

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.



Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

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."

~John 3:1-2

Welcome! Wherever we are as we worship this morning, we seek to be as one body in One Spirit with the risen Christ. Our worship today follows Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Our main hymnal for this service is the Hymnal 1982, in which “service” music (marked with an S) comprises the front section and numbered hymns follow.

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

Voluntary

“Gnossienne No. 3”

Erik Satie

Liturgy of the Word

Processional hymn

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”

Hymnal 1982 #636

Opening Acclamation

A Penitential Order, BCP p. 351

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Summary of the Law

The Presider may read a sentence from the scriptures, then bids the Confession, found on p. 352.

Following the Confession, the Presider offers God’s forgiveness to all who truly repent, then the choir leads all in the Kyrie.

Kyrie

Hymnal 1982 S-95

Cantor or Choir All Cantor or Choir

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

All Cantor or Choir All

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

Collect of the Day

(insert)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a (insert)

After the readings:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121 (insert)

The choir will sing the refrain first, with the congregation repeating it as bidden.

My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (insert)

Sequence Hymn

“Leaning on the everlasting arms”

LEVAS II #196

1. **What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain: Leaning (on Jesus), leaning (on Jesus),
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning (on Jesus), Leaning (on Jesus),
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2. **O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

3. **What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms,
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Refrain**

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

Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17 (insert)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed, BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form I, BCP p. 383

The Peace

BCP p. 360

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

The congregation greet one another in the Spirit of Christ. Announcements follow.

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All are welcome to approach the altar, the Lord's Table, and all who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this community. Instructions for Holy Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving.

Offertory Anthem

"Psalm 121"

Zoltán Kodály

During the offertory, gifts of bread of wine for the altar and offerings in support of the ministries of the Church are brought forward to be blessed and consecrated.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider gives praise to God for the work of creation and redemption through Christ, as appropriate to the day or season.

Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal 1982 S-130

After the Sanctus, the Great Thanksgiving continues with a history of God's love, to include Jesus's last meal with his followers at the Last Supper. The Presider then bids the congregation to proclaim the mystery and hope of the faith

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Thanksgiving concludes by asking God the Holy Spirit to sanctify the feast and all who partake, the People responding with the Great Amen.

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Hymnal 1982 S-119

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

Hymnal 1982 S-161

The Presider offers God's gifts.

On Receiving Holy Communion: All are welcome to come to the altar rail. Those wishing to share in Communion should stand or kneel and extend their hands, palms up. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine-host may be received by sipping directly from the chalice or by intinction (dipping the bread) in the second chalice. Those wishing instead a spoken blessing from the priest may signal this by crossing their arms over chest.

Communion Anthem

“God so loved the world”

John Goss

Communion Hymn

“And now, O Father, mindful of the love”

Hymnal 1982 #337

Post-Communion prayer

BCP p. 366

Closing hymn

“Lift high the cross”

Hymnal 1982 #473

Dismissal

The Priest or Deacon dismisses the congregation, the people responding

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Leaning on the everlasting arms”

Arr. Bill Wolaver

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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christ_in_the_Desert

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