

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.



*Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
beginning with the Great Litany*

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

*After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness....*

~ Luke 4:1

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

Our worship today follows Rite Two in the Episcopal 1979 Book of Common Prayer ([BCP](#)), the red book in the pews, with authorized adaptations for inclusive language from *Enriching our Worship*, Book 1. The Hymnal 1982 is the blue book in the pews. Music for standard parts of the liturgy is marked with an "S" and found in the front section of the hymnal; regular hymns follow and are marked with a number sign (#) below. **LARGE PRINT PRAYER BOOKS** are available at the back of the pews, to the left. Again, welcome!

Today's service is being **livestreamed and recorded** on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Prelude

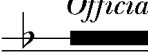
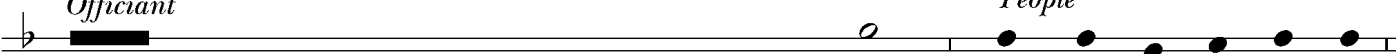
Etude No. 2

Philip Glass

The Great Litany (*chanted*)

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 46

I. Holy God (*Trisagion*)

Officiant  *People* 

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

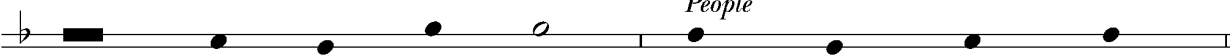
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

II. Supplications

Officiant 

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from

People 

all e - vil in - tent, Sa - vior de - liver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.



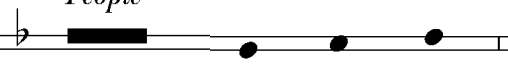
By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

III. Prayers for the Church universal

<i>Officiant</i>		<i>People</i>
		
Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.		Hear us O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, especially Daniel our Bishop and Ted our Rector, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
Hear us, O Christ.

IV. Prayers for the nations

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joe, the President of the United States, Josh, the Governor of this state, and Marty, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,
Hear us, O Christ.

V. Prayers for those in need

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.
Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

VI. Prayers for ourselves

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Hear us, O Christ.



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

The choir leads all in singing the Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -



on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(Kyrie, *Hymnal*
1982 S-91)

The Ministry of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider Bless be the God our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider continues with the Collect of the Day

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.**

All may be seated for the readings

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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, 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. 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." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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.

After the readings from scripture, Reader and People respond as follows

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

The following refrain is sung at the beginning and repeated after the even-numbered verses.



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

A Reading from the Epistles

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified,

and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 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. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hymn

"In Christ there is no east or west"

Hymnal 1982 #529

Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Before the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 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. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

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, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

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

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In continuation of the prayers offered during the Great Litany at the beginning of our worship, the Prayers of the People are abbreviated here. At the conclusion of each prayer, after "Lord, in your mercy," all respond, "Here our prayer."

Sharing the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Lord's Table: Holy Communion

During the offertory anthem, bread and wine for Holy Communion and gifts for the life and ministries of the Church are brought forward to be consecrated. Instructions for receiving the elements of Holy Communion can be found below, after the Breaking of the Bread.

Offertory anthem	"We shall walk"	Undine Smith Moore
<u>The Great Thanksgiving</u>		Eucharistic Prayer I, EOW 1

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The Presider prays a Collect for the liturgical season, then continues,

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Unison or harmony

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Sanctus, *Hymnal 1982 S-117*)

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All join with the choir in singing

Agnus Dei, Hymnal 1982 S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

On Receiving Communion:

All are welcome at the altar rail. If you would prefer to receive only a priestly blessing without the elements, simply cross your arms in front of your chest. If you need the elements brought to you in the pew, please inform an usher. For a gluten-free wafer, simply show your hands palms-down at the rail.

Communion Hymn	“Now let us all with one accord”	Hymnal 1982 #147
Youth Choir Anthem	“Calling”	Mark Patterson

Post-Communion Prayer BCP, p. 366

Officiant and People

**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.**

Following the prayer, the presider may offer a blessing. Announcements follow

Sending Hymn	“The glory of these forty days”	Hymnal 1982 #143
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Dismissal

Deacon	Let us go forth...
People	Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary	Sonatina	J. S. Bach
	from “Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit”	arr. Dorothy Wells



Many thanks to all the adults and youth who made the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper such a success. The pancakes and sides were delicious, the diners were happy, friends reconnected and we welcomed new faces, we were able to finish cleaning up much earlier than last year, and we made some money for Youth trips! Throughout the process and event, many hands made light work.

*In gratitude,
The Youth, Vestry and Rector of Trinity*

The image on front cover is in the public domain. The pencil drawing of Trinity Church on the following page is by parishioner Nancy Vining and for many years graced the cover of blank card sets printed for Trinity. We are happy to share it again, here.

We give thanks for the young people serving in worship today:

In Youth Choir: Thomas Golden, Bridgette Golden, Tillie Turbiville, Hannah Spencer, Cecilia Orlando, Hannah Garin

Also: John Turbiville and Julia Orlando

And for the adults serving today:

Ushers

Verger

Altar Guild

Chalice Bearers

Jean Arnold, Tom Izbicki

AnnMarie Stanton

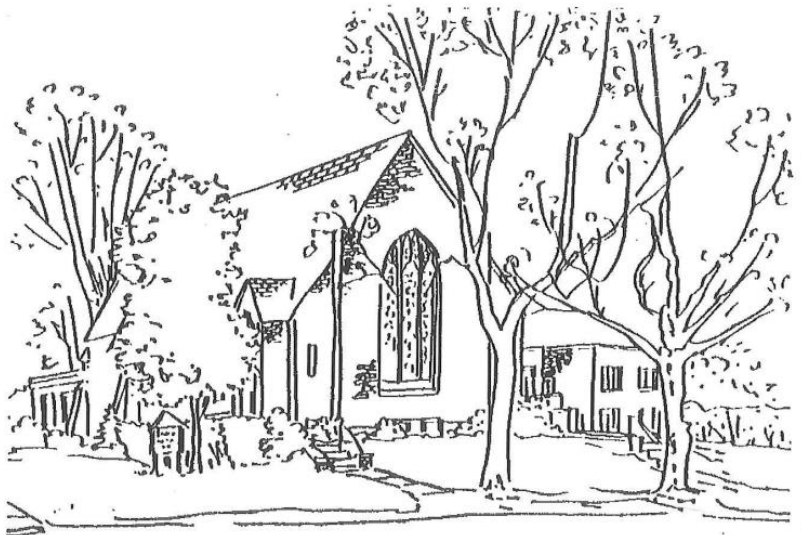
Suzanne West, Betsy Breakell,

Linda Howard and Barb Swartz

Bill Scarborough, Jay Gillespie

Jared Agee, Organist and Choirmaster

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thompson, preacher and presider



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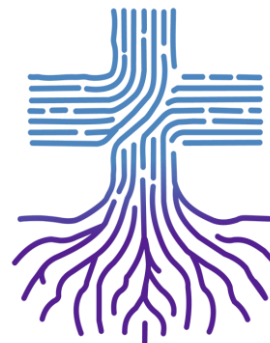
This Lent, "let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Worship and Study with Trinity this Lent, 2025

with Two Offerings...

A Commonplace Lent,
with video and text by
Jerusalem Jackson Greer

Weekdays in your inbox
Sundays, facilitated discussion
(9:15am-10:15am)



Follow with us writer Jerusalem Jackson Greer this Lent as she encourages us to partake in "A Commonplace Lent." For details, an introductory video, and to sign up, see <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

And from *Forward Movement*...

Meditations and Discussion
over Supper, using
The Disciple's Way: Daily Reflections for Lent

Wednesday evenings in Lent
beginning March 12, 6pm
in the Parish Hall



This will be a Supper and Study potluck event. Sign up on our website (www.trinity-swarthmore.org) to contribute something to the meal. You can also contribute by coming 20 minutes early to set up or staying after to clean up. Donations are welcome to defray costs of Adult Formation ministries.

Copies of The Disciple's Way have arrived and can be picked up in Shero Room, with payment of \$10 (cash or check). Please see AnnMarie Stanton. Those who pre-registered may take their copies now or wait till the first session, on Wednesday, March 12. A few extra copies are available for purchase until we run out.