

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.



Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

“How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” ...Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

~ John 4:9-10

Welcome! Our worship today follows An Order for Holy Eucharist in the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, beginning on p. 355, supplemented by materials such as *Enriching Our Worship, Vol. 1 (EOW 1)* and *A New Zealand Prayer Book (ANZPB)*. This service takes music from a variety of sources. For hymns not in *Hymnal 1982*, the words and music are printed in this bulletin, or words only if the tune is familiar or simple.

Children are invited to take Prayer Cards for drawing or writing out their prayers, which will be shared during the service. There is no Sunday School today during service.

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

Prelude "Grossienne No. 4" Erik Satie

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn "We all are one in mission" WLP #778

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| <p>1. We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united,
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission,
Compels us from above,
To plan and work together,
That all may know Christ's love.</p> <p>2. We all are called for service,
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others,
By God's surprising grace,
So people of all nations,
May feel God's warm embrace.</p> | <p>3. We all behold one vision,
A stark reality;
The steward of salvation,
Was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice,
Gives rise that we may share,
Free reconciliation,
And hope amidst despair.</p> <p>4. Now let us be united,
And let our song be heard,
Now let us be a vessel,
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united,
By Christ, the Lord of all.</p> |
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgives our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Summary of the Law

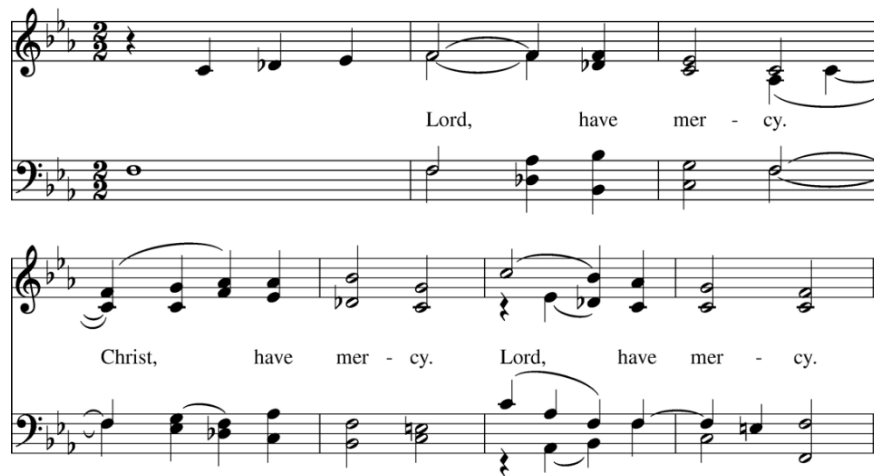
BCP p. 351

Confession and Absolution

**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 presider offers absolution to those repent and believe in the love of God through Christ.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7 (insert)

After the readings:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day (*read responsively*)

Psalm 95:1-7

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

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

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

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

and the heights of the hills are his also.

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

and his hands have molded the dry land.

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

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 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!

1. **Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.**

2. **Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither by thy help, I’ve come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

3. **Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it, for thy courts above.**

Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26

Before the gospel:

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:
Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Help us have your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Comfort those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

Sharing the Peace of God

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation greet one another in the Spirit of Christ. A brief time of welcome and announcements follow. 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.

Offertory Anthem

“Each of us has a light”
performed by Trinity Youth Choir

Sally K. Albrecht
and Jay Althouse

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the community of Trinity Church. Instructions for joining in Holy Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving. This version of the Great Thanksgiving is from A New Zealand Prayer Book (“Creation and Redemption,” 466).

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Presider begins, the People responding with the words in bold.

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead and pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe. we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us, even when we turn from you to sin.

**God’s love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In that love, dear God, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new.

In Christ’s suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself.

In your mercy you are now our God.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit,
a people after your own heart.

We entrust ourselves to you,

**for you alone do justice to all people,
living and departed.**

Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Presider and People (sung to the tune of "Land of Rest")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving continues

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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 shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory.

**We lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life.

**In Christ we offer ourselves
to do your will.**

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice,

**and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.**

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit,
**with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and ever. Amen**

Presider

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

To join in Holy Communion, please come to the altar rail and stand or kneel. Gluten-free wafers are available by request at the rail. Wine-Host may be taken by sipping from the first chalice or by “intinction” (dipping the wafer) in the second chalice. To receive a spoken blessing only, simply cross your arms in front of your chest. To have the elements of Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

Communion Anthem “Agnus Dei” Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Communion Hymn “Surely it is God who saves me” *Hymnal 1982 #679*

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| <p>1. Surely it is God who saves me;
Trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me,
And his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
From salvation’s living spring;
In the day of your deliv’rance,
Thank the Lord, his mercies sing.</p> | <p>2. Make his deeds known to the peoples;
Tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
All his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
For with you has come to dwell,
In your very midst, the great,
And Holy One of Israel.</p> |
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After Communion

Presider and People

(ANZP, pp. 248-9, modified)

**Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.**

**Born into the world,
living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love,**

**gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ’s body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.**

After the prayer, the Presider may pronounce a blessing

Closing hymn “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” *Hymnal 1982 #690*

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| <p>1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, (x2)
Feed me now and evermore. (x2)</p> | <p>2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence thy healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar,
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliv’rer, (x2)
Be thou still my strength and shield. (x2)</p> |
| <p>3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;
Songs of praises, (x2)
I will ever give to thee. (x2)</p> | |

A Deacon or Priest concludes the Eucharist with a call to bless or serve God, the People responding

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Fellowship continues with our “Take Ten” refreshment time in the Shero Room, through the double doors.
Please join us! All are welcome.*

Postlude

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”
with Bizet’s *L’arlésienne Suite No. 1*

John Hughes
Arr. Marilyn Ham

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We give thanks for all children and youth serving in leadership roles today, including

Bridget Golden, Thomas Golden, Ezra Hill, Liam Hill,

Colin Smith, Hannah Smith, Tillie Turbiville, and David Williamson

And singing in the Youth Choir today

Thomas Golden, Bridget Golden, Hannah Smith, and Tillie Turbiville

Also:

Greeters/Ushers

Organist & Choirmaster

Verger

Crucifer

Chalice bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Andy Millett, Linda Sauer

Jared Agee, Director of Music

AnnMarie Stanton

Liam Hill

Rich Englebach, Bill Scarborough

Betsy Breakell, Linda Howard

Barb Swartz

John McCurry

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