

# The First Sunday in Lent



**February 22, 2026**  
10 a.m.

## **Trinity Episcopal Parish**

317 Franklin Street  
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### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so that we can connect you with the life of the church.

**NURSERY:** Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL:** Children's Chapel is available for children ages 4-7 every Sunday (except the first Sunday Family Service). Participating families are asked to sign in using the check-in station as you enter. During the singing of the Gloria, children will gather and process to Children's Chapel. Children are escorted back to their families at the Peace.

Please note that the Parish House doors are locked during the service. Should you need access to the Nursery or Children's Chapel during the service, please see an usher, or go to the breezeway door and the gatekeeper will assist you.

**RESTROOM:** A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

**LIGHTING A VOTIVE:** The Little Side Chapel, located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church, is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

VOLUNTARY: Consolation XIV Felix Bräuer (b. 1988)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION AND RINGING OF THE BELL

## The Word of God

THE GREAT LITANY, Book of Common Prayer, p. 148

*The People kneel or stand.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*

because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. 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.

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. 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. 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.

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. 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: Now let us all with one accord..... Hymnal 147  
*All stand*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### SERMON

#### 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.**

THE PEACE

*All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Holy Communion**

OFFERTORY

*You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit <https://trinityparish.com/giving/> or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.*



*You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040.*

*TODAY'S OFFERING: Today is the fourth Sunday: A second offering is collected for FUEL, which provides weekend food packages to schoolchildren in need.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: Lord, who throughout these forty days ..... Hymnal 142

DOXOLOGY

*The People stand and sing while the offerings are brought forward.*

**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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer, p. 369)

*The People stand.*

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 God 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 ..... Hymnal S130

*The People sing:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People kneel.*

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: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.**

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM ..... Hymnal S158

*The People sing:*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options at Trinity:*

**Bread and wine:** *You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. You may assist in directing the wine to your lips, touching only the base of the chalice. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

**Intinction:** *You may very carefully dip the edge of the wafer in the wine. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

**Bread only:** *After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.*

**Blessing only:** *If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Just as I am, without one plea ..... Hymnal 693

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand or kneel.*

Let us pray.

**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.**

LENTEN BLESSING

*Celebrant:*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The People kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: A mighty fortress is our God ..... Hymnal 688

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in E-minor, BWV 555 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and a light meal.*

**Those serving today**

1st reading: Frank Lott

Psalm: Megan Williams

2nd reading: Karen Morrow

Verger: Casey Williams

LEM/Cross: Steven Stroman

Torch/server: Chris Smith

Torch/plates: Ophelia Potts

Ushers: Nancy Snyder Gibson, Larry Faust

Greeters: Ric Williams, Jen Williams

Livestream: Jamie Loy

Gatekeeper: Malinda Mabry Scott

Children's Chapel: Merrilee Laugeness, Katy Potts

Parish H. lockup: Chris Smith

Altar Guild: Matthew

**Celebrant**

We are joined today by the Rev. John Smith of Madison.

### **Flower donations**

Flowers given by Ted and David Jones in memory of Brian Schafer

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL, NASHVILLE

### **Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Linda Nichols

Charlie and Ashley Nix

Chris, Erin and John Luke Nolder

### **Parish Prayer List**

Ben Kimbrough Sr.

## **Calendar**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP:**

- **7:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

**9 a.m.**

**Children:** Godly Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.

**Youth:** Students 6th through 12th grade.

**Adults:** Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

**11:30 a.m.** (following 10 a.m. service)

- **Adults:** Luke's Gospel and Acts of the Apostles

*Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.*

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

- **Wednesday Night Dinner** every week at 5:30 p.m. Donation of \$10 for ages 16 and up, \$5 for students, free for 15 and younger.
- **Small Groups** meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- **Women's Study**, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall library.
- **Loaves & Fishes** Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- **Circuit Workit** low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Chair Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Fiber Arts Group**, third Saturdays at 10 a.m., Parish Hall library.

## Announcements



Sharing a pledge is one meaningful way we care for Trinity Episcopal Church and support its ministry. Pledges may be submitted at any time throughout the year, and every commitment—large or small—helps us steward this community with gratitude and intention. When we give to Trinity, we participate in God’s work in the world, sharing the message of Love and Faith and strengthening the Kingdom of God through our collective generosity.

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### **Flowers for the Altar!**

We have dates available if you would like to make flower donations. Please contact Laura Harpel by email at [horsedoctor3@gmail.com](mailto:horsedoctor3@gmail.com) or by cell at 931-206-4600. You can also contact the office.

**Fiber Arts Group:** This new group will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the church library. Please bring your favorite fiber arts project to work on and enjoy some fellowship with other fiber arts enthusiasts.

**Contemplative Knitting** will meet again on March 8 at 9 a.m. in the church Library.

### **Every Wednesday join Trinity @5:30 p.m. for dinner.**

Ages 15+ :\$10

Student admission \$5 with show of student ID

15 and under eat free.

### **Become a Greeter!**

A friendly smile can make all the difference. If you enjoy welcoming others and helping people feel at home, consider serving as a church greeter. Your warmth helps set the tone for worship and reminds everyone they belong here. Reach out to Jan Hodgson or Kate Smith, [norakatemom@gmail.com](mailto:norakatemom@gmail.com).

## **Holy Week Services**

Be sure to join Trinity during Holy Week!

- **Palm Sunday**, 7:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. March 29 with the Procession of Palms, Passion Reading
- **Maundy Thursday**, 6 p.m. April 2 with the Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altar
- **Good Friday**, 6 p.m. April 3 with Veneration of the Cross
- **Easter Sunday**, 7:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. April 4, with Flowering of the Cross, Incense, Bells and more, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Pledge envelopes are located at kids check in at the back of the church!**



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## Our Team

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard  
Music Director: Dr. Daniel Copher  
Nursery: Kelly Loy and Lisa Mejeun  
Treasurer: Beverly Kimbrough  
Lead Verger: Chris Smith

## Our Vestry

Howell Foust, Senior Warden  
Thommy Barbeauld  
Will Green  
Bob Houston  
Bill Kimbrough  
Frank Lott

Cornelia Mitchell  
Chris Nolder  
Kate Smith  
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