



## Trinity Episcopal Church

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Holy Eucharist

15 March 2026 at 10:30 AM

## Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them at the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

### COVER ART

*Samuel Anointing David* (AD 3rd century)  
The Synagogue at Dura-Europos

#### PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## PRELUDE

*Please stand for the Processional Hymn*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143

The Glory of These Forty Days

TUNE: *Erhalt uns, Herr*

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* ✕ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Congregation stands or kneels, as able.*

## THE DECALOGUE

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*The response to each Commandment is* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 352

*The People remain kneeling while the Kyrie is sung*

## KYRIE ELEISON

SETTING: *Freedom Mass*, Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

**Smoothly**

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Tenor/Bass (T/B) voices. It begins with a 'Cantor' part and an 'All' part. The tempo is marked 'Smoothly' and the dynamics are 'mp'. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri -



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16.1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5.8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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

*Please stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

TUNE: *Houston*

## THE GOSPEL

John 9.1-41

*Priest*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a



THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.  
During the Offertory Anthem, a collection is taken.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

MUSIC: Kenton Coe

WORDS: Thomas Dorsey

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, let me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

*Please stand for the following hymn as the Offerings are brought forward.*

ALL THINGS ARE THINE

TUNE: *Gardiner*

1. All things are thine; no gift have we,

The first line of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. All things are thine; no gift have we,"

Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;

The second line of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;"

And hence with grateful hearts to-day

The third line of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "And hence with grateful hearts to-day"

Thine own before thy feet we lay.

The fourth line of musical notation, ending with a double bar line. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Thine own before thy feet we lay."



The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus

THE CONSECRATION

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THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION  
SETTING: *Freedom Mass*, Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

Cantor *mf* All  
S A  
Christ has Christ has died, Christ is  
T B

ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

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

**Smoothly**

Cantor *mp* All  
S A  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have  
T B

mer - cy on us. you take a - way the sins of the



THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

COMMUNION HYMN 339

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

TUNE: *Schmücke dich*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE SOLEMN PRAYER OF INCLINATION

*Priest* Bow down before the Lord. *(The People bow or kneel, as able)*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 429

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

TUNE: *Old 113th*

THE DISMISSAL

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### Serving This Week

Celebrant: Fr. Geoffrey Mackey (5:30p, 8a & 10:30a)

Lectors: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Sue Ellen Johnson (8a); Jacob Miller, Paul Miller, Roland Mezick (10:30a)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Northrup (5:30p); Sue Ellen Johnson (8a); Paul Miller, Xenia Smykova (10:30a)

Crucifer: Jacob Miller (10:30a)

Altar Guild: Sue Ellen Johnson (8a); Julie Matheny, Edith Newman (10:30a); Mickie Richardson (Tuesday), Linda Tucker (Wednesday), Susie Fitcher, Carol Snyder (Friday); Sherry Smith (5:30p)

Ushers: Mark Edwards (5:30p); Joe Handlan (8a); Michael Matheny, Kevin Oliphant, Jr. (10:30a)

Musicians: Lori Clark (guitarist, vocalist) (5:30p); Marie Mallory (organist, pianist) (10:30a)

Coffee Hour: Connie & Bernard Bookman

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Randy Francis (**S**), Megan Gyongyosi Traver, Joe Handlan (**M**), Steve Turner (**W**), Sarah Patrick, Brian Deputy (**TH**), Henry Dailey, Frank Northrup, Becky Mathis-Stump (**F**), Midge Simperts, Gage Staats (**SA**), and the wedding anniversaries of Julie & Tom Gyongyosi (**W**), Stephanie & Charles Yates (**F**).

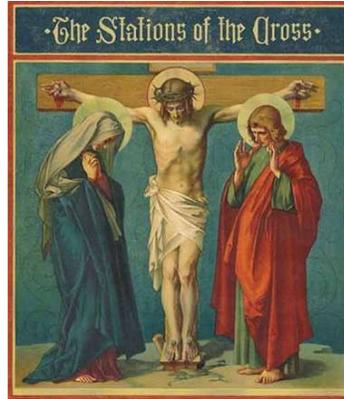
*The loose offering this weekend is for the Rector's  
Discretionary Fund*

### This Week at Trinity

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans Restaurant)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
WEDNESDAY	12:15 p.m.	Healing Eucharist (Adams Chapel)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Nave)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Knitters (Conference Room)
	12:00 p.m.	Easter Parade bags (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Trinity Hall)
FRIDAY	6:30 p.m.	Rollyson/Renfro Wedding
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Smoot Spring (T.H., Conference Room)
	11:30 a.m.	DOK Meeting (J.P. Henry's)
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

Please note: We will *not* hold Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, due to the wedding that will be taking place in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross** - We will continue the discipline of of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Those who have previous years have found it a moving experience. Please meet pm.



walking the Stations participated in us in the Nave at 5:30



**Palm Cross Making – March 28, 10 am** – If you how to make a palm cross, now is your chance! Altar Guild will be available to help you learn how which will be blessed and given out on Palm

ever wanted to learn Members of Trinity’s to make palm crosses Sunday.

**Birthday Cards** – Please take a pack to decorate for the residents of local personal care facilities. You can color the fronts with crayons, pencils, or paints. If you have children or grandchildren, they are welcome to help! Please sign each card with “Your friends at Trinity Episcopal Church.” Cards need to be returned to the church by March 25 or sooner so they can be put in envelopes and delivered on March 30.

**All-Call Messages** - We have changed companies that we use for our All-Call Messages (regarding cancellations, schedule changes, etc.) Please note that these calls may come up as a call from a 405 area code, as the company we are now using is based out of Oklahoma City. If you are not receiving the All-Call messages, but would like to be added to our list, please contact the parish office.

**Palm Sunday Narrative** - The sign-up sheet for Passion Narrative readers is in the back of the church. Please volunteer to read a part.



**Parkersburg Easter Parade, March 21** – Trinity will be giving out Easter bags with cookies and parish information, lemonade, and water. Cookie donations are needed! Please bring cookie donations to the Church by March 19 at noon. We will be making the Easter bags in the Conference room at that time. Help is needed to fill the bags as well! We are also looking for folks to give out the bags & drinks between noon and 2:00 pm at the Easter Parade. Please sign up in the back of the church or in the

library if you can help or donate.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> is our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** and time for the next Trinity Potluck lunch. Come share in delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Mark your calendar and be sure to attend! Sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or in the library with how many people will be coming and the food you intend to bring.

**5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday**

**Bread Crumbs** - Made from Panera bread donated to the MondayFeeding Ministry. The bread crumbs are available at Coffee Hour on Sundays or in the kitchen fridge. Take a bag and make a \$ donation to the Monday Feeding Ministry, if you are able.



**Easter Flowers** - Donations for Easter flowers are due by Monday, March 30. Please fill out the insert in this weekend's bulletin and put in the offering plate or return it to the office.

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except the Prayers of the People, adapted from the Divine Liturgy of  
St. James, New Skete Monasteries; and the Prayer of Inclination,  
from the Book of Occasional Services.



## ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. Simply come forward with your pew at the time indicated. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail.

To receive the consecrated Bread, simply hold out your hands, placing one hand on the other with your palm facing up. The Celebrant will place the Host in your hand. You may either consume it immediately or wait to intinct (dip) it in the Chalice. When the Chalice-Bearer comes to you, you may intinct the Host or, if you have consumed it, you may sip directly from the Chalice.

When you have received, you may return to your seat via the side aisles.

If, for reasons of discipline or conscience, you wish not to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing. In this case, when you arrive at the altar rail, simply cross your arms over your chest. This will indicate to the Priest that you are not receiving the Eucharist, and would instead like to receive a blessing.

## PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church



## Trinity Episcopal Church

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*“We exist to love God and our neighbor.”*