



Trinity Episcopal Church

February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday: 7:30am, 12:30pm and 6pm Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Our Parish

We are glad to have you with us for our worship today, to share in the inclusive, ever-abundant love of God. If you would like to learn more about life here at Trinity, please fill out a **Welcome Card** found in the pew racks in front of you; join us for refreshments after the service; and visit our **website** at trinitysb.org.

For an explanation of why worship at Trinity looks and sounds like it does, scan the QR code for our **Guide to the Episcopal Liturgy**.



Open Communion. Whatever tradition you come from, and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at our communion table. You will find simple directions on how to participate in the Holy Communion section of the program. Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask when the bread is presented to you.

Prayer Ministers. During communion at the 10am service, two prayer ministers are available at the back of the church to pray. The three of you will pray together in a circle and you will be offered anointing with oil.

Children. On Sundays, Trinity offers religious formation for our children (ages 3 to 12) through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. It takes place as early as 9am in the church school building behind the sanctuary. Children are brought into the church during the offertory hymn to join us for communion at the 10am service.

Nursery and Toddler Care is from 9:45am to the end of the 10am service on Sundays in the nursery upstairs. During the offertory hymn, you are welcome to gather your child from the nursery to join you for communion in the church.

Trinity's Youth Group (grades 7-12) meets weekly during the school year for fellowship and reflection.

Our ushers are always glad to be of assistance, including answering questions, providing hearing loops as needed, and giving directions to the church school building, the nursery, and other on-site facilities.

Hearing Loop installed in the sanctuary.



Ash Wednesday begins with human touch as oil and ashes are traced in the shape of a cross on our foreheads. From dust we were made; to dust we will return (Genesis 3:19).

The intimacy of this symbolic act expresses God's invitation to "be reconciled" right here, right now, in this moment, no matter how ready we feel, for "now is the acceptable time" (2 Corinthians 6:2b).

What does it mean to be reconciled to God? A reconciliation is an event that leads to restored relationships, where differences that once caused such pain and separation have now been resolved.

Jesus has flung open the door and said, let nothing stand in your way. Come and see how loved and how precious you really are, in all of your humanity.

Jesus will speak strength and love into all the places where you feel fragile and inadequate. He will speak hope into your fears and eternal life into your very mortality.

For know this: you were never meant to do this alone.

From Kate Bowler

Ministers of Today's Liturgy

7:30 am Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Reader: Jax Ranck

Acolyte: Michael Neal Arnold

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nollie Lei Dawson

Audio: Michael Neal Arnold

12:30 pm Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Acolyte: Terre Sanitate

Reader: Susie Bartz

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Carol Ann Manzi

Audio: Sarah Thomas

Welcome: Cyndie Genzmer

6pm Service

Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Thomas, Associate Rector

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Molitors, Rector

Deacon: Helen Mountford

Director of Music: Thomas Joyce

Conducting Assistant: Grace Wenzel

The Trinity Choir

Readers: Jeannie Christensen, Eva Braunstein

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Suzannah Rake,
Donna Sugano

Ushers: David Gartrell, Steve Gibson, Ellen Smith

Welcome Team: RJ Plummer, Paul Zink

Altar Guild: Sarah McCarter, RJ Plummer

Stream Team: Austin Miller

Audio: Ryan Kelly

Remember in Your Prayers

Men of Lompoc prison, people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, undocumented immigrants, Griffin Arnold, Valerie and Andrew Arnold, James and Patricia Wright, Megan, Brett Evans, Aaron, Wendy, Robert F. Adams, Megan, Dylan, Ned, Paul D. and Caitlin D., Emmie and the Hoffman family, Ken Sorgman, Ben Howell, John Albright, Wendy Comstock, David Korol, Esequiel Stevens, Don Zimmerman, Ray and Rogelia Cano, Ryley, Nels Henderson, Steve Bauer, Becky and Kyle, the Cobell Family, Kevin and Liam Hess, Mac McNeel, Beth Miller, Kasurina, Sean and Aiden Ruskey.

Those with Long Term Illness:

Rachel Roitman, Judy Boyd, Ellen Sherman, Stephanie Campbell, Royal Claydon, Greg Hawkins, Carolyn Roberts, Michael Wilds, Karen Myers, Johnny Mac, Karen McKenzie, Joan W., Cindy Sprague, the Rt. Rev. William Smalley, Ada A., Tim, Molly Ferro, Jane G., Gloria C., Barbara Winslow, Gail Lanonette, Kathy Floyd, Scott Smallwood, Joaquin and Jan, Quinn Sellars, Jane Arnold, Billy Jones, Gina B., Nadine Wilcox, Jane Ramshaw, Travis Stockstill, Virginia Burris, Kathy and Steve Stuck, Bruce Freeman, Rev. Mary Atwood, Randy Howard, Dinah, Jerry Gardner, Louise Fisher, Jane Ellison, Esperanza.

For the Departed:

All victims of gun violence, Dave Wyman, Latif, Jack Carey, Linda D., Zdenka Garciacelay, Kent Eyman, Dorothy, Edwin Weston, Heidi, Elizabeth Reifel, Joe Poprock, Rick Huyett, Stephanie, Rev. Bryan Jones, Ernestine Ygnacio-De Soto, Jay and Kristen Ruskey, The Rev. Jesse Jackson.

In the Armed Services:

Michael C. Fish, David Dees, Frederick Johnston, Nicole A. Dennis, Kyle Ray, John Whitney, Sean Dunbar, Nicholas Hoegh Guldborg, Ryan Carey, Ben Wilson, Hannah Vadnais.

Postulant for Holy Orders

(diaconate): Phylene Wiggins

Pastoral Care:

If you would like names added to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names will be removed after 90 days. If you would like to receive communion at home, are going into the hospital, and would like to pray with or be visited by clergy, please email office@trinitysb.org or call 805-965-7419.

Prelude (at 6pm only)

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott
Have mercy upon me, O Lord - Ps. 51:1

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A bell will ring. All who are able, please stand. The service begins with a silent procession.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Create in us clean hearts, O God:

People **And renew a right spirit within us.**

The Collect of the Day

Adapted from the Scottish Episcopal Church

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Merciful God, your people are washed clean in the saving flood of baptism, and born again: as we follow the way of the cross, we ask you to unseal for us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish in us; grant this through Jesus Christ your Son, who sets us free from sin, and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103:8-14

**God is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**God will not always accuse us
nor remain angry for ever.**

**God has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is God's mercy great upon the God-fearing.**

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far God removed our sins from us.
As a parent cares for children,
so does God care for the God-fearing.
For God knows whereof we are made
and remembers that we are but dust.**

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

All who are able, please stand

Gospel Acclamation (at 6pm only) *All are invited to sing*

Open Our Eyes
Words and Music by Kevin Keil

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Come and bring light to a peo-ple in dark-ness. Come set us free from the chains we have made. We are your peo-ple, the flock that you tend. Lord, o - pen our eyes once a - gain.____"

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah Thomas

[Allow for a few moments of silence]

All who are able, please stand

Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Adapted from *the Scottish Episcopal Church*

Presider Dear friends in Christ, as we begin the season of Lent we are reminded that, in our Christian lives, we seek to make real the death of Jesus so that God may be glorified in our worship and through our witness in the world.

Saint Paul writes of “carrying around the death of Jesus in our bodies, so that the life of Jesus may be clearly shown in our bodies” (2 Cor 4. 10).

It is through baptism that we die into Christ’s death so that we may share in his resurrection. In beginning our Lenten observance, we are therefore reminded of our baptism, and how Christ’s death on the cross may clearly be shown in our lives.

We now come before God in penitence, reflecting on our life in Christ. We pledge ourselves to observe this season of self-examination, discipline, and self-denial with sincerity, prayer, and reverent reflection on holy Scripture, seeking God’s purpose for us, and modeling our lives on the example of Christ Jesus.

All kneel or sit for a period of silence.

Blessing of the Ashes

Adapted from *the Scottish Episcopal Church*

Presider Almighty God, you have compassion on all your children, and hate nothing you have made; you do not desire the death of sinners, but that they turn from their ways and live. May these ashes be for us, who are redeemed through the cross of Christ, a sign of our death to sin, and the pledge of our life in Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

I invite you to come forward to receive the mark of Christ’s cross, with which we are signed at Baptism, and by which we are forgiven our sins and live to the glory of God.

Imposition of Ashes

*Please come forward for the Imposition of ashes as the ushers guide you.
(If you are unable to come forward, please tell the usher you would like a priest to come to you.)*

Please kneel or be seated

Psalm 51

From *Psalms for Praying*, by Nan Merrill

Leader Have mercy on me, O Gracious One, according to your steadfast love; According to your abundant kindness forgive me where my thoughts and deeds have hurt others.

People **Lead me in the paths of justice, guide my steps on paths of peace.**

Leader Teach me, that I may know my weaknesses, the shortcomings that bind me, the unloving ways that separate me, that keep me from recognizing your Life in me;

People **For, I keep company with fear, and dwell in the house of ignorance. Yes, I was brought forth in love, and love is my birthright.**

Leader You have placed your truth in the inner being; therefore, teach me the wisdom of the heart.

People **Forgive all that binds me in fear, that I might radiate love; cleanse me that your light might shine in me.**

Leader Fill me with gladness; help me to transform weakness into strength. Look not on my past mistakes but on the aspirations of my heart.

People **Create in me a clean heart, O Gracious One, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader Enfold me in the arms of Love, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

People **Restore in me the joy of your saving grace, and encourage me with a new spirit.**

Leader Then I will teach others your ways, and prisoners of fear will return to you.

People **Deliver me from the addictions of society, O Healer of souls, keep me from temptation that I may tell of your justice and mercy.**

Leader O Gracious One, open my lips and my mouth shall sing forth your praise. For you do not want sacrifice; You delight in our friendship with you.

People **A sacrifice most appropriate is a humble spirit; a repentant and contrite heart; O Merciful One, receive our gratitude and love.**

Leader Let the nations turn from war, and encourage one another as good neighbors.

People **O Blessed and Compassionate One, melt our hearts of stone, break through the fears that lead us into darkness, and guide our steps toward the way of peace.**

Litany of Penitence

All **Most holy and merciful God: 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.**

Presider We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider 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.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People **We confess to you.**

Presider Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People **We confess to you.**

Presider Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People **We confess to you.**

Presider Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People **We confess to you.**

Presider Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People **We confess to you.**

Presider Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People **Accept our repentance.**

Presider For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance.**

Presider For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance.**

Presider Restore us, gracious God, and let your anger depart from us:

People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Presider Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

People **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Presider By the cross and passion of your Son Jesus Christ,

People **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The Absolution

Presider Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

All who are able, please stand.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

To donate, make or pay your pledge, scan the QR code, on the right, with your smart phone, or visit trinitysb.org/giving. We also gratefully receive checks in the offertory plate or mailed to the Trinity office at 1500 State St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.



Please stay seated as the offering plates are passed, then stand, as you are able, as the ushers bring forward the offerings of bread, wine, and money to the altar.

Offertory Anthem (at 6pm only)

Crossing the Bar

Rani Arbo (b.1968)

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Offertory Hymn (at 6pm only)

O God, how we have wandered

PASSION CHORALE

(*Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen*)

Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

New Century Hymnal, No. 202

Contemporary Text by Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.



O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face; In fool - ish - ness have
And now, at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do, By faith we are re -
O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored, Com - pas - sion - ate, for -



squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace. But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we
turn - ing with hope and trust in you. In haste you come to meet us, and
giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured. Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our



turn with fear and shame, As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
home re - joic - ing bring, In glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
faith - less - ness may cease. Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

The Great Thanksgiving

Adapted from *Feasting on the Word*

Presider God 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.

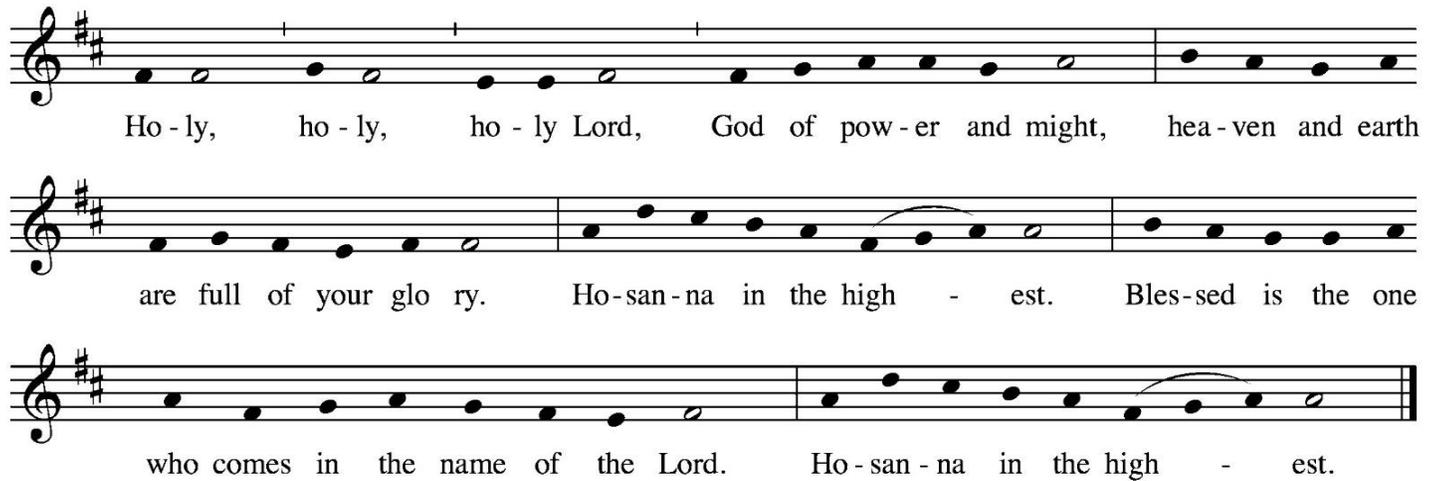
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, it is good, and it is joyful to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle. When there was only darkness, you made light. When we cried out to you from captivity, you claimed us as your own. When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us, sending your prophets to turn us around and renewing your promises with a bow in the sky, the parting of the sea, your own Son. And so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus

Read together at 7:30am and 12:30pm. Sung at 6pm.

David Hurd, *Hymnal 1982*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth
are full of your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you for Jesus—for his teaching and healing, his challenging and feeding, his living and dying and rising, that we might be raised with him, and all the world made new. We thank you that on the night before he died he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying, take, eat—this is my body, broken for you. We thank you for the way he took the cup, the new covenant sealed in his blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you eat and drink, he said, do it in remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and wine, gifts of the good earth, offering ourselves as a living sacrifice dedicated to your service.

**Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here and on these gifts—bread and wine of earth, to body and blood of heaven; our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might be Christ's body to your world. For this world we now pray: end all war, mend your wounded earth, heal those who suffer, comfort those who mourn, and infuse us with your peace that is rooted in what is just. Through the power of your Spirit unite us with Christ and with one another as we work and wait in hope, confident in that day when Christ will come to make all things well and we will feast together at his heavenly table. All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

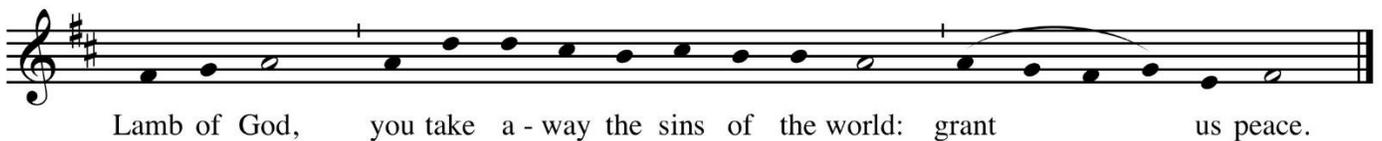
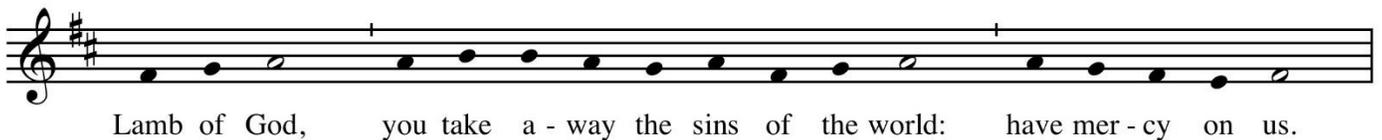
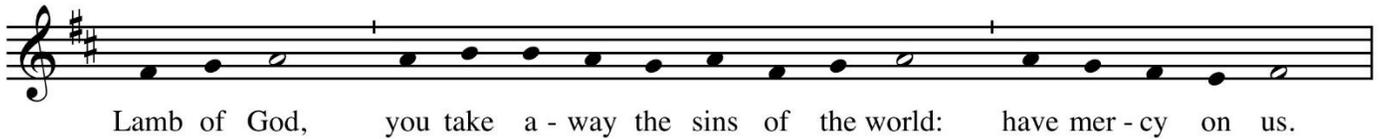
And now let us pray together, in the words Jesus gave his disciples:

**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.**

Fraction - Agnus Dei

Read together at 7:30am and 12:30pm. Sung at 6pm.

David Hurd, *Hymnal 1982*



The Invitation

Presider This is the table of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to know Christ more. So come, you who have little and you who have much; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is God who invites you.

The Holy Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table for communion. Please come forward to receive communion standing in a semi-circle around the altar. You have the option to receive only the bread, or the bread intincted (dipped) into the wine and placed into your hand by the clergy person distributing communion. If you wish to receive only the bread, please say "bread only" as it's your turn to receive. Gluten free wafers are also available.

Regardless of whether you're receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, you will hear the phrases, "the body of Christ, the bread of heaven" and "the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" as communion is offered to you. As the ushers invite your row forward, please come up the center aisle to receive communion, then return to your seat via the side aisle. If you're unable to leave the pew, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, simply cross your arms across your chest; this will signal to the clergy to offer a blessing in lieu of communion.

Communion Anthem (at 6pm only)

The Beatitudes

Philip Stopford (b.1977)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- Matthew 5:3-12

All who are able, please stand

Post Communion Prayer

from John Philip Newell

**To the home of peace,
to the field of love
to the land where forgiveness and right relationship meet
we look, O God,
with longing for earth's children
with compassion for the creatures
with hearts breaking for the nations and people we love.
Open us to visions we have never known
strengthen us for self-givings we have never made
delight us with a oneness we could never have imagined
that we may truly be born of you
makers of peace. Amen.**

The Blessing

from John Philip Newell

May the deep blessings of earth be with us.
May the fathomless soundings of seas surge in our soul.
May boundless stretches of the universe echo in our depths
to open us to wonder
to strengthen us for love
to humble us with gratitude
that we may find ourselves in one another
that we may lose ourselves in gladness
that we give ourselves to peace.
And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
Be with us now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 149 (at 6pm only)

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude (at 6pm only)

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen
(*O world, I now must leave thee*)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

COMPLINE

(/kɒmplɪn/ KOM-plin)
with Story and Sound

Sunday, March 1, 7-8pm

Our storyteller is George Yatchisin, Santa Barbara's poet laureate



The Compline service at Trinity is led by the Rev. Sarah Thomas.

It begins with thirty minutes of rest and reflection through synthesized sound by DJ artist Andrew Elia. Then brewed herbal tea and a conclusion with the opportunity to hear a person share a personal story.

**The Compline service is held in the sanctuary,
transformed with candlelight, blankets, and incense.**

Trinity Episcopal Church

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Lenten Series 2026:

From Woe to Weal and Back Again – Listening to the Heartbeat of the Psalms

Join us at the Saturday Workshop and the Series of Wednesday Evening sessions.

Workshop – Saturday, February 21, 8:30am-1pm

with Vicki Garvey: biblical scholar, church consultant, and lay leader in the Episcopal Church.

Series – Wednesday evenings: February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6:30-8:30pm

The Psalms are the heartbeat of the Hebrew Scriptures: raw, poetic, and startlingly honest.

They give voice to human joy and grief, rage and hope, doubt and deep trust.

In the Psalms, we see that nothing is too messy or too much to bring before God.

Register online through your Realm profile, on the Trinity website under *Upcoming Events*, or on the easel sign-up sheet at coffee hour.

Lenten Daily Devotion Booklet – Pick up in the Narthex or Welcome Table

You're invited to use the *Bread for the Journey* daybook as part of your Lenten practice this year. Over 40 parishioners contributed to writing reflections on the daily scriptures.

Men's Group – Monday, March 2, 4pm

Trinity Men's Group meets on the first Monday of the month in the Trinity Library. After the meeting, anyone who finds it convenient is welcome to gather at Santa Barbara Public Market to share a meal.

Women's Group: *Women at the Well* – Saturday, March 7, 3-4:30pm

The Women at the Well meets monthly in the Youth Group room (enter from Micheltorena Street). An optional dinner at 5pm follows at The Natural Cafe on Hitchcock. Newcomers welcome!

Forum on the La Cobina Shelter Service Trip – Sunday, March 8, 11:30am

Come hear the stories from the Trinity youth group members and parishioners, and members of the Unitarian Society who returned from the recent service trip. This will also be a fundraiser for Border Compassion, the organizers of the trip whose mission is to offer humanitarian aid to families detained at the US/Mexico border.

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