

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Trinity

Prelude *Andante Sostenuto*

Charles Marie Widor

Welcome

Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer

BCP, p. 351

A Moment of Silent Prayer

Processional Hymn

Now Quit Your Cares

Hymn 145

The Opening Sentences

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Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue *(please kneel, as able)*

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Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

The Deacon or Celebrant than says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Absolution

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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.**

10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children ages 3-8 come to the front of the church, follow the leader and return at the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the First Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 23



- 1 The ' Lord is my ' shepherd; *
I ' shall not ' be in ' want.
- 2 He makes me lie ' down in green ' pastures *
and ' leads me be ' side still ' waters.

3 He re 'vives 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.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.”

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God***

Sequence (*please stand, as able*)

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

Hymn 547

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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 sabbath day when Jesus made the mud

and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

The Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Irungu

The Nicene Creed (*please stand, as able*)

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The Prayers of the People, Form II

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; We pray for Archbishop Sarah, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishops Andrew, Brian, Jeff, Kai, and Hector; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for the church.

Silence

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

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

I ask your prayers for the †departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, praying together for those in our parish prayer list.

Gus, Joseph, Linda, Lindsey, Oliver, Patti, Peggy, Roger

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *(please stand, as able)*

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

By your Baptism you are welcome to receive communion with us. Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by putting your palms face down. If you have mobility concerns and need to stay in your seat but would like to receive communion, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Offertory Sentence

The Offertory *I Believe*

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.

I believe in love even when I don't feel it.

I believe in god even when God is silent.

Anonymous

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers at Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People ***Blessed be God forever.***

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

People ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn S148

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei

Hymn S164

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S169

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Communion Song *Shepherd*

The Lord is my portion I shall not want
The Lord my comfort I shall not fear
Yea though I walk through the valley low
Yea though the path gets steep

Surely goodness will follow me
Ev'ry promise will be light to my feet
When my heart is prone to wandering
Jesus You shepherd me

The Lord my keeper I stand secure
The Lord my healer Your love endures
Yea though I walk through the valley low
Yea though the path gets steep

And I will dwell for all my days
In the shadow of Your relentless grace
And I will dwell for all my days
In Your presence

Surely goodness will follow me
Every promise will be light to my feet
When my heart is prone to wandering
Surely goodness will follow me
Every promise will be light to my feet
When my heart is prone to wandering
Jesus You shepherd me

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Communion Hymns

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Hymn 671

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Hymn 641

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Hymn 649

Post Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

Hymn 493

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Associate Rector - The Rev. Frank Samuelson

Associate Rector - The Rev. Joanna Unangst

Deacon - The Rev. Russ Oechsel

Director of Music - Micki Balog

Music Associate and Principal Organist - Jack Balog

Coordinating Verger - Bill Cox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Trinity

We are so happy that you chose to worship with us today. Trinity is a wonderful place to be! Please fill out the Guests Card you see in the pews. It's so simple! You can scan the QR code and it will contact Jennifer Davenport for membership information or any questions. We are glad you are here!

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW SCHOLARSHIP

Hello Seniors! Looking for an additional scholarship opportunity? The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is offering their 2026 High School Senior Scholarship for students within the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2026 to your priest or church leader. Download the application here:

www.brothersandrewtexas.org/resources or contact Ms. Jennifer Davenport for an application. Be sure to review the requirements and submit your materials before the deadline. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

WALL OF COMPASSION

Please pick up an empty box from the Narthex or the stage in Butler Fellowship Hall, fill it with donated items from the list attached to the box, and return it to the stage in Butler Hall by March 29th. Each Sunday watch our Wall of Compassion grow on the stage in Butler Hall! Items will be distributed to Interfaith of The Woodlands.

HAL DONNELLY FISH DINNER

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew hosts a fish dinner each Friday during Lent. Dinners in person will be every Friday until March 27th. You can also place your orders online. Pre-orders larger than (10), please order online by 4PM of the Thursday that week and your desired pick-up time. Each dinner is \$14 and will include grilled or fried fish and any side of your choosing - french fries, hush puppies, fried pickles, potato salad and desserts. Also Kids Meals for \$6 - Chicken Nugget or Half Fish and Mac & Cheese and Dessert.

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2026

Cultivating Healing and Wholeness In Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Fr. Frank is facilitating a Zoom group for Living Well Through Lent 2026. This year's Living Compass devotional reflections are on cultivating healing and wholeness in heart, soul, strength, and mind. Books will be available in the narthex, and you can download a free PDF copy at Living Compass. We'll meet at 3pm every Sunday through Lent beginning February 22 through March 29. Let Fr. Frank know if you would like to join or sign-up online.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is the spiritual practice of seeking loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God and one another. The gift of the rite of reconciliation is transformative, a gift of deep listening, forgiveness, and the grace of God. Starting February 23, Father Frank and Mother Joanna will be offering Rite of Reconciliation each Monday of Lent, in the nave. Every Monday, February 23 through March 30, 1 - 3 pm.

LENTEN CENTERING PRAYER

Mother Joanna+ will be leading a Centering Prayer group, open to all people. It will be 40 minutes of reflecting on the week's Gospel through centering prayer, in the peace of the Youth Community Building. It is a gift of peaceful spiritual practice during the Lenten season Every Sunday, in the Youth Community Building, February 22 - March 22, 8:55am - 9:35am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, Father Frank and Mother Joanna will lead Stations of the Cross, a beautiful and spiritually-rich traditional Lenten devotional. Micki will lead us in hymns and other musical offerings which will enrich our shared time of worship. Fridays, in the nave, at 6pm, from February 20 - March 27.

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Medical Mission Trip, June 6-13. Trinity is joining with St. Mary's and St. Dunstan's Episcopal churches in a medical mission trip to serve Haitian refugees in La Romana province with medical and dental care in the love of Christ. This is in partnership with El Buen Samaritano Hospital. We have a few spots open for those who feel called to serve. Doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are especially encouraged to reach out, and there are also supporting service roles for those without medical training. Mature teens and their guardians are welcome. If you are interested in helping with medical supply donation, or for more information, please contact Mother Joanna, junangst@trinitywoodlands.org.

THE COMMON TABLE

A Fellowship group for seniors ages 55+ for Lord of Life Lutheran Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. Join us for our March Gathering on Friday, March 20 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 3901 S. Panther Creek Dr., at our Annual Hal Donnelly Memorial Fish Dinner. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew sponsors a fish dinner that serves fried or baked fish, french fries, hush puppies, fried pickles, potato salad, and desserts. The cost is \$14.00 per plate. Proceeds are used to sponsor various youth-oriented activities. For more information or to get on the mailing list contact Helen Geiger at hgeiger100@gmail.com. Or Arlyne Nickle at nickarly975@gmail.com.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism, on April 4th Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. The Baptism Class (required) is Saturday, March 28th, from

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Horner Room. If you would like to sign up for Baptism please sign up here online or contact Melanie Sheffield (msheffield@trinitywoodlands.org) Childcare for the class is available by reservation.

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Explorers will read, reflect and discuss Living Well Through Lent (Cultivating Healing and Wellness in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind) on Wednesdays, March 18, March 25 and April 1 at 12:30 in the Youth Community Building. Contact Bev Redd at 610-304-6630 or bevredd@gmail.com for more information.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 20th Annual Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, May 12th at Cypresswood Golf Club, 21602 Cypress Wood Dr Spring, TX 77373. Proceeds from this event help fund the BStA Annual Fall Boys Retreat as well as other charities. The Fall Boys Retreat is an event where men minister to boys in grades 4-8, in a safe environment, and in accordance with the established rules of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. The emphasis is on at-risk. This retreat allows them to interact with boys from other environments to give everyone new visions of possible futures and value as a Child of Christ. BStA also funds Scholarship, Lord of the Streets (LOTS) Homeless Services, and Veterans Support. BStA promotes Prayer, Study and Service to bring men and boys to Christ For more information go to www.brothersandrewtexas.org

MADD CAMP 2026

MADD Camp 2026 Presents...The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit By Tom S. Long and Alan Pote June 15-19, 9:30-2:30 - Performance June 19 at 6:00. For students that have completed 1st-6th grades. Sign up online.

TRINITY SING - THAT 70'S SHOW

Get ready for a groovy night of music and fun at TrinitySing as we take a trip back to the 1970s! Join us on Saturday, May 9 at 6:30 PM in Butler Hall for an evening filled with iconic songs from the decade of disco, rock, and soul. Our talented performers will bring the sounds of the '70s to life in a lively show for all ages. Small desserts will be served, and VIP seating is available for those who want the best seats in the house. For more information or to reserve a VIP table, please contact mbalog@trinitywoodlands.org. Come enjoy the music, the memories, and a night of fellowship as TrinitySing celebrates the sounds of the '70s!

YOUTH COMMUNITY

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Youth Community every Sunday from 6-8 p.m.! We will meet in Butler Hall for dinner and games, and then move to the Youth Community Building (YCB) for small group Bible study. Bring a friend! Follow us on Instagram @trinity.youth.community, join our band via Band App, check our website or please contact our Youth Director Jennifer Davenport (jdavenport@trinitywoodlands.org)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 10 o'clock service, children ages 3-8 are invited to their very own Children's Chapel, where they experience a special Liturgy of the Word designed just for them. After gathering outside, children split into two groups - ages 3-5 and ages 6-8 for age-appropriate activities. Together, we sing songs, pray simplified versions of the same prayers heard in "Big Church," read the day's Scripture from a children's Bible, enjoy a short children's sermon and activity. Children return to their families during the Peace. We'd love to welcome your little ones to this joyful and meaningful part of their Sunday worship!

NURSERY

Our Trinity Nursery is open throughout the entire 10 o'clock service and welcomes children ages 0-3 in the Children's Ministry Building. Our nursery caregivers, Ms. Zoe, Ms. Naomi, and Ms. Callie provides a safe and loving environment for our youngest members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing: Violet, Lindsey S., Sarah K., Matt H., Anthony N., Bonnie, Amanda A., Nancy S., Samantha, Danny S., Helen G., Mary Ann H., Patsy G., Nikki, Alex and Bill H.

Thanksgiving: Liz Linger and Emil

Guidance: Scott, Chris and Ryan

Births: Lucy Rose Polley

Departed: Ava Parker