

Trinity Episcopal Church

Offering companionship along the Way

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Prelude Organ improvisation on tune *Liebster Jesu*

Processional Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days

Liebster Jesu

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy

Christine Gevert 2021-02a

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:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

A Reading from Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

A Reading from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 489 The great Creator of the worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to **John 3:1-17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’”

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kathleen Killian

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 Norma Wright, Barry and the Rev. Marilyn Anderson, and Patricia & Steve Barton, 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 439 What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

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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The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

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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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins__ of the world,__ have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on__ us, on__ us, Grant__ us peace,__ grant us____ your peace.__". The second staff includes first and second endings (1.2.) and a third ending (3.) marked with repeat signs.

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 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

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

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 473 Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *Crucifer*

Serving Today

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Kathleen Killian

Minister of Communion: Theresa Kenny

Lector: Roy Bickley

Epistler: Hotchkiss student (alt. Roy Bickley)

Intercessor: John Lloyd

Flowers: none - Lent

Counter: Gordon Gustafson

Altar Guild: Theresa Kenny

Greeter/Usher: Roy Bickley

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- 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

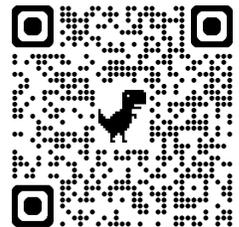
4:00 PM "La Cecchina"
at Saint James Place Great Barrington, MA
- Sunday, March 15** 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Rev. Libby Wade Preacher & Celebrant
Noon Vestry Meeting

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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