

# Second Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

March 1, 2026

Opening Hymn

*No. 401*

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers  
Music: *Leoni*

## A Penitential Order

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

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.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

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.

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

## The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now 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.

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

## Psalm 121

- 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.

## The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

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**

*No. 440*

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer, trans. Catherine Winkworth  
Music *Liebster Jesu*, Johann Rudolph Ahle, harm. George Herbert Palmer

### **The Holy Gospel**

**John 3:1-7**

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now 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."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Fr. Martin Gutwein

## **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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watches over you. As people sent forth into the world let us pray, saying, "Lord, bless us, so that we may bless others."

Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for ever more. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you.

Lord, bless us.

*People: So that we may bless others.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## **Offertory Hymn**

Hymnal 152

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear  
poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to thee; thou knowest our infirmity;  
now we repent, and seek thy face; grant unto us thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess our sins and all our wickedness,  
and, for the glory of thy Name, our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things  
with inward fasting, so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; grant, O unchanging Unity;  
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!

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## **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 to the Lord our God.

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

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The celebrant continues*

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.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

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

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

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 Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

### **Communion Hymn**

Hymnal 337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo! between our sins and their reward we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast! O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!  
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most patient Savior, who canst love us still!  
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us never more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright, Music: *Unde et Memores*, William Henry Monk

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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.*

## The Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

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.*

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

Words: Benjamin Webb

Music: *Deus Tuorum Militum*, Basil Harwood

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## Notes and Announcements

March 1, 2026

### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for Nippon Sei Ko Kai...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for St. David's Church in Cranbury, The Revs: Dr. J. Elizabeth Eddy, Joseph H. Gauvin, Dr. James W. Jones, III...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for our Sunday School and Youth Fellowship...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin ...

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis, Alex, Ben, Margie, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas, Christine, Al, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L, Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N, Kay, Milton, Shelley, Buddy, Bob, Gordon, Maggie, Sally, Tim, Howard, Butch, Jeff, Jack, Jessica...

For those Celebrating an Anniversary this week Deborah & Michael Cruz 03/05...

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- March 5 - Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner (see insert)
- March 5- 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 7:30 in the Library
- Sunday, March 8 - Yarn Lovers meet during/after coffee hour
- Saturday, March 14 - International Women's Day Luncheon (see insert)
- Tuesday, March 17, Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21 - Yard Cleanup - 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday Quiche Brunch (Service starts at 8:45!)

### AND A LITTLE FARTHER OUT

- Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. (Overnight Vigil in the Chapel)
- Friday, April 3 - Good Friday - Service at Noon
- Saturday, April 4 - Great Vigil of Easter - 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 5 - Easter Day!

### \*At the church this week:

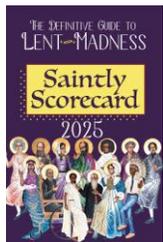
- **This afternoon:** Transformation Spaghetti Dinner (rescheduled) 2:00-5:00
- **This afternoon:** Sunday School & Youth Fellowship 4:00-5:30
- **This evening:** Liberti Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00
- **Monday evening:** AA Parish Hall
- **Wednesday evening:** Boy Scouts
- **Thursday evening:** Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner - Parish Hall (see insert).
- **Thursday evening:** 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - Library

*\*Note - Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*



**REMINDER...Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!!**

**THE NOISY COLLECTION RETURNS!** Please bring in loose change (or paper money) for this special collection each Sunday in Lent. This outreach offering will be divided between Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of NJ and Episcopal Relief and Development.



**LENT MADNESS 2026 Has Begun!!!** Who will win this year's Golden Halo? Take part in the annual saintly smackdown with on-line voting each day at [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org). If you'd like to order The Sainly Scorecard, the official paperback guide to [Lent Madness](http://Lent Madness), featuring the biographies of all 32 saints in contention for the coveted Golden Halo, just click on the link from the Lent Madness site or go to [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org).

**WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS** to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God's presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning's celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you'd like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** meets the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Activities include a children's chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

**YARN LOVERS MEET THE SECOND SUNDAY IN THE PARISH HALL** during / after coffee hour. If you're a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we'd love to help you get started on your first project. Any questions?? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the church 856-858-0491.



**UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM** - Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

**ONLINE GIVING-** To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.



**2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** - is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

