

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK- YEAR - A  
TUESDAY MARCH 31, 2026



**INTROIT HYMN: CPWI # 143 Praise to the Holiest in the height**

Praise to the Holiest in the  
height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most  
wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and  
blood,  
which did in Adam fail,

should strive afresh against  
the foe,  
should strive and should  
prevail;

and that a higher gift than  
grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very  
self,  
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! That he,  
who smote  
in Man for man the foe,

the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and  
inspire  
to suffer and to die.

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height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most  
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**ALL: 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.**

**THE COLLECT: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK:** O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

**THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49: 1-7** A reading from the word of God written in Isaiah

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: 71:1-14**

**BCP, 556**

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \* my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many; \* but you are my refuge and my strength.
- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \* and your glory all the day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in my old age; \* forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, \* and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

11 They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; \* because there is none who will save."

12 O God, be not far from me; \* come quickly to help me, O my God.

13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; \* let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.

14 But I shall always wait in patience, \* and shall praise you more and more.

**THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31 A reading from the word of God written in 1 Corinthians**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 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; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN: CPWI # 142 O scared head, surrounded**

O sacred head, surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding head, so wounded,  
so shamed and put to scorn!  
Death's pallid hue comes o'er  
thee,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet angel--hosts adore thee,  
and tremble as they gaze.

Thy comeliness and vigour  
is withered up and gone,  
and in thy wasted figure  
I see death drawing on.  
O agony and dying!  
O love to sinners free!  
Jesu, all grace supplying,  
turn thou thy face on me.

Good Shepherd, think of me  
with thy most sweet  
compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath thy cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in thy dear love confiding,  
and with thy presence blest.

In this thy bitter passion,

**THE GOSPEL:**

**JOHN 12:20-36**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will

my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

## **THE SERMON**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

#### *Litany of Penitence*

*The Minister and People together, all kneeling*

#### **Most holy and merciful Father:**

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We have not forgiven others, as we desire to be forgiven. We have not forgiven ourselves as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit, **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, **We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; **Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

*The bishop if present, or the priest, stands, and facing the people, says:*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe His holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A deacon or lay person leading the service remains kneeling and says the following instead:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

### **FORM A**

**BCP, 124**

**PRESIDENT:** We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL:** Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

**The Offertory Hymn: CPWI # 133 Jesus, keep me near the cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calvary's  
mountain.  
Passion & Holy Week

**Refrain:**  
*In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my raptured soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling  
soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and Morning  
Star  
sheds its beams around me.  
**Refrain**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day	with its shadows o'er me. <b>Refrain</b> Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,	hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. <b>Refrain</b>
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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

**BCP, 126**

**FORM A**

PRESIDENT: Through your goodness, Lord, we have this bread and wine to offer, the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands. They will become our spiritual food.

**ALL: All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**praise.**

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and**

PRESIDENT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

**Proper Preface:**

**Holy Week**

**BCP, 128**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that He might draw the whole world to Himself; and, by His suffering and death, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him. 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:

**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**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

**Form A**

**BCP, 131**

PRESIDENT: All Holy and glorious Father, our Creator God, we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made. Again and again we have turned away from you; yet in every age your steadfast love has called us to return, to live in union with you: for it is your eternal purpose to put new life into all things and make them holy. Through your Son, Jesus Christ who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make known in every place His perfect offering which He made to the glory of your Name. Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood. For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And 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."

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

PRESIDENT: And so, Heavenly Father, rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation; His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice made once for all upon the Cross; His Mighty Resurrection from the dead; His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for His Coming in glory; we offer to you this Bread and this Cup. We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him. Let faith and love increase in us. Unite us with all Bishops, all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments, and with the whole people of God, living and departed, whom you have made for yourself. Confirm us in holiness, that we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come. With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRESIDENT: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the one body of Christ.

**ALL: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

**Communion Hymns: SANS # 34 Return to the Lord**

**Refrain**

**Return to the Lord, return O Israel!**

**He calls to you.**

**For the Lord is full of love and tender mercy;**

**He waits for your heart**

What shall I do with you, O my people?  
This love of yours so quickly disappears. **Refrain**

When will you share your bread with the hungry?  
When will you welcome in the homeless poor?  
**Refrain**

I do not take delight in burnt off'ring.  
Give me yourself, your crushed and broken heart.  
**Refrain**

And I will plant my law deep within you.  
Deep in your heart will I inscribe my Name.  
**Refrain**

**The Post Communion Prayer:**

**BCP, 147ff**

**ALL: Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**BCP, 150**

*The President (or the Bishop, if present) may say this Blessing or a Seasonal Blessing:*

**HOLY WEEK**

**BCP, 150**

Christ crucified draw you to Himself, to find in Him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **ALL: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: CPWI # 137 Lord, through this holy week**

Lord, through this holy week of our salvation,  
which thou hast won for us who went astray,  
in all the conflict of thy sore temptation  
we would continue with thee day by day.

Until thou see thy bitter travail's ending,  
the world redeemed, the will of God complete,  
and, to thy Father's hands thy soul commending,  
thou lay the work he gave thee at his feet.

We would not leave thee, though our weak  
endurance  
make us unworthy here to take our part;  
yet give us strength to trust the sweet assurance  
that thou, O Lord, art greater than our heart.

Thou didst forgive thine own who slept for  
sorrow,  
thou didst have pity: O have pity now,  
and let us watch through each sad eve and  
morrow  
with thee, in holy prayer and solemn vow.

Along that sacred way where thou art leading,  
which thou didst take to save our souls from loss,  
let us go also, till we see thee pleading  
in all ... prevailing prayer upon thy cross;