

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

8AM Low Mass | 10AM Holy Mass with Hymns

TRINITY CHURCH

Worship in the Beauty of Holiness ✕ Service and Hospitality in the Name of Christ

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

❖ Please stand and join us in singing the hymns, prayers which reflect on the theological themes of the day and season, and can be found in the blue hymnal in your pew, ordered by the numbers listed in the bulletin below. Service music can be found in the paper booklet in your pew.

THE GREAT LITANY

Ministers enter in silence. All kneel, then stand when priest stands The Solemn Procession then draws us into this holy season of Lent.

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation;

Spare us, good Lord.

From all hardness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy Holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in our hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all humankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the Congress, the Supreme Court, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy Holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace ✕,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it many please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: 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.**

All may be seated.

FIRST READING

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

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 32 Beati quorum

- 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.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Now let us all with one accord* Hymn 147

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrant: **¶** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: **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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All may be seated.

HOMILY

Fr. Raul, Rector

All stand.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

PRAYER BIDDINGS

❖ **The Church:** Pray for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury, for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop, and *Carlye*, our Bishop, and for all the Anglican Communion. Pray for *Leo*, Bishop of Rome, and our siblings in the Roman Church. Pray for *Bartholomew*, Patriarch of Constantinople, and our siblings in the Orthodox Churches. Pray for all of Christ's Holy Catholic Church. Pray for our Parish, our Wardens and Vestry, for *Gia*, our Director of Music, *Karen*, our Treasurer, *Lana*, our Administrator, and *Laura*, our Sexton, for all who serve and minister here and for all who come to this place to seek God. Pray for God's help as we seek to spread his Gospel, grow his Church, and serve him in our various ministries. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of Ireland; Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for House of Prayer in Newark. In a special way, let us hold in prayer the Diocese of Jerusalem & the Middle East and our Christian siblings in the Holy Land, Nigeria, and in every place where Christ's Church is persecuted.

❖ **The Nation & the World:** Pray for *Donald*, President of the United States, for the Congress, and for the Supreme Court, for *Mikie* our Governor, and *Amy* our Mayor. Pray for peace and justice in our Nation, and for the relief of all who are vulnerable and afraid, for the hungry, the poor, and the captive. Pray for all who have died by State violence or in detention. Pray for the peoples and nations of the world, especially for peace in Ukraine, Nigeria, Iran, and the Middle East. Pray for the people of Palestine and for an end to this and all genocide. Pray for an end to all violence and war, that all peoples and nations may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM III)

Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Ed, Carol, Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich, Bruce, Marilyn, Wayne, Joe, Nancy, Maria, and Donna;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all service members, including Nick, Jason, Elizabeth, Quintin and Matt, and canines that are serving in this country's armed services.

That they may be shielded and guided, and safely brought home.

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication to you, lifting up our petitions and praises either silently or aloud. *A brief pause is held for the offering of prayers.*

Give to the departed eternal rest ;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Celebrant concludes:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, and especially on this parish. As we prepare for a time of change, remind us that you are the Shepherd who ever watches over his flock. Bless our Vestry and Leadership with clarity of mind and unity of spirit as they discern the path ahead. Quiet our anxieties, strengthen our faith, and help us to trust that you are already at work among us. May we walk this next leg of our journey not with trepidation, but united and emboldened in the certainty of your abiding love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All kneel for the confession.

CONFSSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: *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*

Celebrant:  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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.**

All stand after the absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

All may share with one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymn 448

During the offertory hymn, you are invited to bring forward your offering for the support of Christ's Holy Church and place it in the plate in front of the altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him to died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (*found in service music booklet*).

All kneel as the Celebrant continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said "TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People & Celebrant: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host and, after a moment of silence, continues,

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI (found in service music booklet).

The Celebrant says the following invitation:

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

ꝝ *All baptized Christians, regardless of their church affiliation, status, or standing, are invited to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood.*

ꝝ *If you do not wish to or are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament,
you are welcome and invited to participate, regardless of denomination or religion,
by coming forward with your arms crossed over your chest in order to indicate
that you would like to receive a blessing from the Priest.*

*You are always very welcome to inquire about
receiving the Sacrament of Baptism.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people may kneel.

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

*Almighty and everliving 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 LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: *Thanks be to God!*

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

Go forward, Christian soldier

Hymn 563

POSTLUDE

After the closing hymn, our Director of Music will offer a musical voluntary for the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting will take place Sunday March 1 after the 10am service.

Compassionate Outreach

St. Paul's Men's Shelter- The 2026 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul's Men's Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important part of our outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. You can also call and leave a message or email Lana with your requested date, or contact Donna Speizer.

Joyful Fellowship

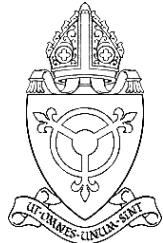
Coffee Hour - The signup sheet for February is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! We would love some new people to join our Coffee Hour Hosts for 2026. Anyone needing guidance or just a refresher, let me know and I'll be happy to help you. Thank you.....Janet Zacco

The Community Thrift Shop

The Shop continues to be open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only, from 9:00 am to 12: noon. Donations should be in two large, white kitchen bags or two boxes marked with Trinity's acct. #66. Any questions, contact Janet Zacco

Save the Date

Spring Tea – Saturday May 9



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