

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 A.M.



**you
know
the
weaknesses
of
each
of
us**

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Good Morning
Whether this is your first time at Trinity, your first time in a long time, or if you're here every Sunday, we are delighted that you are worshipping with us this morning.

WELCOME

If you are new to Trinity, we hope you will introduce yourself and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the Church. Restrooms are in two places. Exit through the rear doors of the Sanctuary and go to your right. The white doors on your left are the restrooms. Restrooms can also be found if you exit the door at the front right of the Sanctuary and go down the hall toward the exit to the parking lot. The restrooms are on your right once you pass the fireplace.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Most of the worship service is printed in this leaflet. Music that is not printed in the leaflet can be found in *The Hymnal 1982* (the red book on the shelf under the chair in front of you) or *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (the red, black, and green book found on a cart at each entrance). We stand, if able, for the hymns and stand or kneel, according to one's tradition, for prayer.

NAMETAGS

We are delighted to welcome you at Trinity. To make it easier for us to get to know each other, we ask everyone to wear a nametag. If you do not have a reusable nametag, please use the stickers and markers available at each entrance. If you would like to have a reusable nametag made for you, please print your name on the clipboard next to the trays of reusable nametags. We will make every effort to have your nametag ready for you on the following Sunday.

KIDS IN CHURCH

If you need to step out of the service with your infant or toddler and are in search of a quiet space to spend a few moments, the parent room (at the end of the North Narthex past the door to the Memorial Garden) is open during the service. There is no childcare attendant, so all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Private intercessory prayer is available with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team in the side aisle while Communion is being distributed at the service. Additionally, there are Prayer Jars at each entrance to the Sanctuary where you can share prayer requests that will be prayed over for the next month.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our church offers assistive listening devices for individuals with hearing difficulties. These devices allow them to receive amplified sound directly through their compatible hearing aids. If you need assistance using an assistive listening device, please see a church usher.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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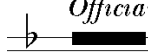
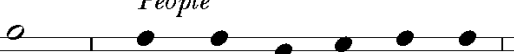
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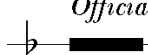

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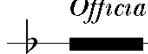
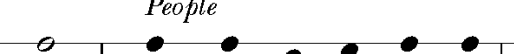
Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV. 721 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
"Have mercy on me, Lord my God"

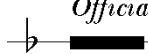

Please stand


THE GREAT LITANY

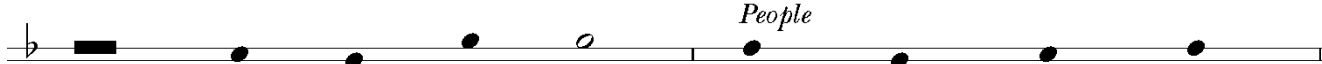
Officiant  *People* 
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; 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

People 
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the


devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Presider 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 the Holy Ghost,

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

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

People *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Presider 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.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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 peoples
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Presider 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,
People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

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

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

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

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider 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,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider 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,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Presider That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



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

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

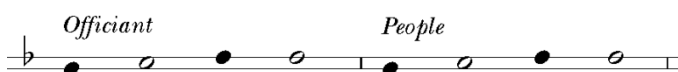


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

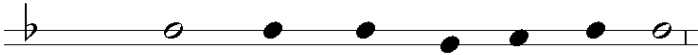
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



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



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE FIRST READING

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

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.**

Please Stand



- 1 Happy are they whose trans/gressions are for/given, *
and whose /sin is /put a/way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im/putes no / guilt, *
and in whose / spirit there / is no / guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones / withered a/way, *
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 ac/knowledged my / sin to you, *
and / did not con/ceal my / guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my trans/gressions 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 over/flow, they / shall not / reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you pre/serve me from / trouble; *
you sur/round me with / shouts of de/liverance.
- 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 under/standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or / else they will / not stay / near you."
- 11 Great are the tribu/lations of the / wicked; *
but mercy embraces / those who / trust in the / LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re/joice in the / LORD; *
shout for joy, / all who are / true of / heart.

Please Sit

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.**

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

1982 Hymnal #150

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, cv - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Gospeler 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

All 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.

PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Gracious and loving God, guide the Vestry and people of Trinity through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, so that we may follow where you lead – knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way.

Instill in all the people of Trinity a glorious vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Adapted from Christ Church, Winnetka, IL

*This version of the Nicene Creed is from one of the sources that has been approved for use by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The most significant difference is that this version changes 'who proceeds from the Father and the Son' to 'who proceeds from the Father.' This change restores the Creed to the version that was originally accepted by both Western and Eastern Orthodox Churches. (The phrase 'of the Son' was added a few hundred years later by a regional synod and was never adopted by Eastern Orthodox Churches).

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Walk Humbly with your God Robert J. Powell (1932 -2025)

He has shown you what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justly, and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of our hearts,
All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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 Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

1982 Hymnal #S161

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 peacc.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail. If you would like to have a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on request. Please remember that if you do not wish to receive wine, receiving only Bread imparts the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Please sit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Litany to the Holy Spirit Peter Hurford (1930 -2019)

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

When I lie within my bed,
Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomfited,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me! Comfort me!

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Bow down before the Lord.
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Give me a Clean Heart

LEVAS # 124

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Traditional Spiritual arr. Lloyd Larson
Faith Wada, Soprano

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith

Director of Music: Markus Centola

Lay Readers: Cecelia Timothy, Martha Freimuth

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Virtual Vergers: Mark MacGougan, Casey Rousseau, Elizabeth Rousseau, Jake Troiano

Altar Guild: Marcus Clark, Kitty Peterson, Mary Register, Cathy Rowe, Cecelia Timothy

Flower Guild: Betty Plumley

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Frank & Liz Kirkpatrick, Bill Kofalk, Bill & Lynette Lawrence.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter & the honorary canons of our Cathedral.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for. The Church of Ireland.

We pray for:

Dianne Bowens-Walker & Family
Johanna Ramos & Esther Irizarry
Rev. Horace Johnson, Jacqueline
Lucier and Family
Kay Brinkman and Keira Negrelli
John E. Robinson
Rose Julianne Boyer & Family
Austin Mogor
Mike Amanek
Edith Navarro

Suliman Foster
Jasmine Drake
Louisa Cummings
Clane Nickols
Irina Mamata & Family
Charles Lewis
Cathy Rowe and Family
of Daniel Negrelli esp. Karen &
Keira
Francis Sken

George Beach
Cheryl
Lennox
The Lugo and Torres Families
Daryl Todd
The Wentgertzman Family
The Swiatek Family
Bp. Michael Curry

Announcements

Welcome!!!

Please welcome the **Awad Family** who are visiting us this morning.

Please make sure to greet and meet this wonderful family and visit the beautiful Seasonal Olive Wood display for Sale.

Your purchase of the beautiful general and seasonal Olive Wood Carvings they bring, will support them and be a significant way we in Trinity have to assist Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who are in such critical need.

Announcement for Women Together Book Group: LENT 2026

Women Together: a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship. We will meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:15 pm in the reception room at St. John's (679 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT). We also send out a Zoom link with bad weather in the winter.

On Tuesday February 17, 2026 we will begin a new book "*Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Practice of Contemplation*" by Martin Laird. "*In Into the Silent Land* , we see the ancient wisdom of both the Christian East and West brought sharply to bear on the modern-day longing for radical openness to God in the depths of the heart.

We will read one section a week. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can and join us for discussion.

The books we choose are usually available at libraries, amazon.com and other booksellers. WT has been attended by women from St. John's, Trinity, St. James and St. Monica's.

Please contact Cathy Rowe if you would like additional information.

Trinity's Book Group

Trinity's Book Group's featured work in March is *Heartwood* by local author, Amity Gaige. Described as a "literary thriller", *Heartwood* takes you on a gripping journey as search and rescue teams race against time after a woman mysteriously disappears on the Appalachian Trail. You are invited to join with other Trinity readers for a discussion of this book on Friday, **March 6th**, 7:00-8:30ish. Martha Freimuth will host this meeting at her home in Manchester. Please let her know you're coming by calling/texting her at (860) 605-0703. All are welcome!

A Message from The Choir School

We at Trinity are blessed each week with wonderful music, on the organ, piano, and with the choirs - the adults and the young choristers. The choristers are singing here at Trinity because of The Choir School of Hartford's presence with us. Although Trinity launched this program, the Choir School is now its own non-profit organization. Although Trinity supports this program financially by paying most of the Director's salary, and with a portion of its music budget, that is not sufficient for the successful operations of the Choir School. The Choir School relies on other sources of income, such as grants, as well as donations from individuals. **Please consider a gift to the Choir School. Any amount is appreciated - truly. When we request grant money from organizations, our application is stronger when we can show that we have broad support; the number of donors is as important as the amount of money.**

Donations may be made by check made out to The Choir School of Hartford and sent to the church office or given to Markus, Jake Troiano, or Susan Post. Or you may donate online at <https://choirschoolofhartford.org/donate/>.

Thank you!

Vinnie would like to extend his thanks to Percy Williamson, Penny Pearson, Marc Wiest, Kate Byroade, Karin Peterson, Alan and Peter Rice, Janet Wilkinson, Paul Zimmerman, David Pontrelli and Linda MacGougan who volunteered for the Presidents Day Indoor Work Day. A lot was accomplished, and we are grateful for the time you shared.

Godly Play: A typical Sunday in our Godly Play Sacred Space

9:45 Doors open, welcoming

10:00 Church calendar

Story: a parable, story from the Old Testament, New Testament, Saint or people of color who inspire, or a Liturgical story.

10:15 Feast; a time to share and have a small snack

10:20 Work time with choice of a craft, paints, clay, puzzles, working with one of the stories

10:40 Gathering to pass the peace, then rejoining our families in the sanctuary

We have a lively multi-aged class welcoming all children ages 3 - 18 with two adults leading.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 22

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Academic Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - First Sunday in Lent
- 11:30 A.M. Awad Family-Olive Wood Carvings Sale (Goodwin Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

Tuesday, February 24

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Book Study -*Jesus & the Disinherited* (Via Zoom)

Thursday, February 26

- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Sunday, March 1

- 9:45 A.M. Godly Play (Academic Wing)
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Church) - Second Sunday in Lent
- 6:00 P.M. NA Group Meeting (Huntington Hall)

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