



# ***THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

## ***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***

### ***SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025***

#### ***9:30AM***

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 “Hi 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. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. 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*

*Silent Entrance*

***The Great Litany***

***Book of Common Prayer page 148***

*The Great Litany is found on p. 148 in the Book of Common Prayer. The congregation is invited to kneel or sit, as able. .*

***\*Salutation***

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

*\*Collect of the Day*

God with you. **And also with you.** 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. Amen.

## ***THE LESSONS***

*First Reading*

*Dueteronomy 26:1-11*

A reading from Dueteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

<sup>14</sup>Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

*Second Reading*

*Romans 10:8b-13*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*\*Gradual Hymn 691*

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[After his baptism,] <sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

*\*Prayers of the People*

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Our generous God hears us when we pray; therefore, let us pray, "Hear us, O God; save us, O God."

You know your Church, O God. You know that because of fear and greed, we are slow to offer the first fruits of our hearts. Forgive us and come quickly to help us.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know the hearts of mortals, O God. You know that we are prone to hatred and division. Yet, you make no distinctions, but only love. Help us to be more like you. Forgive us and come quickly to help us.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know we are quick to exploit your creation, O God. You know we take the blessings of this life for granted. Forgive us and come quickly to help us.

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

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know our temptations, O God. You know we are not as strong as we think we are. Give us your strength. Forgive us and come quickly to help us.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

You know our weaknesses, O God. You know we struggle in our pain; we suffer and experience trouble. Come quickly to help us. We pray for those beloved to us in need of your tender care: Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Shirley, Dan, Barbara, Caroline, Eric, Brent, Judy, Kathy, Joan, Peter, Sandy, Donna, Abhishek, Minakshi, Phil.

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

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

In you, O God, do we put our trust. We entrust to you our dead because you alone are our refuge and salvation. You alone are mighty to save. We pray especially today for Lucille, sister of Ruth Garrett, who died this week. May Ruth and her family feel the comfort of God's love. Rest eternal grant to Lucille, O God; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May Lucille's soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

Today we pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; all ministries to, with & for women & the Girl's Friendly Society, and The Anglican Church of Canada.

*Silence*

Hear us, O God;

Save us, O God.

*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 Christ 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 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days Fauré's Pavane Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay. As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, oh, give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by Thy most holy Word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passion-tide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesu! with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

## ***\*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***

### ***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

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.

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

*The Celebrant prays an appropriate preface*

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:

*Sanctus S130*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*        We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*

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.

Alleluia, 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 693      Just As I Am (Vs 1-3)*

### ***Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors***

*(LEV: A trained lay person who provides the sacrament to those who are hospitalized, homebound, and in nursing homes. LEV's are trained to lead a brief prayer service before sharing the blessed bread and wine of Holy Communion.)*

In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with Alveta, Joyce and Marie. Let us pray. You carry the prayer of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Post Communion 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 687*

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

*\*Dismissal*

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

*Postlude*

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

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# LENT

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
March 4 at 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes  
March 5 at 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross  
March 12, March 26, April 2, April 9 at 5:45pm

Lenten Simple Suppers  
March 12, March 26, April 2, April 9 at 6pm

Love Our Pollinators - Make your own Bug Hotel!  
March 16 at 10:45am

Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt  
March 30 at 10:45am



## ***Today at Trinity***

Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt - Preacher & Presider  
Tristan Filiato - Crucifer  
Bob Gardner - First Lector  
Jessica O'Meara - Psalm and Second Lector  
Patrick DeBrock - Intercessor  
Laura Main - Chalice Ministry  
Cindy Anderau - Chalice Ministry  
Lisa Mages - Bell Ringing  
Joan King - LEV  
Martha Dayton - LEV  
Maegan Wood - Usher  
Noel Bellesheim - Usher  
Kelly Rowan - Trinity Driving  
Marcia DeBrock - Trinity Cafe  
Floyd Higgins - Tech Guild  
Chuck Wyatt - Tech Guild  
Katie Lye - Nursery Assistant  
Carolyn Fagerholm - Cantor  
Elijah Morris - Organist  
Judy LaCroix, George Rockwell, Heather Pellagrino - Altar Guild

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

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

Jean Bellesheim, Pete Bundy, Anne Calmels

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