

# Trinity

## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

### Welcome to Trinity!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please consider filling out a “Walk With Us” card in the pew and put it in the offering plate so we can get in touch with you. It is a joy to welcome children to worship with us here at Trinity. There is an activity table in the front of the church with Bible based coloring pages and other activities. Children’s Programming takes place every Sunday at 9:45 am in the Ogden Room. Again, welcome!

Welcome

The Rev. Jonathan Radtke

Prelude “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Gilbert Martin

Opening Hymn “If Thou But Trust”

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

## Opening Acclamation

*Priest:* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## A Penitential Order

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*Priest then says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Priest and People:*

**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.**

*Priest:*

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 Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on  
8 us. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, hear our pray'r.

*Priest:* God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

Read by Katie Hardy

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader:* Hear what The Spirit is saying to the people.

***People:* Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 121**

Led by Katie Hardy

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Sequence Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” (vs. 1 & 3)



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
 4. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,



Call - ing for you and for me;  
 Plead - ing for you and for me?  
 Pass - ing from you and from me;  
 Prom - ised for you and for me;



See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,  
 Though we have sinned he has mer - cy and par - don,



Watch - ing for you and for me.  
 Mer - cies for you and for me?  
 Com - ing for you and for me.  
 Par - don for you and for me.



Come home, come home, Ye who are wea - ry, come



home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing— Call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

## **The Gospel: John 3:1-17**

**Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## **Sermon**

The Rev. Peter Swarr

## **The 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 for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Led by Tim Dunn

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*People's responses in bold*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.  
*Silence*

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Martin's, Palmyra, and for the staff and volunteers who attend to the administrative needs of our churches. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, especially Ralph Parady, Rose Chukwu, Maizie Argondizza, Angelika Schechter, Lee, Beth Johns, Edna Flaherty, Jennifer Larkin, Nancy, Dickie and his family, Christina Siravo, Elizabeth, Deborah Galaneau, Kent Thurston, Cathy C., Brian & Nancy Plourde, Anne Rolle, Annie Garman, Toby, Luna, Maddie White, Obedy, Mike Mercier, Lee Lowell, Susan, Phyllis Greene, George Clarence Frost, Lucia Leone, and all the children and staff at the Glenburnie Primary School. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

*Leader:* Please say the names of those who would benefit from our prayers. *Please add your own petitions at this time.* This is my prayer, **this is our prayer**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

## **Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"**

Elaine Hagenberg

Sung by the Trinity Choir

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

(ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP)

## The Great Thanksgiving:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

*The Priest says:*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Priest proceeds*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*People & Priest sing The Sanctus together.*

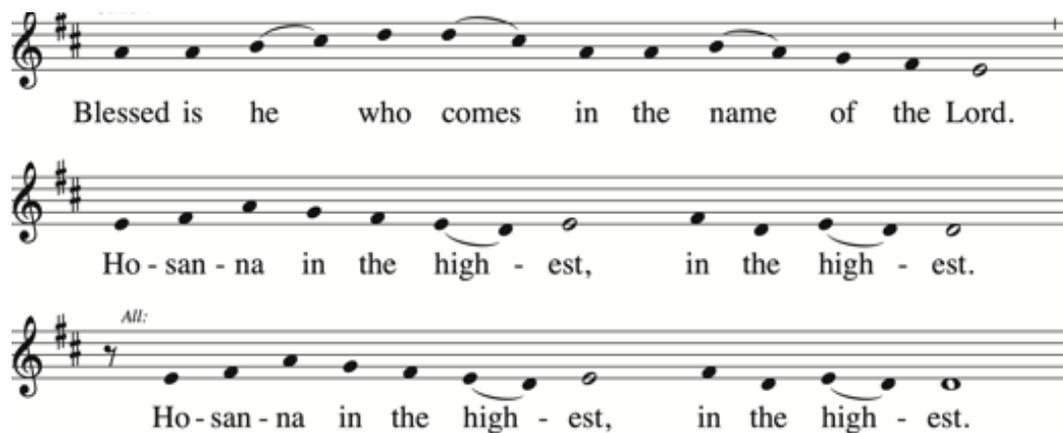
## Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.



*The Priest Continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread and says:*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*A Period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem “As The Bread of Life is Broken” (vs. 2)

### Refrain



As the bread of life is bro - ken, the cup of love out - poured,

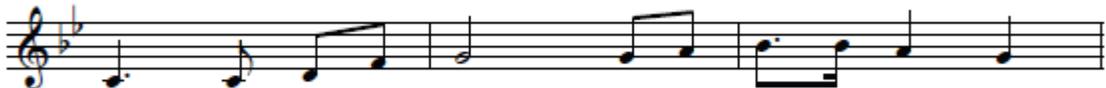


We are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

### Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here the good
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed now as one. In this joy - ful cel - e -  
news of truth is heard. In the tell - ing of the  
come what we re - ceive. In the cup of love here  
forth in love and peace, In our wit - ness to God's



bra - tion, we re - call what God has done.  
sto - ries, we are o - pen to God's word.  
of - fered, we af - firm what we be - lieve.  
king - dom, may our char - i - ty in - crease.

## The Invitation to the Table

*Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The priest will place the host in your hands. If you would like to receive the consecrated wine, approach the Eucharistic minister who will share the chalice with you. There are two ways to receive the wine. You may sip from the silver chalice or dip in the pottery chalice. If you would rather not receive the wine, simply return to your seat. The Choir receives communion first, then all others are invited to receive as directed by the ushers beginning at the front of the church. If you would prefer to remain at your seat and receive there, the priest will come to you at the end of Communion. Please be sure to tell an usher that you would like communion brought to you.*

*Gluten free host is available for any who would like it. Simply tell the Priest when you come forward for communion. All are welcome and all are wanted at Trinity.*

## THE COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN “Come and Find the Quiet Center”



1. Come and find the quiet cen - ter  
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us,  
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el,  
4. Come and find the quiet cen - ter



In the crowd - ed life we lead,  
Cools the heat and slows the pace,  
O - pen to each oth - er's pain,  
In the crowd - ed life we lead,



Find the room for hope to en - ter,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
Let our loves and fears un - rav - el,  
Find the room for hope to en - ter,



Find the frame where we are freed:  
Knows our be - ing, touch - es base,  
Cel - e - brate the space we gain:  
Find the frame where we are freed:



Clear the cha - os and the clut - ter,  
Mak - ing space with - in our think - ing,  
There's a place for deep - est dream - ing,  
Clear the cha - os and the clut - ter,

Verse 4 to Coda ♯

Clear our eyes, that we can see  
 Lift - ing shades to show the sun,  
 There's a time for heart to care,  
 Clear our eyes, that

All the things that real - ly mat - ter,  
 Rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing,  
 In the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing

D.C.

Be at peace, and sim - ply be.  
 Find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 There is al - ways room to spare!

**Coda**

we can see All the things that real - ly mat - ter,

Be at peace, and sim - ply be.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest:* Let us pray

***People:* 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.**

**The Grateful Hearts Children's Choir singing "Almost There".**

Featured performers are Lucy Swarr and Luna Tchilimbou on vocals, Lucy the saxophone, Luna the clarinet, and Eli Swarr the trumpet.

**The Blessing**

*Priest:* Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn "My Song is Love" (vs. 1-4, 6-7)



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 \*3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 \*4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 \*5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

\*6 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heaven was his home;  
 but mine the tomb  
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
 no story so divine:  
 never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 could gladly spend.

**Dismissal**

Priest: Go in Peace, the Lord has put away all your sin.

People: Thanks be to God

**Postlude "Prelude in D Minor"**

J. S. Bach

## TODAY'S MINISTERS

The People of Trinity Church

Rector	The Rev. Peter Swarr
Associate Priest	The Rev. Jonathan Radtke
Minister of Music	Dr. Mary Frances Fest
Children & Youth Musician	Eileen Rose Giadone
Sunday School Crafts	Rory Nickerson
Lectors & Layreaders	Katie Hardy Tim Dunn
Ushers	Ida Connolly Cathy Jackson
Livestream Ministers	Emmanuel Vincent Steve Brown Steve Young Polly Sewall
Flower Guild	Ida Connolly
Altar Guild	Linda Gordan
Coffee Hour Host	Rachel Guarna

## TRINITY CHOIR

### MEMBERS

Kathleen Albert  
Lynne Gammon  
Pam Green  
Marty Resotko  
Bryan Lewis  
Cindy McLellan  
Michael Morin  
Terry Quinn Tisdale  
Stuart Tisdale

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 1	8 & 10 AM Sunday Services 9:45 am Children's Programming in Ogden Rm. 11:00 am Flower & Altar Guild Mtg. 11:00 am Yard Sale Planning Mtg. in Ogden Rm. 11:20 am Bell Ringer's Practice in Sanctuary 5:30 – 8:30 pm Renaissance Voices in Sanctuary
Monday, March 2	9 am – 12 pm Monday Morning Crew 10:30 am Lectio Divina by Zoom 3 – 8 AK Music In Transept 7-8 pm AA in Lincoln Hall
Tuesday, March 3	5 – 8 pm PCO in Sanctuary
Wednesday, March 4	3 – 6:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 6 pm Family Promise in Lincoln Hall
Thursday, March 5	5:30 – 7:30 pm AA in Ogden Rm. 6 – 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 6	1 – 5:30 pm AK Music in Ogden Rm. 4:30 – 6 pm Broad Based Comm. Mtg. in Lincoln Hall 7 – 8 pm AA in Ogden Rm.
Saturday, March 7	8 am – 2 pm Lincoln Hall in use 9 am – 4 pm Mary Frances in Sanctuary 7 pm PCO Concert in Sanctuary
Sunday, March 8	Food Packing in Lincoln Hall

## Save The Date!

**Sunday, March 15 @ 11:30 am**

**Lunch and Capital Campaign Kick Off!**