

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering companionship along the Way*

## First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026

**Prelude** Organ improvisation on tune *Erhalt uns, Herr*

**Processional Hymn 143** The glory of these forty days

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

*Pastor:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy**

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Lord, — have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Christ, — have mer - cy, have  
mer - cy on us. Lord — have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Let us pray together our collect:

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from 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.**

### **Psalm 32:1-8**

Chant Mode VII.1

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

### **A Reading from Romans 5:12-19**

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.**

**Gradual Hymn 443** From God Christ's deity came forth

*Salem Harbor*

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **Matthew 4:1-11**  
*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.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. John Allison**

**Minute of silence for reflection**

**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**

## The Prayers of the People Form 6

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially John Walters & Richard Dawson (leave time for names to be added.) Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life On our parish cycle of prayer we pray for Janet Walker & Tony Appio, John & Diane Walters, and Arete Warren and their families. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (We leave time for other names to be added.) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Confession

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

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.**

**The Peace**                    *Please wave during the peace instead of touching.*

*Pastor:*                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn 284** O ye immortal throug

*Croft's 13th*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest:*                    The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:*                    Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest:*                    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

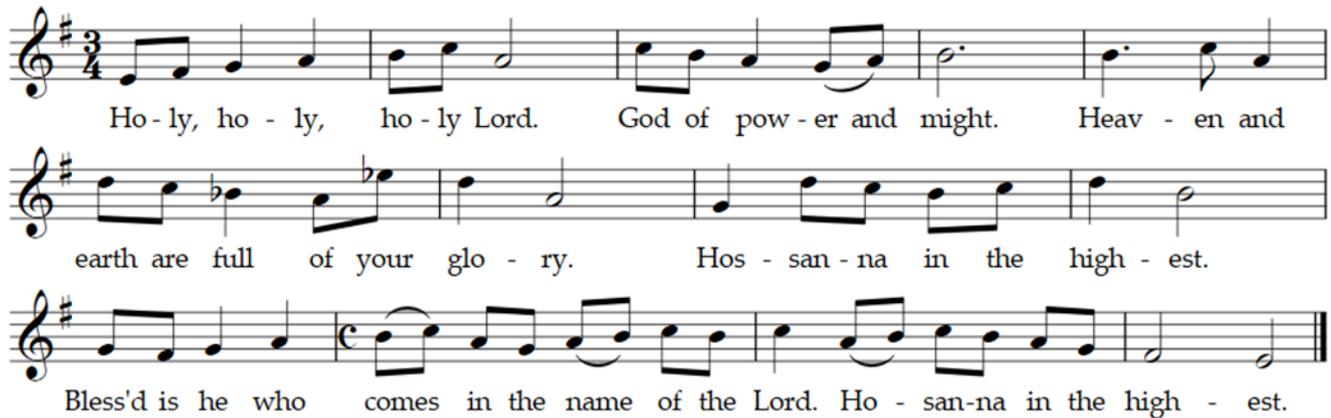
*People:*                    **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Holy, holy, holy Lord

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Hos - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 your sons and daughters; 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.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins\_\_ of the world,\_\_ have mer - cy  
on\_\_ us, on\_\_ us, Grant\_\_ us peace,\_\_ grant us\_\_ your peace.\_\_

**Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.  
Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples.  
For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

**Communion Hymn 319** You, Lord, we praise in songs of celebration

*Gott sei gelobet*

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are offered.  
Due to the uptick in flu we are not drinking from the chalice, only intinction.*

### Postcommunion Prayer

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Blessing

**Closing Hymn 145** Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry

*Quittez, Pasteurs*

### The Dismissal

*Pastor:* Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Organ improvisation on tune *Quittez, Pasteurs*

Serving Today

*Preacher & Celebrant:* The Rev. John Allison

*Minister of Communion:* Theresa Kenny

*Lector:* Diane Walters

*Epistler:* Hotchkiss student (alt: Jim Conzo )

*Intercessor:* Mary Anne Carley

*Flowers:* None — Lent

*Counter:* John Lloyd

*Altar Guild:* Mike Cuoco

*Greeters/Ushers:* Mike Cuoco

*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## Announcements

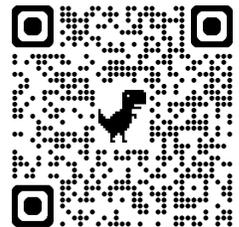
- Sunday, March 1** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Rev. Kathleen Killian Preacher & Celebrant
- Saturday, March 7** 4:00 PM "La Cecchina" at Trinity;
- Sunday, March 8** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Rev. John Allison Preacher & Celebrant  
4:00 PM "La Cecchina"  
at Saint James Place Great Barrington, MA

## Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 5:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM Taichi Practice with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall  
5:30 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** 6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall  
6:15 PM Trinity Choir Rehearsals
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon— Parish Administrator, Patricia Signorelli every Sat.  
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