



***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT***  
***SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026***  
***9:30AM***

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A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the “Hey There” Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. An activity cart is located at the back for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in bold print. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

*During the Season of Lent, please observe silence as you prepare for worship.*

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

*\*Entrance Hymn 150                      Forty Days and Forty Nights*

*\*Salutation*

**Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
His mercy endures forever.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

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.

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.

## **Trisagion S102**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

## **\*Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray:

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.

## **First Reading**

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 121**

*Spoken*

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

## **Second Reading**

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

***\*Gradual Hymn 706      In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me***

*\*Holy Gospel*

*John 3:1-17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*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.

*\*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.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Lord, bless us,  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, bless us,  
*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.

*Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*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.

*Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*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. Today we pray for Maureen, Marie, Jennifer, Jacky, Gail, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Caroline, Brent, Judy, Kathy, Peter, Abby, Rich, Cherie, Paula, Lilly, Chris, Lauren, Joann, Larry, Howie, Elizabeth, Charlotte.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Lord, bless us,

*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 evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you.

*Silence*

Lord, bless us,

*So that we may bless others.*

*Presider*

Lord Jesus Christ, you set your face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem: Deliver us from the temptation to shrink from the hard paths of a dutiful life. Make us ready to meet all the counsels of your will, and to be obedient even to death; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**\*Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

***Announcements***

# ***HOLY COMMUNION***

## **Offertory**

*Please consider giving generously to Trinity to help support our ministries.*

*You can place an offering in the basket, use the QR code, or visit our website. [www.trinitynewtownct.org](http://www.trinitynewtownct.org)*



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

## **Offertory Music**

## **Turn My Heart, O God**

**M. Haugen**

*(Congregation invited to join in the refrain) REFRAIN: Turn my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O turn my heart. Take my pain and brokenness, shape my life for you. Come and turn my heart, O God.*

## **\*Presentation of the Gifts**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money and food bank donations to the celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

## **Doxology 380 (V 3)**

## **\*Great Thanksgiving**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### ***Sanctus S 124***

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### ***Fraction Anthem S156***

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.  
May we become what we receive.

### ***Communion***

*If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.*

### ***Communion Music***

***Communion Hymn 337***

***And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love***

*Postcommunion Prayer*

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Solemn Prayer Over the People**

Bow down before God. Grant, most merciful God, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Closing Hymn 448      O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (Vs 1-3)*

*\*Dismissal*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.*

***Save the Date!***

**COMMUNION**  
**2026** **TOUR**

*written and performed by*  
**Matthew LaBanca**

**Newtown, CT**  
**April 25, 7PM**  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Film Screening  
&  
Live Talkback

Join us for a screening of *Communion*, a powerful and personal film about faith, identity, and belonging. After being fired from his Catholic school job for marrying his husband, a music teacher turns to art and storytelling to confront exclusion and rediscover hope. A live conversation will follow the screening.

## ***Today at Trinity***

The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt - Preacher  
Tom Swetts - Crucifer  
Bob Gardner - Lector  
Judy Rowley - Lector  
Laura Main - Intercessor  
Frank Brill - Bell Ringing  
Joan King - Chalice Ministry  
The Rev. Allison Brown - Chalice Ministry  
Jeanne Benedict, Mark Benedict - Usher  
Kelly Rowan - Trinity Driving  
Karen Wojtowicz - Trinity Cafe  
Chuck Wyatt - Tech Guild  
Floyd Higgins - Tech Guild  
John Sullivan - Vestry of the Day  
Rebecca Merrick - Church School Assistant  
Sofia Escalera - Nursery Assistant  
Marcia DeBrock, Patrick DeBrock - Altar Guild  
Jennifer Sisco - Pianist  
Judy Novacek - Organist

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### ***STAFF AND LEADERSHIP***

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### **For those celebrating a birthday this week**

Hallie Finklea, Vic Rivera, Ruth Garrett