | servant warned.

Psalm 19:8-11

Prayer of the Faithful

After each petition:

Lord in Thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

...who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
 world without end.

Amen.

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
forever and ever. Amen.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern (1594–1648); paraphr. Philip Pusey (1799–1855), alt.
 Tune: Iste confessor (Rouen Church tune) 11. 11. 11. 5

This hymn may be found in Worship Supplement, #786



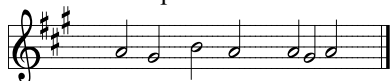
Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the ☩ Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



A — men.

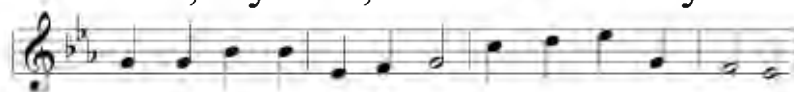


The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

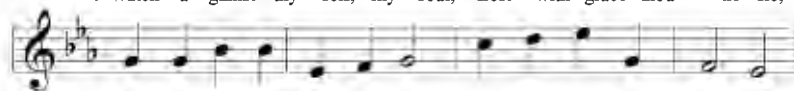


Amen. Amen. Amen.

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, From thy sleep a - wak - en;
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find thee;
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its pow'r de - feat thee.
 4 Watch a - gainst thy - self, my soul, Lest with grace thou tri - fle;



Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er - tak - en.
 For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and blind thee.
 Watch lest with her pomp un - furled She be - tray and cheat thee.
 Let not self thy tho'ts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy sti - fle.



For the Foe, Well we know, Oft his har - vest
 Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se - cure are
 Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less friends to
 Pride and sin Lurk with - in All thy hopes to



reap - eth While the Chris - tian sleep - eth.
 sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 charm thee, Who but seek to harm thee.
 scat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

5 But while watching, also pray
 To the Lord unceasing.
 He will free thee, be thy Stay,
 Strength and faith increasing.
 O Lord, bless
 In distress
 And let nothing swerve me
 From the will to serve Thee.

6 Therefore let us watch and pray,
 Knowing He will hear us
 As we see from day to day
 Dangers ever near us,
 And the end
 Doth impend—
 Our redemption nearth
 When the Lord appeareth.

**THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS
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THE WEEK BEGINNING 15 MARCH 2020**

Today <i>Oculi</i>	8:30 AM	Matins
	9:30 AM	Morning Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
Tuesday - Friday	9:30 AM	Matins
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Noon Prayer and Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Parish Lenten Supper
	7:00 PM	Vespers
Friday	12:00 PM	Way of the Cross Devotional
Next Sunday <i>Laetare</i>	8:30 AM	Matins
	9:30 AM	Divine Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study



NEWS AND NOTES

Attendance at the Services – *Reminiscere*: Divine Service - 13; Wednesday Vespers - 10.

Special Voters' Assembly - Sunday, March 22, 12:30 PM at First Trinity for the election of Mr. Walter Brooks, a member of First Trinity at Holy Cross Chapel, to fill the vacant Elder's seat. All voting members (communicant members age 18 or older) are highly encouraged to participate. Car pools will be organized to transport our members to First Trinity for this meeting.

The Ladies of Holy Cross will be holding a **Baby Shower for Deaconess Hanna Kern** on Sunday, April 26 at noon after the Bible Study. For more information, please speak with Pam Misko.

COVID-19 Response: First Trinity / Holy Cross is following the advice and mandates of the CDC and the City of Pittsburgh with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic. Some events at First Trinity and Holy Cross are being cancelled in order to protect our at-risk members and guests. This being the case, the parish calendar will be updated on a rolling basis. It is best to check the calendar at www.holycrosspgh.info for the latest information. Since this is a developing situation, please listen for a special announcement from the Pastor or Vicar.

