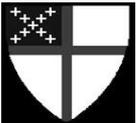
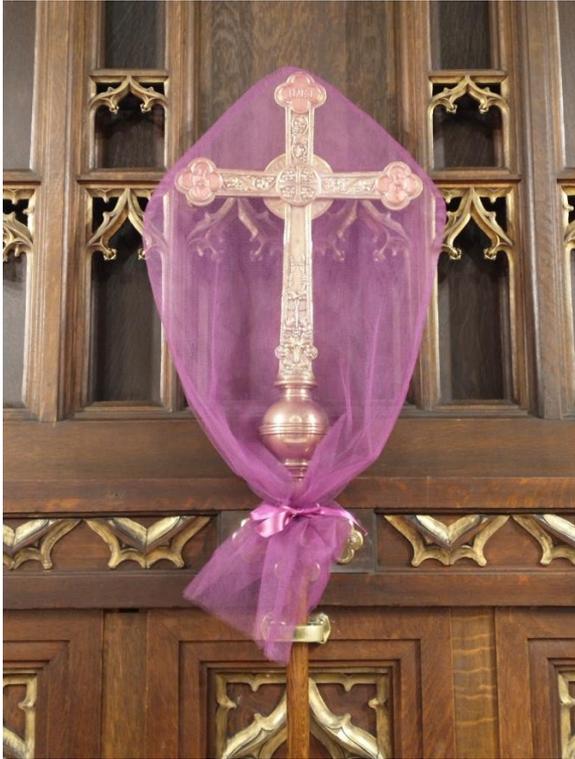


Trinity Church

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 AM



We are glad you are here today.

If you are looking for a place to seek God and discover companions for the journey, you are invited to be at home here. If you are new, please complete a pew card and place it in the collection plate. We are happy to tell you about life at Trinity.



With each season comes necessary changes to our order of worship. In Lent we see the most and most dramatic. There is a good and theological reason for each of these changes.

Lent is a time when we are meant to reflect on all the

ways we fall short in our relationship with God, and how we repent, intend, to turn back to God. So, the service begins with the Penitential Order on page 351 in the Book of Common Prayer. The entrance is silent which sets the tone for what is to come. We rehearse the Ten Commandments given by Moses to the people of Israel as a guide for how they are to live together in the Promised Land – and how we are to live together today. We then confess our own short-comings, individually and corporately. When the priest pronounces God’s absolution we are reminded of the grace of God’s of forgiveness.

Our service music changes, adopting a more somber and reverential tone. We say or sing, “Lord have mercy,” because we know how much we need God’s mercy. As the communion bread is broken we sing of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, in deep gratitude for all that Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection.

Our Eucharistic Prayer comes from Enriching our Worship and its language is evocative of the season. Changing the prayer allows us to pay close attention to what we say to God, what we offer of ourselves, and what we give thanks for, as we gather around the altar. Likewise, for this short season, we use the contemporary form of the Lord’s prayer.

Instead of the usual blessing we use The Solemn Prayer Over the People. It begins, “Bow down before the Lord” and the congregation is meant to either kneel or bow deeply at the waist as a sign of reverence and humility. Each week, as the season of Lent progresses, the presider then prays an appropriate prayer on behalf of the people.

Liturgy is designed to both feed and transform us. May our Lenten worship do that for you.

In Christ,
Mother Susan+

The altar party enters in silence. Please stand.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *God's mercy endures forever.*

All kneeling as is comfortable for you.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People – Together

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Kyrie S91

Said at 8:00am; Sung at 10:00am

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

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.*

THE LESSONS

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” “But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

ROMANS 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of

grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Wrathall

THE NICENE CREED

(EOW53)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV (BCP388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all deacons as they make Christ known to the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Hannah Anderson (2/25); Dan Aharonian (2/28); and those others we name silently or aloud (*significant pause*).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the victims of the mass shooting in Pawtucket and their families; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray together for those on our parish prayer list: *Angela, Vanessa, Cliff, Emily, Ben, Bev, Cameron, Marge, Katie, Carl, Lee-Ann, Beverly, George, Ginny, Becca, Bruce, Cory, Gabi, Sandy*, and for those others we now name (*significant pause*);

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, whom we name silently or aloud, (*significant pause*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE (*Please stand*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of Love

THE DOXOLOGY

(8:00 am said)

All things come of thee O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

(10:00 am sung)

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (EOW *Eucharistic Prayer 1*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to the fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Presider and People

8:00 am said

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

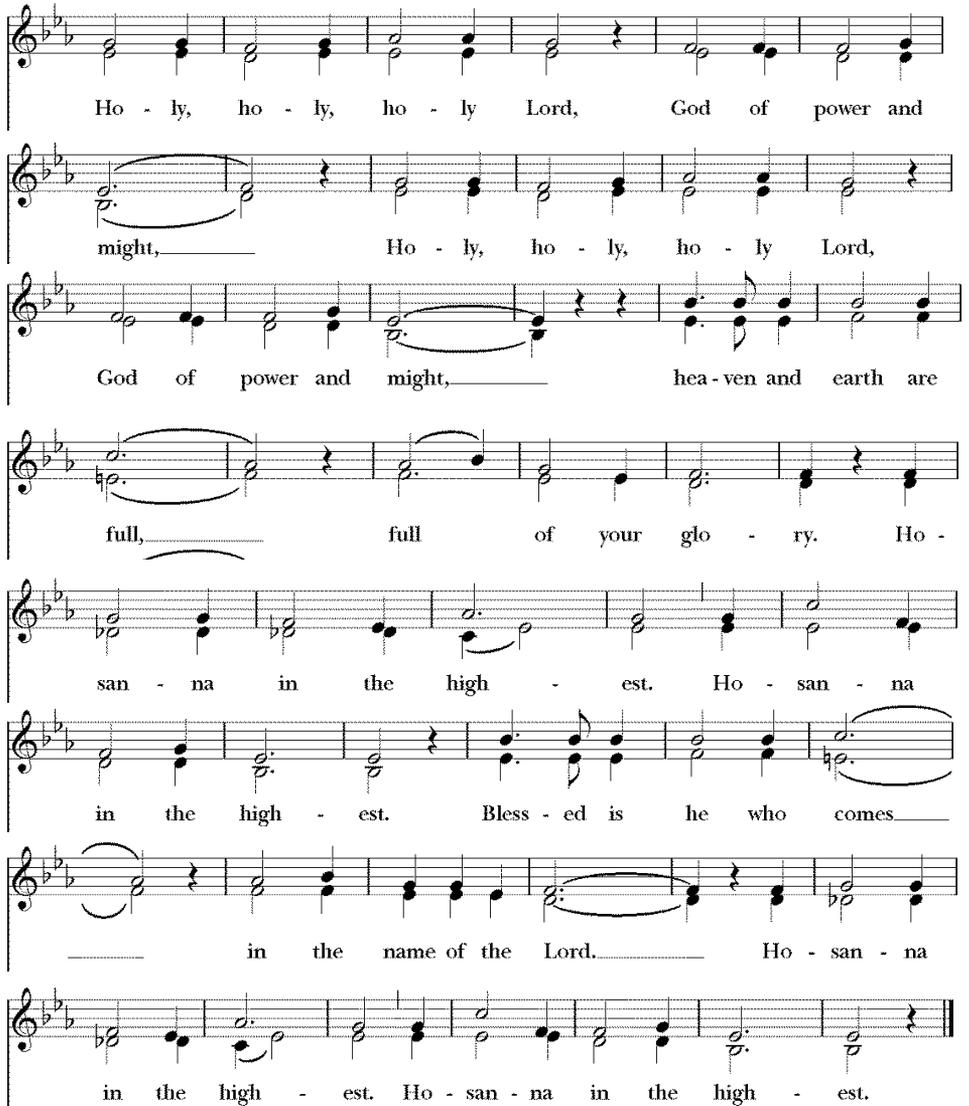
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 am sung

Sanctus S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(together)*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

8:00 am said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.

10:00 am Sung:

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

All Christians are welcome to receive communion. No one will be turned away. Please come to the communion rail as you are able and kneel or stand to receive. You may sip from the chalice or the eucharistic minister can intinct for you. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. If you cannot come to the rail, communion will be brought to the pavement or to your seat as needed. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN

Wonder Love and Praise 825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord *(please kneel as you are able)*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL *People: Thanks be to God.*

The altar party departs in silence.

PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild: Wayne Barnes, Kelley Elderkin, Dawn O’Hara, Linda Whittaker
Presider: The Reverend Susan Wrathall

8:00 AM

Euch Min: Delight Bucko
Reader: Theo Aschman
Acolyte: Becca Seamans
Usher: Tom Hogan

10:00 AM

Chalice: Delight Bucko
Reader: Amy Umstadter
Acolyte: Rob Duncanson
Usher: Bill Calwell
Video: Kevin Cliff

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For online giving, please scan the QR code with your smartphone’s camera. Thank you

Altar flowers ♦ Golden Gate Stud

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/22	Lenten Program, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Monday, 2/23	Education for Ministry, Education room, 9:30 am Guitars 4 Vets, Music room, 4:00 pm Christian Meditation, on Zoom, 6:00 pm AA, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
Tuesday, 2/24	Men's Group, Education Room, 9:30 am Knitters, Bay room, 9:30 – Noon Perspectives, Parish Hall, 11:00 am
Wednesday, 2/25	The Village, Parish Hall, 10:00 am Pawtuxet Rangers, Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 2/26	The Holy Week Gospels, Education room, 9:00 am Perspectives, Parish Hall, Noon to 3:00 pm AA, Big Book, women's group, Bay room, 7:00 pm AA, Big Book, men's group, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm
Friday, 2/27	Way of the Cross, Church, 6:00 pm

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