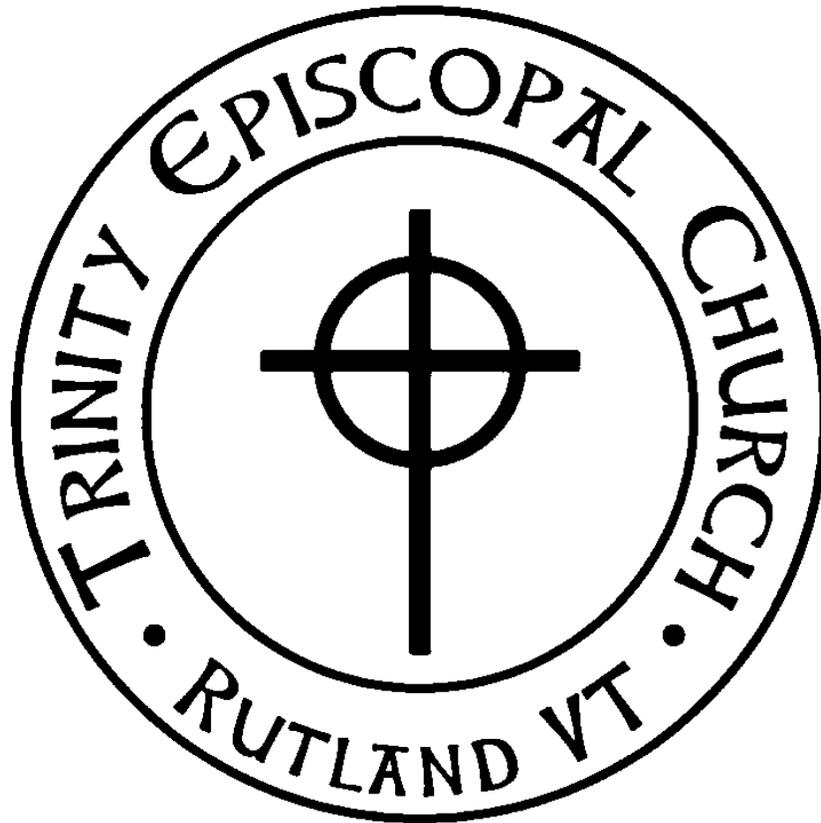


# TRINITY CHURCH

*Second Sunday of Lent*

*March 1, 2026*

*9:30 a.m.*



**WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY!**

*FOLLOWING JESUS. BUILDING COMMUNITY. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE.*

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# 9:30a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*In the spirit of penitence that the season of Lent calls us to observe,  
we invite you to gather and depart in prayerful silence.*

Prelude	Grave and Adagio (Sonata II)	Felix Mendelssohn
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Opening Hymn #401	<i>The God of Abraham praise</i>	<i>Leoni</i>
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Opening Sentences
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Officiant: Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Confession of Sin
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Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All: 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.*

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

All: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: *Come let us adore him.*

## The Venite

Officiant: Let us rejoice together reciting:

All: *Come, let us sing to the Lord; \**

*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \**

*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \**

*and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \**

*and the heights of the hills are his also.*

*The sea is his, for he made it, \**

*and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \**

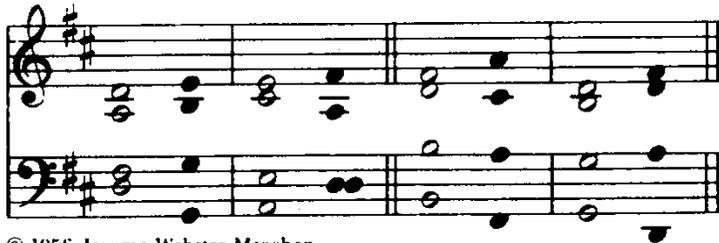
*and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \**

*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

Psalm

(The congregation is invited to join the choir in chanting the Psalm.) Psalm 121



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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 The Lord will not let your foot be moved \*  
 and the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, the Lord 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 the Lord 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 Lessons

### Lessons of the Day

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader:

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People:

*Thanks be to God.*

Hymn

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*O bless the Lord, my soul*

*St. Thomas (Williams)*

Reader: 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Taizé Chant (*chanted 3x after organ intro*) *Ubi Caritas*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment. The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est." The guitar accompaniment includes chord diagrams for F, C, Dm, Gm, C, and F. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the vocal line for the word "ibi".

*Please be seated. When a Gospel lesson is read during daily offices, the congregation remains seated as with the other readings. Responses are those of other lessons, rather than the Holy Eucharist Gospel response.*

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of John.

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."

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Homily / Reflection	the Rev. Liz Skaleski
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Choral Anthem	There's a wideness in God's mercy	Maurice Bevan
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Apostles' Creed (Congregation)		
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Officiant: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

### Announcements

*Thank you for your generous stewardship of Trinity Church. Through your gifts, you join the Good Shepherd in tending this community—nurturing faith, strengthening fellowship, and caring for others in Christ’s name. Unlabeled cash offerings support our discretionary outreach ministries. To give to the parish’s general fund, please use the labeled envelopes in your pew.*

## The Prayers

### The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

*All: 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 Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: *Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: *For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*  
 Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People: Your saving health among all nations.*  
 Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*  
 Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collects
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Officiant: 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.*

Officiant: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Intercession Prayers
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*Form 2*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. In our cycle of prayers, we pray for **The Episcopal Church of Japan; Ministry and work of the Racial Justice and Healing Committee.** We also pray for the Most Rev. Sarah Mullally, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray also for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Thomas and Rob, our companion Bishops of Maine and New Hampshire; for Sarah, our priest; and Liz, our Deacon; and for all our lay leaders; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember those commended to us: **Gabriel, Anthony, Janice, Jimmy, Michelle, Molly, Carolyn, Chelsea, John, Kathi, Chris, Joseph.** We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence.*

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, that your will for them may be fulfilled.

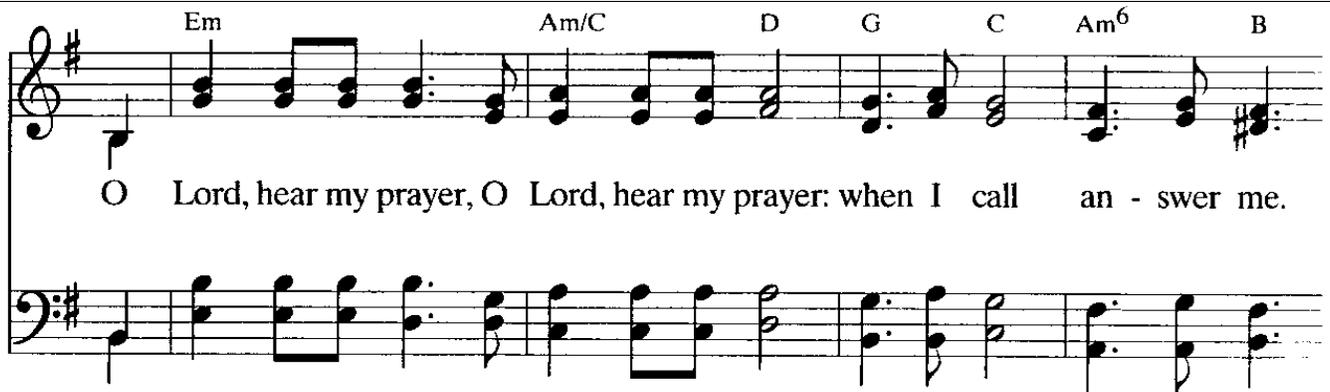
*Silence.*

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. We pray for parishioners celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: **Patty Searles, Emily Kirbach, Jim Panarello**. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

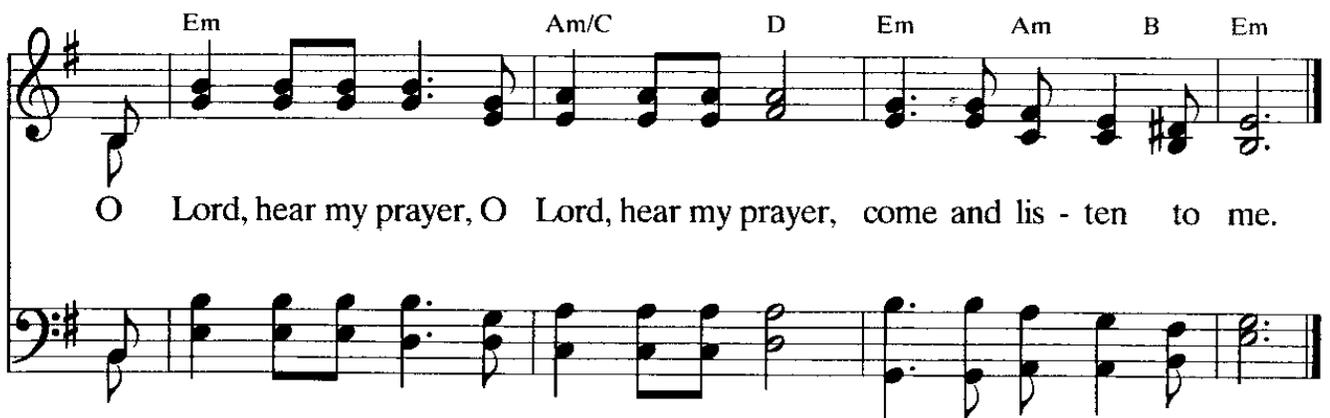
*Silence.*

**Taizé Chant (organ intro, choir, then congregation 3x)**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

**A Prayer for Mission**

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.  
*Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

Officiant: Let us give thanks to God.

*All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Let us pray together.

*All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

## Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Officiant: In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may be reminded that they are cherished members of our faith community. May your visit bring comfort, joy, and the assurance of God's grace.

*All: Go in peace, and May the Spirit guide you in your ministry today. Amen.*

Taizé Chant (*organ intro, choir, then congregation 3x*)

*My Peace I Leave You*

My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: trou - ble not your hearts. My

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peace I leave you, my peace I give you: be not af - faid. My

Dismissal

Officiant: Dismissal.

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Fugue (Sonata II)

Mendelssohn

*The congregation is encouraged to remain seated in silence during the postlude.*

*Please exit in silence.*