



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROGRESSIVE ✕ INCLUSIVE ✕ CREATIVE ✕ DOWNTOWN



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 1ST, 2026

10:00 am

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

offered by Nate Leonard

WELCOME

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

OPENING HYMN *(All rise.)*

God Loved the World

The New Century Hymnal #208

1 God loved the world, and lov - ing gave
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,
3 If you are sick, if death is near,
4 Be of good cheer, for God in Christ

a won - drous gift, the lost to save,
who was made flesh and suf - fered death;
this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer;
for - gives the flock, by sin en - ticed,

That all who would in Christ be - lieve
All who con - fide in Christ a - lone
Christ Je - sus saves us all from death;
And jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,

should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive,
are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
that is the firm - est ground of faith.
your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE TWO

Presider Bless be God, who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Presider 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*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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.**

Presider Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

The Hymnal 1982 #5-100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TRINITY KIDS INVITATION *(Please be seated.)*

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

The Anglican Psalter



- A 1 I lift up my¹ eyes to ^{the} hills; *
- B from¹ where is my¹ help to¹ come?
- C 2 My help¹ comes from ^{the} LORD, *
- D the¹ maker of¹ heaven and¹ earth.

- A 3 He will not let your¹foot be¹moved *
- B and he who watches over you¹will not¹fall a¹sleep.
- C 4 Behold, he who keeps¹watch ^{over}Israel *
- D shall¹neither¹slumber nor¹sleep;
- A 5 The LORD himself¹watches¹over you; *
- B the LORD is your¹shade at¹your right¹hand.
- C 6 So that the sun shall not¹strike you by¹day, *
- D —¹nor the¹moon by¹night.
- A 7 The LORD shall preserve you from¹äll¹evil; *
- B it is¹he who shall¹keep you¹safe.
- C 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your¹coming¹in, *
- D from this time¹forth for¹ever¹more.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sung four times.

***I send my hope
I send my prayer
I send my strength to those
resisting everywhere***

***May you stand tall
May you stay true
May you walk forward towards
the work you're called to do***

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

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

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

sermon

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

THE NICENE CREED *(Please rise.)*

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,
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

Adapted from *A Queer Lectionary*
Embracing Love and Redemption: "A Journey Through Temptation"
by The Rev. Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs
Compiled by Trinity Episcopal Church
Featuring "Prayer" from GHOST QUARTET written by Dave Malloy

Intercessor

During this season of Lent, we reflect on Jesus's forty days of fasting in the desert, facing temptation yet remaining grounded in your love. We long for communities that sustain and nurture us, guiding us in love rather than judgment. Life presents us with challenges and temptations, striving to divert us from recognizing our inherent worthiness and separating us from your divine narrative. In our busy

lives, we encounter many temptations - consumerism, productivity, addictions, apathy, and the ways we sacrifice your gift of joy. Today, we name some of these moments of misstep and use them as an opportunity to reflect, forgive, and pray for a brighter future using your love as our guide.

We reflect on moments when the dignity of others was ignored.

- For every time someone was misgendered and no one spoke up
 - For ignoring humanity on the street corner
 - For remaining silent when we witnessed pain
 - For allowing our privilege to guard our complacency
 - For the moments we now name (*a moment of pause is observed*)
- *I will try to forgive myself
for living in the dark*
 - *for my loss of wonder*
 - *for forgetting how to play*

Compassionate One:

Guide us forward in love.

We reflect on times we have worked against the stewardship of the world:

- For the ways in which we have wasted and polluted your precious gift of creation
 - For the ways we've been seduced by convenience without consideration of consequence
 - For not speaking out against injustice
 - For failing to protest or speak up in whatever way we could have
 - For using "not knowing what to say" as an excuse to not be present
 - For the moments we now name (*a moment of pause is observed*)
- *I will try to forgive myself
for being absent in public*
 - *and bored before stars*

Compassionate One:

Guide us forward in love.

We reflect on missteps in our interpersonal relationships in divine communities:

- For not reaching out to others
 - For broken promises to loved ones
 - For every bid of connection refused out of spite or inconvenience
 - For reactions fueled by overstimulation
 - For assuming before clarifying
 - For the moments we now name (*a moment of pause is observed*)
- *for not remembering*
 - *for not being in my body*
 - *for not starting right now*

Compassionate One:
Guide us forward in love.

Loving creator, we pray for forgiveness for sins against our own dignity:

- For every time worry displaced faith
- For letting honorable but ill-considered aspirations sabotage us
- For every internal standard for success set so high it excluded you
- For the ways in which we've betrayed our bodies
- For using others' weaknesses to bolster our egos
- For the moments we now name (*a moment of pause is observed*)

- *I will try*
- *to see myself as I am*

Compassionate One:
Guide us forward in love.

We thank you, God, for strength and courage in the face of temptation, that we may stay true to our authentic selves, and grow in our spiritual journeys. Let us find healing in the wilderness and emerge renewed, transformed, and ready to live lives that reflect your love and grace. Allow us to realign ourselves with our values and to remember who we are and whose we are. May we embrace our humanity and extend compassion and understanding to others. May we find healing and wholeness, emerging from this holy season ready to embrace the fullness of life you offer us. We will try.

In your loving name we pray, **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

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OFFERTORY

God so loved the World
(Trinity Choir)

John Stainer

This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost
 light and life re - store; then let all praise be
 giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er - more.

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

Eucharistic Prayer

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Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

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

The Presider continues...

It is truly right to glorify you, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982 S #124

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.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We acclaim you, Holy One, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Creator of all, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your beloved child to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for the One who died and rose for us, Christ sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete God's work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the 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 after giving 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."

Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming the resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Christ our God.

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.

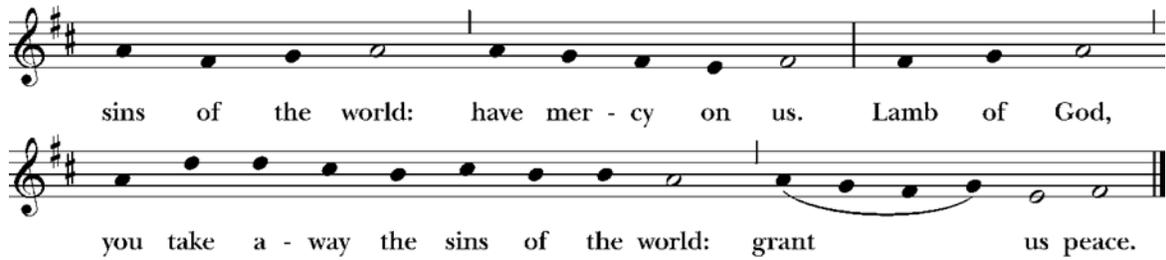
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Hymnal 1982 #S-161

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and a gluten free option. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we offer only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMN

Just as I am

The New Century Hymnal #207



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken
 blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and
 vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

1 Un - to the hills we lift our long - ing eyes with yearn - ing sighs.
 2 God will not let our ser - vant feet be moved; safe we will be.
 3 God is our keep - er, change - less through the years, a shel - ter strong.
 4 From ev - ery e - vil, God will keep our lives, from ev - ery sin.

Who will pro - vide the help we sore - ly need? Who hears our cries?
 God will sup - ply, for all our nights and days, se - cu - ri - ty.
 God is our shade, pro - tect - ing ev - ery hand, through a - ges long.
 God will pre - serve and guard our go - ing out, our com - ing in.

From our Cre - a - tor comes our cer - tain aid.
 God does not sleep when we are tak - ing rest.
 Sun will not strike or harm through - out the day,
 Ev - er a - round, with - in, we will a - dore

Our help is from our God, who all things made.
 God's cov - e - nant en - dures through ev - ery test.
 Nor moon by night, those liv - ing by God's way.
 our God who holds and guides for - ev - er - more.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of our Savior, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Bow down before God.

Priest Keep this your family, God, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

The New Century Hymnal #198

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim; Let

all a-dore and praise that sa-cred name. *Last time, end*

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, the
2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
3 O Christ, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de-spair may cease, be-
5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

Lamb vic-tor-ious, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
neath the shad-ow of its heal-ing peace.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry. *to Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Deacon The season of preparation has begun. Go forth from this place to listen to God, to serve the world, and to see Christ in one another.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PROGRESSIVE INCLUSIVE CREATIVE DOWNTOWN



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