



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*March 1, 2026 9am*

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. Thank you for joining our community in worship today.

If you are interested in baptism or wish to become a member of the parish, please speak to a member of the staff. We would be delighted to have you join our family. If you are not yet an Episcopalian, please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance during the worship service.

Visitors, please sign the guest book.

### **HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II A Penitential Order**

The entire text for the Eucharist may be found in the **Book of Common Prayer**.

The Word of God - pages 351-358

Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer C – page 369

The Breaking of the Bread and Post-Communion Prayer - pages 364-365

The hymns with numbers are found in the **Hymnal 1982**

*In respect for those desiring private centering and prayer, please observe silence prior to the liturgy.*



## ENTRANCE RITE

**Voluntary**

Sonata No. 1 in C Minor: Adagio  
Guy Stephens, *oboe*

*George Frideric Handel*

*Silent Procession*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel; The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:29-31*

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*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:14, 16*

### The Confession of Sin

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

*Celebrant and People*

**M**OST 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 your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

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.

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

**Psalm 121** *said responsively*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the LORD, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
**the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

**The Second Lesson**

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*People*



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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**The Holy Gospel** *All standing**John 3:1-17**Celebrant*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**W**E 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.

## The Prayers of the People: Form II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Paula; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may add petitions or the thanksgivings*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*

*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The minister and people greet one another.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory**

Gabriel's Oboe  
Guy Stephens, oboe

*Ennio Morricone*

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en 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.

*The People stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

## Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

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

**O**UR 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.

## Agnus Dei S 164

*Franz Schubert*



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,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people will be instructed how they will be receiving the Sacrament.*

## Communion

God So Loved the World

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

*John 3 vv. 16, 17*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**E**TERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

Brothers and Sisters, remember that life is short, and we have little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with us now and always. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn 359

God of the Prophets

TOULON

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
\*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
 2 need their quick-ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
 3 roy - al priest-hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
 4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
 5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
 2 el - o - quent for right-eous-ness that shall all e - vil break.  
 3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
 4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
 5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

Words: St. 1-2 and 4-5, Denis Wortman (1835-1922), alt.; st. 3, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
 Music: *Toulon*, melody from *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, abridged;  
 harm. Charles Windred Douglas (1867-1944)

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Sonata No. 1 in C Minor: Adagio  
 Guy Stephens, *oboe*

*George Frideric Handel*

***The people depart in silence.***

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**TODAY'S MUSIC *God of the Prophets*** This text, which is a reworking for the *Hymnal 1982* of a text that first appeared in the *Hymnal* in 1892. It continued in the *Hymnal 1940* with the tune TOULON, and abridged form of the Genevan psalter tune OLD 124<sup>TH</sup>.

✠ This week we pray for ✠

**Our parish friends in need:** Jeff, Alex, Janet, Joy, Joslyn, Cindy, Joyce, Dustin, Bill, Kira, Bernice, Denise, Jean, Dorothy, Kaylyn, Kristen, Lillian, Judy, Marilyn, Talia, Roy, Rose, Ian, Doris, Chris, Michelle, Ed, Erick, Lily, Desmond, Alton, Chris V., Patti M., Linda, Sarah, Chris, Brian, Michael, Alison, Tim, Cheryl, George, Dick, Gale, Malcolm, Signe, Nate, Devon, Katie, Mary, Maggie, Bud, Cathie, Mike, Chris, Sue, Daniel, Jared, Marrianna, Sandy, Cathy, Ken, Sasha, Cecilia, Anthony, Andrea, Robert, Inga, Gary, Otto, Chaney, Julian, Bobbie, Mary Ellen, Marilou, Tom M., Eileen, Chireen, David, Debbie, Bernie, Nigel, Barb G., Rita, Terry, Matthew, Amy K., Al, Rob, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Rainer, Don, Virg, Kim, Kris, Connor, Anne, Bob, Phyllis, Ella, Talon, Taylor, Linda J, Ty, Roberta, Paul, Dick, June, Bruce, Charles, Charlene, Greg, Lynn, Phil, Gloria, Jörg, Lauren, Leo, & Rodney.

✠ The Flowers are given to the Glory of God ✠

There are bare branches in place of flowers for the Season of Lent.

✠ The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God ✠

In Loving Memory of Michael Harris

**Birthdays and Anniversaries this week**

Douglas Tucker, Karen Dolan, Elizabeth Savage

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.*

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP ONLINE @ ZOOM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3889192038>

**OR JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @ TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AURORA, IL GROUP**

MORNING PRAYER 9AM – EVENING PRAYER 7PM

MONDAY-THURSDAY

**Flower Charts** 2026 Flower Charts are located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if there are special dates which you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. (Suggested donation for flowers is \$40.)

**Sanctuary Candle** 2026 Sanctuary Candle Sign-Up is now available. Please contact Fr. Denzil if there are special dates which you would like to have the candle lit in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary, or other important event. Donation for the candle is \$5.



‡ SERVING TODAY ‡

Serving: Mariann Evans  
Lector – Lesson 1: Lisa Luckritz  
Lector – Lesson 2: John Heath  
Intercessor: John Heath  
Ushers: Dick & Gale Blogg  
Malcolm Blogg

‡ SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ‡

Serving: Linda Barber  
Lector – Lesson 1: Cathie Patterson  
Lector – Lesson 2: Linda Barber  
Intercessor: Linda Barber  
Ushers: Dick & Gale Blogg  
Malcolm Blogg



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The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz, *Priest-in-Charge*  
Gregory Gyllsdorff, FAGO, ChM, *Director of Music and Organist*

**Vestry**

Guy Stephens, *Sr. Warden*; Marilou Clohessy, *Jr. Warden*; Thomas Herget, *Treasurer*;  
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Cecilia Seabrook, Douglas Tucker