

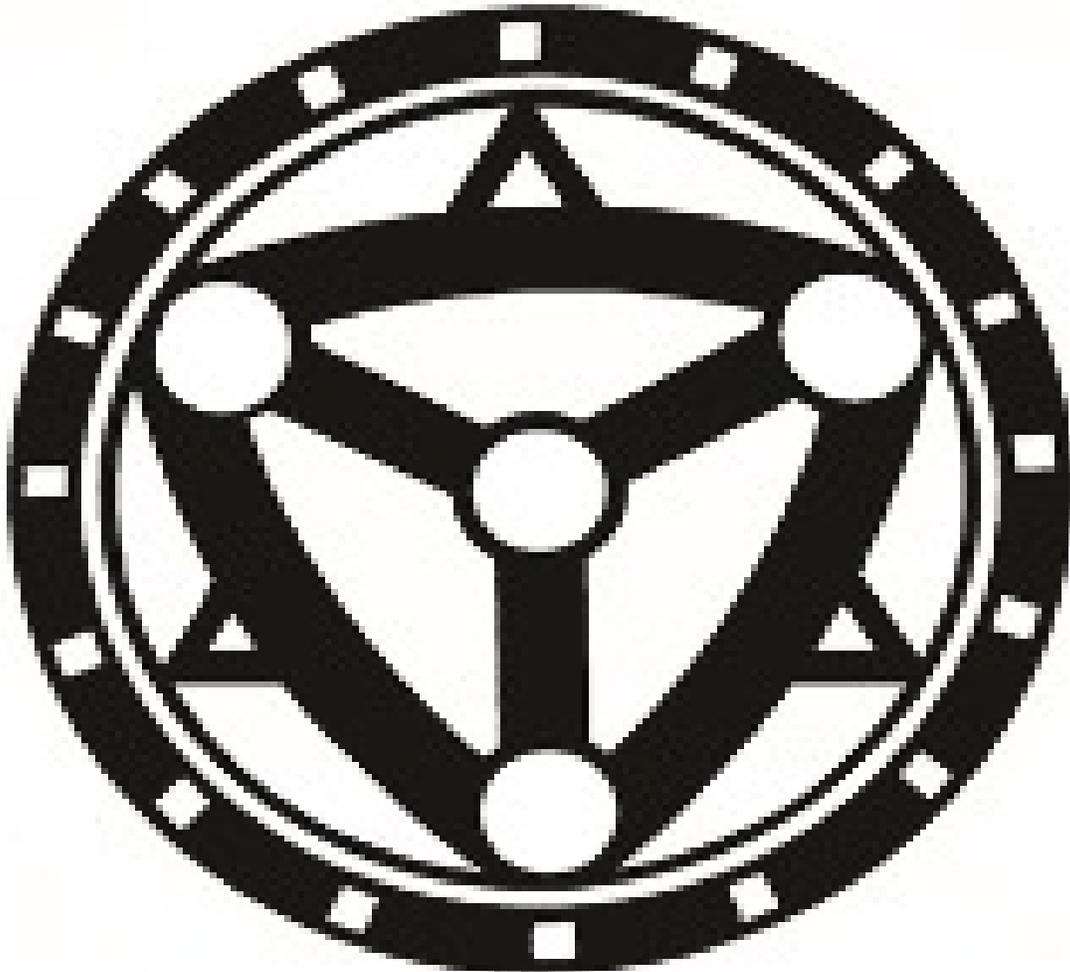
Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Lent

Service of the Word Rite II



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Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT -- those here in our sanctuary and those who join us by live-streaming.

Please know that your presence and your prayers are a beloved gift to this faith community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence here.

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Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Procession in Silence

Welcome

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise #401

Words: Thomas Oliver, Music: Hymns Ancient and Modern

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;

we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:

we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee."

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity (in unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

LEVAS 237

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.**

Repeat once

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse;

and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 121 (BCP p. 779)

Reader: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Reader: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

People: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Reader: The LORD himself watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

People: So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Reader: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

People: The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham

(for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")
–in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel John 3:1-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is

spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Stan Moraski

A period of silence is kept

Choir Anthem

God So Loved The World

Music: Sir John Stainer

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*) BCP p. 358

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.

Choral Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord, Lead me in thy righteousness,
Make thy way plain before my face.

The Prayers of the People Form III BCP p. 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list _____, and for those named here.
(pause for the people to add their intercessions).

Reader: In your mercy.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace, Hartford; Haven Community, Hartford and prison ministry and prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars and Beyond Ministry Network. We also pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world:
God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We pray for those with power

over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who have died, are wounded or missing. We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones.

We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world.

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Offering

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love #337

Words: William Bright, Music: William Henry Monk

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee, that only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusing's of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for lo! between our sins and their reward, we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal; O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!

O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

The Doxology Old 100th Hymn 380 Verse 3

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. Amen

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Grace

Presider: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

How Firm A Foundation #637

Words: John Rippon's Selection, Music: Lois Fyfe

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**The Sanctuary Lamp
is Given to the Glory of God**

Celebrating the Worship Service

The People of God gathered in Trinity Church
and at home.

Presider:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Ann Bierut
Usher:	Ann Bierut
Altar Guild:	Nell Bonnett and Ann Bierut
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director and The Trinity Choir

March Worship Calendar

Sun, Mar 1

9:00 am

Lent 2

Service of the Word

Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Sun, Mar 8

9:00 am

Lent 3

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Mar 15

9:00 am

Lent 4

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

Celebrant: The Rev. Salin Low

Sun, Mar 22

9:00 am

Lent 5

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

Sun, Mar 29

10:00 am

The Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

Service at St. John's, Pine Meadow

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

The Rev. Claudia Scheda

March Events Calendar

CANTON FOOD BANK

Mon, Mar 2 6:00-7:00 pm	Canton Food Bank open Miriam's Closet Open
Tues, Mar 3 8:30-11:30 am 8:30-11:00	Canton Food Bank open Miriam's Closet open Nancy Dasilva attending
Mon, Mar 9 6:00-7:00 pm	Canton Food Bank open
Tues, Mar 10 8:30-11:30 am	Canton Food Bank open

MEETINGS

No Meetings scheduled

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fridays Feb 27 Mar 6 Mar 13 Mar 20	6:00-8:00 pm Sign up to bring soup, salad, bread appetizer or bread
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