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**The First Sunday In Lent
February 22, 2026**

Lenten Worship Schedule
Rite I—8:00 am & 10:30 am

God of all mercy, you love all that you have made.
You forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry.
Create and make in us clean hearts, that we, humbly
confessing our sins and knowing our brokenness,
may receive forgiveness and blessing; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

10:30 A.M.— RITE I

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Sanctus

Hector Berlioz

Episcopal Rite 1 History & Theology

With its more penitential tone, the Rite 1 liturgy is consistent with and complements the penitential nature of the 40-day Lenten season of the church year. The Episcopal Church's Rite 1 liturgy, rooted in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, reflects the language, piety and theology of the Elizabethan era. The current liturgical form is a carryover from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and is adapted from earlier versions, including those compiled by Thomas Cranmer for the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. The Rite 1 liturgy is designed to be a faithful representation of the original liturgical texts, maintaining the core vocabulary and phrasing that are difficult to modify without damaging the sound and lyricism of the rite. While maintaining the language, tone and penitential nature of the original Anglican liturgy, the structure of these liturgies also reflects the influence of modern liturgical scholarship. Although the structure of Rite 1 and Rite 2 liturgies are essentially the same, the options and requirements of the rites differ in certain respects.

OPENING HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymnal 1982 #449



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth forever.

DECALOGUE

Celebrant: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor thy father and thy mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Trinity is to be a visible and vibrant body of Christ open and welcoming to all. We are committed by our faith in God to nurture each other on our lifelong journey of discernment, and to be dedicated to healing, witness and service so that all may discover a deeper relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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

From the Hebrew Bible we hear the story of the creation of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden and their disobedience and consequent loss of innocence. Tempted by the serpent, first the woman and then the man eat from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story expresses the understanding that human beings are the crown of God's creation, and yet there is something tragically wrong with them. From later Christian perspective, however, this transgression is seen as part of God's greater plan for the maturity and salvation of humanity. The free choice of disobedience and the learning of good and evil will, through redemption, make possible a more profound relationship with God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A psalm of thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin.

Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse

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| <p>1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!</p> <p>2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!</p> <p>3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.</p> <p>4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.</p> <p>5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.</p> <p>6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.</p> <p>9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.</p> <p>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."</p> <p>11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.</p> <p>12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.</p> |
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FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 5:12-19

In this lesson Paul tells how the history of human sinfulness and death has been transformed by the free gift of Jesus Christ. The act of disobedience of the one person, Adam, began the reign of sin and death. This was later compounded by the role of law which, by instructing people not to sin, actually caused trespassing to abound. But now the righteousness and obedience of the one man Jesus Christ means acquittal and new life for all.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Hymnal 1982 #559

Verses 1-2 before the gospel; verse 3 after the gospel.

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with
pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,
for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,
ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Our gospel is the story of the temptations of Jesus by the devil. After his baptism Jesus is led into the wilderness and confronted with temptations which are inescapable in his ministry. He might seek to show that he is the Son of God by satisfying material needs or wielding miraculous power. Or he could seek to control allegiance through the pomp and might of a worldly kingship. But Jesus' obedience is God's way for him.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to 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.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Sr. Sarah Margaret, SSM

THE 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 FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Heavenly God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Accept and fulfill our petitions, as we pray in Christ's name, saying: "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Reader: We offer prayer for the Christian Church, here and in every place. May your people, O God, remain receptive to your Spirit, even when hard-pressed by fears and doubts of many kinds. Keep us all in the one communion of saints, companions on the pilgrim's way. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Daniel; our Rector, Keith; and all members of your Church. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer prayer for the world's leaders, especially those who lead this nation; may they seek peace, justice and liberty for all whom they serve. Give us strength and courage, O God, to act and speak out on behalf of those who have no voice. Help us to recognize the resources that we have to oppose injustice, particularly those who represent us in government, and give us the will to act. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer prayer for the pain we see daily in the world. Help us to keep our hearts tender, sensitive to the pain and sorrow of others. Touch our hearts with your Spirit, so that we may become like you, O God of mercy. Give us grace, that we may reveal you in all our speech and all our actions. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer prayer for the concerns of this community. Help us to encourage and support one another and teach us to appreciate simple faith and youthful enthusiasm. May the boldness of others inspire us to act on your behalf. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer prayer for those who face violence or family upheaval; for those injured or bereaved by sudden disaster; for those whose struggle is not against outward circumstances but against disappointment, envy, frustrated ambition, or lack of security and love. We pray for those who are ill and for those who suffer, especially those named in our parish prayer list and those remembered in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for friends and families near and far, and for all the blessings of this life. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for your victory over death, and we gladly remember those who have gone before, who stood by us, who cheered us by their sympathy and strengthened us by their example. We pray for those who have died. Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet each other in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆THE HOLY COMMUNION◆

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

O Lord Most Holy
Jeff Swafford, Soloist

Cesar Franck

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - RITE I, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Almighty and everlasting Father, who hast given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we beseech thee, with his grace and presence, the laity here assembled in thy Name, that thy Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son, Jesus Christ

to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Lamb of God, thou who takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, thou who takest away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, thou who takest away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us peace.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

THE INVITATION

Celebrant: 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.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (Non-gluten wafers can be requested at Altar Rail.)

COMMUNION HYMN

Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness

Hymnal 1982 #339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -
splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;
un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how
won-drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost
reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Eucharist Visitors, if any, are sent forth.

THE SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation here gathered I send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body as we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let Us Pray

People: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen**

BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

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

CLOSING HYMN

The Glory Of These Forty Days

Hymnal 1982 #143



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God who gave the law; and
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered from the li - on's might, and
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our
 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who



1 Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 John, the Bride-groom's friend be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 spi - rits strength - en with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Walker Baylor

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

We welcome Sr. Sarah as our celebrant and preacher this morning. She is a Sister of The Society of St. Margaret and visits us from the convent in Duxbury, MA, south of Boston. Join us in the Parish Hall for brunch in her honor.

Today's service may be viewed online at this link :

<https://control.resi.io/webplayer/video.html?id=d3757aa0-a10f-400e-b412-9a73ce5baaac>

Or by going to www.holytrinitywc.org



Visitors are invited to sign the guest book located on the table in the Narthex.

The Password for our Open Network is: holytrinity

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild		Von Deleath Kersey, Ann Fuller, Rosemary Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 am	Ed Ferrara
	10:30 am	Bill McKay
Readers / Prayers	8:00 am	Jennifer Seaver
	10:30 am	Cathy Stout
Counters	10:30 am	Greg Robino, Mark Lauritsen
Ushers & Greeters	10:30 am	Mike and Mary Forbes

In Need of Our Prayers: The people of Afghanistan, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Minneapolis
Continuing Need for Prayers: Dennis, LJ, Godbout family, Charles, Steven, Clifford, Sue, Ann, Sarah Lee, Dennis, Dottie, Linda, Tina, Louise, June, Sisan, Lee, Reggie, Ed, Cheryl

PARISH TIMELINE

What is the history of Holy Trinity?

What is **YOUR** history with Holy Trinity?

In preparation for the rector search, both are important!

Stop in the Parish Hall to see the timeline of important parish events in the life of Holy Trinity. And be sure to add your own important notations to the timeline - when you began attending Holy Trinity; baptisms, marriages and burials; memories, tales or stories . . . Post-It notes will be available for you to include your own and your family's events.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE

**All Annual Reports must be in the office
No later than by the end of day
Tuesday, February 24th.**

All reports must be in MS Word format.



MIDWEEK HEALING SERVICES

Each Wednesday, we will gather in the Ascension Chapel at 10:00am. Anointing and laying on of hands will be offered for those who wish, and the service will conclude with Holy Eucharist. These services are open to all. You are invited to come, seeking personal healing, or bring your intentions for others, our community, or the world.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY & BOOK DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAYS: February 25 – March 25

11:00am-12:30pm & 7:00-8:30pm

Join us as we take an in-depth look at Jesus' final day from the scriptural accounts as recorded in the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In addition to the scripture study, we will also discuss the book *Passion*, by **Mike McKinley** (Publisher: The Good Book Company; 2013).

The subtitle of this interesting, insightful, short book is: *How Christ's Final Day Changes Your Every Day*. From the book jacket . . .

- ◇ The cross of Jesus is the center of human history, and the center of the Christian faith. And *so* it should dominate our view of ourselves, our future . . . and our present.
- ◇ But does it? And how should it? Mike McKinley follows Luke's Gospel as it recounts the final day of Jesus Christ's life on earth. See the hope and the anguish; the joy and the pain; the treachery, desertion, torture and the final heartbreaking, life-bringing death.
- ◇ Whether you are exploring Christianity, a new Christian, or have followed Jesus for years, discover how Christ's Passion changes your heart and challenges your life, transforming not only your last day, but your *every* day.

The book can be purchased on Amazon, The Good Book Company, or other booksellers. Please purchase the book and read the Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 9-25) before attending the first class on February 25th.

** Palm Sunday is March 29, followed by Holy Week, and Easter Day on April 5th. Schedule of services and more detailed information will follow.*

RITE I WILL BE OUR LITURGICAL FORM FOR THE LENTEN SEASON.

During the 40 days of Lent, we mark the most penitential liturgical season of the Church year. The focus for this season encourages us to embrace the practices of almsgiving, fasting, scripture study, and repentance. The Rite I liturgy, with its historical roots in the older language form and reflecting the penitential theology of the first Book of Common Prayer (1549), is an appropriate choice for our worship during Lent. At both services throughout the Sundays of Lent, this more traditional form will be used.

IN HONOR OF FEBRUARY BEING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DID YOU KNOW . . .

In July 1921, The Rev. Henry L. Phillips, Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, started work with members of Holy Trinity and other groups within the diocese to establish an Episcopal mission for African-Americans in West Chester. On March 31, 1922, the entire congregation was confirmed and the new parish, named The Church of the Ascension, began to hold Sunday services in a local restaurant. Shortly thereafter, the congregation began to meet at 119 E Barnard St, then moved to a larger room at 328 W Gay St.

In 1940, the Diocese provided funds to buy the lot at 236 E Gay St and renovate the building to create a first-floor chapel and second-floor parish hall. In 1949, a new church building was erected at the same address. Average Sunday attendance was 40 worshipers. Priests serving the Ascension mission also provided services for other African-American missions in Chester and Coatesville, as well as Cheyney State College (now Cheyney University).

In January 1963, The Rev K Anthony, Rector of Holy Trinity, a primarily white congregation, reported to the vestry that The Rev C Cowan, departing Vicar of Ascension, recommended to the bishop that Ascension be closed. By resolution, the vestry affirmed they would welcome any Ascension communicants. Representatives of the two congregations met to discuss the matter, and for the next three years the churches remained two independent congregations. On June 13, 1966, Holy Trinity's vestry received word that a resolution, recommended by Bishop R DeWitt, was passed by the diocese to close Ascension, effectively "merging" the two congregations. This action was "to take place with all due speed." On June 19, just six days later, the merger occurred. Ascension's Vicar, The Rev. W Hill joined Holy Trinity's staff, and two Ascension vestry members were added to the Holy Trinity vestry. Ascension was closed and the building sold.

In 1971, Holy Trinity's chapel was renamed as Chapel of the Ascension in recognition of the former parish.

Recently, portraits of the Vicars who served Church of the Ascension during its 45 years of worship and ministry have been gathered and displayed in Holy Trinity's St. Andrew's Room.

HOSPITALIZATION REMINDER

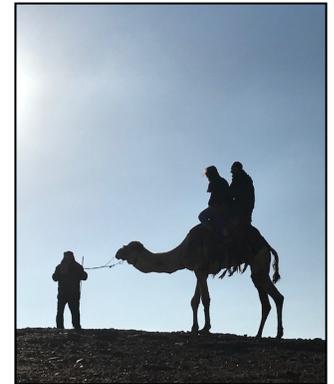


It is very important to notify the clergy when you or a family member are in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to give the church that information. We are not able to call the hospital to ask if there are Episcopalians listed. We want to be able to respond to your pastoral needs. Please notify us at 610-696-4640 so that we know when you are in the hospital. Thank you.

**PILGRIMAGES WITH FATHER KEITH . . .
DEADLINES APPROACHING . . .**

Happy New Year! Hope you and all whom you know enjoyed a blessed Christmas season! And are poised for a happy, healthy, and hopeful 2026! May this be the year when God's peace, grace, mercy, and love erupts around the world and in every heart!

SPIRITED PILGRIMAGES, my new endeavor to provide "quality travel for people of faith", has been up and running for a few months and I am thrilled to announce that people have begun making reservations for this year's pilgrimages scheduled for this coming autumn. Please be sure to check out the itineraries and information contained in the website: spiritedpilgrimages.com



There you will find details about the two planned travel offerings . . .

- The first is a repeat of the **CELTIC CHRISTIANITY** pilgrimage I led two years ago, with some tweaks to improve the experience based on comments and suggestions from the pilgrims who traveled with me. Traveling through Ireland, Scotland, and northern England, we trace the introduction of the Christian faith by St. Patrick, follow its spread by the monks and missionaries throughout the Celtic kingdoms of the British Isles, until the beginning of its demise a few centuries later at the Council of Whitby. (Dates: October 12-24, 2026; cost: \$7,450 double occupancy)
- The other pilgrimage is a new itinerary - **THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL**. Traveling by air, land and sea, visiting sites in Turkey and Greece, we will explore the routes and locales that St. Paul visited in his missionary journeys to spread the Gospel - Athens, Ephesus, Patmos, Corinth, and more - with additional stops in the beautiful islands of Crete and Santorini. (Dates: September 9-19, 2026; cost: \$7,125 double occupancy)

The costs for these unique travel experiences are all-inclusive: round-trip international airfare, ground and ocean transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, knowledgeable guides and site fees, even guide and driver tips are included. That means you need only bring money for lunches, souvenirs and drinks! And the size of the group is purposefully kept small to provide a more personal and intimate experience.

AND NOW AN URGENT APPEAL: The deadlines for these pilgrimages are quickly approaching: Celtic Christianity - February 28; Footsteps of Paul - February 28. Both trips have spaces still available. If you have been thinking of joining us but haven't reserved your spot, I encourage you to do so. And if you know of other family or friends who might be interested in coming along, please encourage them to check out the website and consider reserving their space. Both pilgrimages promise to be meaningful experiences, and I am hoping to fill the necessary number of spots required to finalize the booking of these tours.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me and I will reply promptly. I look forward to having you join me on a **SPIRITED PILGRIMAGE!**

Grace, peace, blessings! And safe travels!

PARISH NEWS

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2/22

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Family Formation Gathering
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist

MONDAY 2/23

- 10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
- 10:30am Sarah's Circle
- 10:30am Trinity Stitchers17

TUESDAY 2/24

- 10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
- 10:00am Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY 2/25

- 9:00am - 3:00pm Office Open
- 10:00am Healing Service
- 11:00am-12:30pm Scripture Study/Book Group
- 1:00pm Act Now, Community Cupboard
- 7:00pm-8:30pm Scripture Study/Book Group

THURSDAY 2/26

- 9:00am - 3:00pm Office Open
- 10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
- 11:00am—2:00pm Trinity Treasures
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 2/27

- 9:00am - 3:00pm Office
- 10:00am-3:30pm Trinity Treasures
- 3:00pm Friday Night Supper

SATURDAY 2/28

- 11:00am-2:00pm Trinity Treasures
- 3:00pm Louise Highberger Funeral

SUNDAY 3/1

- 10:00am Annual Meeting & Holy Eucharist

PRAYER SUPPORT



A small group of your fellow parishioners want to pray for you or a loved one! This dedicated group of “prayers” would very much like to offer daily prayers on your behalf. All you have to do is make a request.

This has been an active Holy Trinity Ministry for almost 28 years! When you make a request to this group, **all information remains confidential and unpublished.** Any and all requests from the church community are welcome. Requests may include prayers for you or your loved ones, including close friends. To make a request, please call, text or email Cathy Stout at 610-506-4579 (leave voicemail please!)

cathy.stout@verizon.net.



Family Formation studies the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

At the Sunday morning Family Gatherings, the families are reading about the early church and how the CHURCH is really the PEOPLE of GOD following the words that Jesus taught. Everyone made a small church building out of a tiny envelope, and then everyone made a popsicle stick person to represent themselves. Because, although we love the building at 212 S. High Street, it is the PEOPLE who leave and love one another each day that are truly the CHURCH!



The children did an experiment with eggs and salt water as a real-life example from ACTS 5 and the words of Gamaliel. He had cautioned the council to not stop the apostles from preaching about Jesus in the temple. *"If these men are doing this on their own, they will fail. But if what they are doing comes from GOD, you will not be able to stop it."*

In our experiment if the egg floated it proved that the water was full of SALT, and therefore was "of God."



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and was founded in 1835.

Visitors wishing to become a part of our common life are encouraged to speak to the clergy or phone the parish office.



Parish Office Hours are Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Church Office: 610-696-4640

Pastoral Care: 610-696-4641

Email: office@holytrinitywc.org

Web: holytrinitywc.org

TRINITY TREASURES

Trinity Treasure is growing! Business has increased that we are opened Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week.

We are accepting the following donations:

Pocket books/wallets

Jewelry

Women's dress pants (all sizes)

Women's 2X-3X sweaters

Men's dress shirts (14-15.5 only)

Men's long sleeve shirts all sizes

If you are interested in volunteering each month, Thursday from 11:00 am-2:00 pm ; or Friday 10:00 am to 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; or Saturday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm please contact Bella Crossen at trinitytreasures@holytrinitywc.org.



See our website or contact the church office, for ministry descriptions and contact information.

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 Joe Karas (2027)..... Accounting Warden
 Karen Shampatore (2027).....Clerk
 Chris Thompson (2028)
 Lisa Lauritsen (2026)
 Jay Davidson (2027)
 Adam Bozarth (2026)
 Greg Robino (2027)
 Jane Brigman (2028)

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