



ASH WEDNESDAY

12:05pm | February 18, 2026

YOU HAVE  
CREATED US  
OUT OF  
THE DUST  
OF THE EARTH

# Welcome to Trinity Church

*We're an Episcopal parish where all are invited to participate in the life of our community. Worship is at the heart of everything we do. It opens us to the wondrous reality of our loving God, gathering and focusing us on what matters.*

Together we put our faith into practice. In our homes, at work and school, and in all our civic endeavors, we follow Jesus by serving our neighbors. We believe church at its best is an expression of God's justice-oriented love in the world.

We're glad you're here and hope you will encounter and be transformed by the presence of God in Jesus Christ. Take part in a way that's comfortable for you. If you're new to Trinity, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy.

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## ABOUT THIS SERVICE

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The Book of Common Prayer prescribes a specific order of service for the day, called a proper liturgy, which features an invitation to prayer and penitence. The Litany offers special intercessions of contrition, and replaces the customary Confession, Absolution, and Prayers of the People.

The season of Lent—from an Old English word meaning “spring”—spans 40 days: from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays. Traditionally, this time of year has been a period of solemn preparation, self-examination, and repentance. Remembering the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry, some Christians adopt Lenten disciplines: giving up an item of food, taking on a prayer or devotional practice, taking a technology fast, or simply setting aside time each day to be present with God and those they love.

Lenten liturgy is characterized by solemnity and simplicity. The Gloria and the word *alleluia* are omitted and will not return until the Great Vigil of Easter. At Trinity Church, a “Lenten array” of red, black, and rough linen fabric characterizes the vestments during this season.

# Preparation

## Prelude

Ash Wednesday

Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

My God, my God, have mercy on my sin,  
For it is great; and if I should begin  
To tell it all, the day would be too small  
To tell it in.

My God, Thou wilt have mercy on my sin  
For Thy Love's sake: yea, if I should begin  
To tell This all, the day would be too small  
To tell it in.

Good Lord, today  
I scarce find breath to say:  
Scourge, but receive me.  
For stripes are hard to bear, but worse  
Thy intolerable curse;  
So do not leave me.

Good Lord, lean down  
In pity, tho' Thou frown;  
Smite, but retrieve me:  
For so Thou hold me up to stand  
And kiss Thy smiting hand,  
It less will grieve me.  
My God.

—Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

## Procession

*At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the procession.*

*The ministers enter in silence.*

## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# The Word of God

## The First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

*Reader* A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 103:8–14

BCP p. 733

- Leader*      The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
                    slow to anger and of great kindness.
- People*      **He will not always accuse us, \***  
                    **nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- Leader*      He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
                    nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- People*      **For as the heavens are high above the earth, \***  
                    **so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- Leader*      As far as the east is from the west, \*  
                    so far has he removed our sins from us.
- People*      **As a father cares for his children, \***  
                    **so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**
- Leader*      For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
                    he remembers that we are but dust.

## The Lenten Tract

*Please stand and turn to face the Gospel as it passes.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God.

- Choir*      Create in me a clean heart, O God.
- All*          **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**
- Choir*      Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
- All*          **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

# The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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

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

*Deacon* Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*At the invitation of the Preacher, please be seated.*

## Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

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*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Please kneel.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Prayer over the Ashes

BCP p. 265

*Please continue kneeling.*

*The Celebrant stands.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*All* Amen.

## Imposition of Ashes

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*Please be seated.*

*Ushers will guide all who wish to come forward for the imposition of ashes.*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words:*

*Minister* Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



# Anthem at the Imposition

Miserere mei, Deus

Gregorio Allegri (1582–1652)

Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness.*

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.

*According to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.*

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.*

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco, et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

*For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.*

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci; ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

*Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:*

*that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.*

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

*Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.*

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti; incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.

*But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.*

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor; lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

*Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:*

*thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam: et exsultabunt ossa humiliata.

*Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis, et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

*Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.*

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus, et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

*Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.*

Ne projicias me a facie tua, et spiritum sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

*Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.*

Redde mihi laetitiam salutaris tui, et spiritu principali confirma me.

*O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.*

Docebo iniquos vias tuas, et impii ad te convertentur.

*Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meae, et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.  
*Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health:*  
*and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.*

Domine, labia mea aperies, et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.  
*Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew thy praise.*

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique; holocaustis non delectaberis.  
*For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.*

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus; cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias.  
*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*

Benigne fac, Domine, in bona voluntate tua Sion, ut aedificentur muri Jerusalem.  
*O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.*

Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae, oblationes et holocausta;  
tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.  
*Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations:*  
*then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.*

—Psalm 51, tr. Book of Common Prayer, 1662

# Litany of Penitence

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*Please kneel.*

*All*        **Most holy and merciful Father:**  
**We confess to you and to one another,**  
**and to the whole communion of saints**  
**in heaven and on earth,**  
**that we have sinned by our own fault**  
**in thought, word, and deed;**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Celebrant*    We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People*        **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People*        **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People*        **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People*        **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People*        **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant*    For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People*        **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Please continue kneeling.*

*The Celebrant stands.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Peace

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Welcome

*Please be seated.*

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” —1 Chronicles 29:14

*Offerings at Trinity are applied to the care of our neighbors; particularly to our food assistance ministries Compassion Meals and Compassion Market, and in support of other food banks across lower Manhattan. Last year we were able to provide more than 4.7 million meals for our food insecure neighbors. (TrinityChurchNYC.org/social-justice/food-assistance)*

*Please place your gift in the basket at the rear of the nave before or after the service, or visit TrinityChurchNYC.org/donate for additional ways to give. Gifts received are blessed immediately after the service with this prayer: Generous God, at your table we present this money, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.*

## Offertory Anthem

Lamb of God

*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, German chorale (1540),  
arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)

Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Patient still and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn did offer;  
Our sins by thee were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

—Nikolaus Decius (c. 1485–1541), tr. Arthur T. Russell (1806–1874)

## Censing of the Gifts

*Please stand.*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense.

—Psalm 141:2

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 340\*/p. 379

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also 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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

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*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please continue standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present to you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

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*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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 Fraction and Invitation

BCP p. 364/St. Augustine (1 Corinthians)

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Behold what you are.

*People*        **May we become what we receive.**

*Please be seated.*

### Receiving Communion

*Clergy will distribute communion from stations in front of the altar.*

*If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher or sacristan know.*

*It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and eat it immediately.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the minister know that you need one.*

*Those who wish to receive wine should partake by sipping directly from the chalice  
(intincting, or dipping one's wafer into the wine, is no longer permitted).*

*Please use your hands to gently assist the server in guiding the chalice to your lips.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing,  
indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Anthem

The Beatitudes

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,

and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

—Matthew 5:3–12



## Post-Communion Prayer

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*Please stand.*

*All*        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.

## The Blessing

BOS p. 13/BCP p. 339\*

*Celebrant*    Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed  
from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*All*        Amen.

*Please turn to face the procession as it passes.*

# Closing Hymn

H 475, vv. 1, 4

1 God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,  
 2 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -  
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -  
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known  
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

## Dismissal

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*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*There is no Postlude in Lent.*

*All exit in silence.*

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## Service Music

### **The Lenten Tract**

Words: 2 Corinthians 6:2

Music: Psalm 51:11

### **Closing Hymn (H 475)**

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697–1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Tysk*, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

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### ABOUT THE MUSIC

Written for the Choir of the Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque, Cecilia McDowall’s “Ash Wednesday” sets the devotional verses of Christina Rossetti. The vocal writing is largely simple and deeply expressive, enriched by highly individual harmonies, while the organ part alternates between introspective lyricism and moments of virtuosic display.

Gregorio Allegri’s “Miserere mei, Deus” is a celebrated Renaissance choral setting of Psalm 51, composed for the Sistine Chapel for use during Lent. Scored for two alternating choirs of five and four voices, it is renowned for its luminous polyphony and its soaring, iconic soprano line.

F. Melius Christiansen was a Norwegian violinist and conductor, best known as the founder of the St. Olaf Choir in 1912. Based on the German chorale *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, his “Lamb of God” uses the familiar English Lenten text, creating a setting of reverent warmth.

Welsh composer Paul Mealar’s setting of “The Beatitudes” offers a resonant musical meditation on the familiar words from Matthew 5:3–12.



# Find peace in challenging times.

Gather for an hour of spiritual practice rooted  
in the Christian contemplative tradition.

*All are welcome.*

## Centering Prayer Weekly Practice

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Mondays, January 26–March 23  
5:30pm | St. Paul's Chapel

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# Happening at *Trinity*

Worship, community, connection. That's what's on here at Trinity Church. Attend an evening concert, sign up for a class at Trinity Commons, or come back for Sunday worship and learning. We hope to see you.

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## Every *Week*

### WEDNESDAYS

1pm **Catch Your Breath**  
*Returns February 25*  
*Trinity Church*

6pm **Trinity Youth Group**  
*Returns March 4*  
*Trinity Commons*

6:30pm **Contemplative Practice  
with Poetry**  
*Returns February 25*  
*Online*

### THURSDAYS

9:30am– **New Beginnings**  
2:30pm *Trinity Commons*

3:30pm **Knit Together**  
*Returns February 26*  
*Trinity Commons*

### FRIDAYS

6pm **Book Club**  
*Online*

## Every *Sunday*

### 9am– **Childcare**

1pm *Trinity Commons mezzanine*

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the 9am and 11:15am services, as well as the 10am programs. Ask an usher to show you the way. We ask that parents not leave the premises while their child is in our care.

### 10am **Sunday School**

*Meet in Parish Hall*

Two-year-olds through fifth graders are invited to learn and play together in peer-grouped classes.

### 10am **Bible and Bagels** *Returns March 1*

*Meet in Parish Hall*

Middle and high schoolers can ask questions and talk about the Bible, Christianity, and The Episcopal Church.

### 10am **Discovery**

*Parish Hall*

Join a community discussion where ideas become action. Together, we'll talk about God, the Bible, and how our faith shapes the way we show up in our everyday lives.

### 11am– **Family Open Gym**

1pm *Trinity Commons 4th floor*

Join the Trinity community for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, and more.

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## *Stay and Chat*

Linger awhile after service. Everyone is invited to talk with clergy and staff or take an augmented reality tour of the church and grounds. Feel free to ask questions; we're here to answer them.



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# This Week

## **The Liturgy of Ash Wednesday**

*Wednesday, February 18; 12:05pm, 5:30pm; Trinity Church*

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, Bishop of New York, preaches at the midday service. A Spanish language bulletin will be available at the evening service. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/lent](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/lent).

## **When a Loved One Struggles**

*Wednesdays through March 11, 6:30pm, online*

Having a loved one who struggles with mental and emotional health can be lonely and stressful, yet caring for yourself is essential to caring for those around you. Come find solidarity in a six-week online support group led by a licensed therapist. Learn more and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/struggles](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/struggles).

## **Into the Word: A Bible Introduction**

*Thursdays, February 19–April 9, 5:30pm, Trinity Commons and online*

Who wrote the Bible? Why do we argue over this ancient book? What does it say to me? Dig into the messy, beautiful, and complex collection of writings at the center of Christian practice. Led by leading scholars from diverse faith perspectives, we'll learn about the Bible's origins and what it means to read it skillfully, honestly, and with joy. See the curriculum and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/word](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/word).

## **Young Adults Dinner**

*Thursday, February 19, 5:30pm, Trinity Commons*

Those in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Trinity Young Adults group for a shared meal and fellowship. In February and March, we'll gather at Into the Word. To sign up, email [YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org). (Separate registration for Into the Word is not required.)

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# Upcoming

## Lunar New Year Coffee Hour

*Sunday, February 22, 10am and 12:30pm, Trinity Commons*

Celebrate the Year of the Horse with the Trinity community! Following the 9am and 11:15am services, join us for Lunar New Year activities, including calligraphy and paper-lantern crafts, festive food, music, and storytelling. The second coffee hour will feature a lion dance. For more information, contact [CommunityEngagement@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

## DISCOVERY

### The Making of Modern Prophets: How Faithful Christians Responded to Hard Times

*Sundays, February 22–March 22, 10am, Trinity Commons and online*

What makes a modern-day prophet? Learn from Christians throughout history who spoke truth to power, took courageous action, and led movements that uplifted the marginalized amid political turmoil and widespread injustice — living out the upside-down Kingdom of God with their very lives. Learn more and register at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/discovery).

## LGBTQ+ Ministry

*Sunday, February 22, 1:30pm, Trinity Commons*

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

### Ave Generosa: Marian and Lenten Reflections

*Tuesday, February 24, 6pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

Immerse yourself in an evening of choral music that spotlights Trinity Choir's soprano and alto voices and glorifies Mary the mother of Jesus, compassion, and the spirit of Lent. With Hildegard von Bingen's *Ave generosa* at its center, the program also presents pieces by Francis Poulenc, Maurice Duruflé, and newer voices. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/music](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/music).

## Lenten Retreat Day

*Saturday, February 28, 10am–3pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

The season of Lent invites us to lay down the fears and anxieties that divide us from one another — and walk toward healing and wholeness together. Join a retreat day in New York City featuring special teaching by Sister Kristina Frances of the Society of St. Margaret, group discussion, and silent reflection. Come cultivate a Lenten spiritual practice in community. Register by Wednesday, February 25, at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/lentenretreat](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/lentenretreat).

## TRINITY TALKS

### The Schuyler Sisters in an Age of Revolution

*Tuesday, March 10, 6pm, St. Paul's Chapel*

Author Amanda Vaill sits down with journalist Celia McGee to discuss her new biography, *Pride and Pleasure: The Schuyler Sisters in an Age of Revolution*, which details the lives of Angelica Schuyler Church and her sister Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton, and shifts our understanding of the role women played in the founding era of our country. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/trinity-talks](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/trinity-talks).

## Community Athletics

*Through May 29, Trinity Commons*

Improve your physical and mental health and make new friends! Join a free community fitness class — Pilates, barre, pickleball, and more — or stop by Family Open Gym. Registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/athletics](https://TrinityChurchNYC.org/athletics).

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# Engage in a Group

Study Scripture, craft and create, work for justice, and meet new people in groups at Trinity Church.

## Women in Community

Come together for fellowship and Scripture study, paying particular attention to stories of women in the Bible. To join, email [WomenInCommunity@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:WomenInCommunity@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*First Sundays, 1pm*

## Trinity Men

Explore what it means to live a life of faith and service in New York City through social gathering and volunteer opportunities. To join, email [MensGroup@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:MensGroup@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Fourth Thursdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Young Adults

Join a monthly Sunday brunch and Thursday night dinner for adults in their 20s and 30s. To join, email [YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:YoungAdults@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Second Sundays following  
11:15am service*

*Third Thursdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Youth Group

Meet weekly for dinner and talk about what's on your heart and mind. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/youthgroup](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/youthgroup).

*Wednesdays, 6pm*

## New Beginnings

Trinity's seniors meet weekly for chair yoga and tai chi, Bible study, and lunch. At 12:05pm, we attend the Holy Eucharist service in Trinity Church. To join, email [NewBeginnings@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:NewBeginnings@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Thursdays, 9:30am-3pm*

## ParentSpace

Find encouragement in kinship. Join fellow parents in a supportive conversation about raising children. To join, email [ParentSpace@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:ParentSpace@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Second Sundays, 10am*

## LGBTQ+ Ministry

Connect, celebrate, and care for one another in a supportive and affirming faith space. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*Last Sundays, 1pm*

## Creation Care

Address environmental concerns through the lens of faith, in connection with efforts of The Episcopal Church and other communities. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

## Prison Ministry

Support and care for people who have been incarcerated and their families. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*First Thursdays, 6pm*

## Trinity Knitters

Knit and crochet with a welcoming community, whether you've been crafting for years or are ready to start a new hobby. To join, email [TrinityKnitters@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:TrinityKnitters@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Third Sundays, 12:30pm*

*Third Mondays, 6:30pm*

## Knit Together

Craft cold-weather essentials for unhoused LGBTQ+ youth in weekly community knitting sessions hosted by Trinity Youth. All are welcome. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*Thursdays, 3:30pm*

## Poets' Corner

Join a forum for poets and writers to share their works with an encouraging community of fellow artists. To join, email [PoetsCorner@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:PoetsCorner@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Third Tuesdays, 7pm*

## Contemplative Practice with Poetry

Practice guided meditation centered on poetry in weekly online practice. To join, email [ChristianFormation@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:ChristianFormation@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

*Wednesdays, 6:30pm*

## Trinity Book Club

Explore the mysteries of the Christian faith through the medium of literature in an online discussion group. Sign up at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/groups).

*Fridays, 6pm*

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# Become a Member

We welcome your participation in Trinity Church's active and vibrant community of faith. If you have questions about membership or want to learn more about Trinity, email [Membership@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Membership@TrinityChurchNYC.org) or call 646-216-6484.



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# Announcements

## Council Elections and Annual Meeting of the Congregation

*Sunday, March 1, 12:45pm, Trinity Commons*

Eligible members can cast their vote for Congregational Council candidates and delegates to the Diocesan Convention following the 8am, 9am, and 11:15am services at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 1. Eligibility to vote is defined in the Ordinances: "All persons who on the date of an annual election shall have attained the age of 18 years and who, for the period of one year preceding such annual election shall have been duly enrolled on the Congregation's records as members of the Congregation and shall have partaken of the Holy Communion within said year in the Parish and who shall have contributed to the support of the Parish by a recorded gift of any amount in the preceding year, and no other persons, shall be entitled to vote at such annual election." The ballots will be counted after voting closes at 1pm, and the results of the vote will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, Council standing committee chairs will provide committee updates. Information about the candidates may be found at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/councilelection](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/councilelection).

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## Request Prayer

We are a community of prayer. Our clergy and Daily Intercessory Prayer Ministry set aside time to pray for members of our parish. To submit a specific request, please email [Prayers@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Prayers@TrinityChurchNYC.org). All submissions are confidential.

Please pray with us:

*God of mercy and compassion,  
you sent your Son that we might know your power to heal,  
to comfort, strengthen, and restore.*

*We thank you for this community of faith and the joy of our life together,  
and we pray your presence with those dear to us.*

*We remember those who are vulnerable.*

*We lift up those who are sick.*

*We commend to your protection those who serve in harm's way.*

*Hold them in your loving embrace, fill them with your grace, and bring them peace.*

*All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

### *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

Pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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## Congregational Voice

*"For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37 NKJV). Good morning, my dear family. Remember, God makes the impossible possible. Walk with the King today and be a blessing.*

— CHRISTINE DENNIS

*To submit a brief reflection to be featured in Congregational Voice, please email Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant at [esmiechild@aol.com](mailto:esmiechild@aol.com).*

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## Food Assistance

*Breakfast, every weekday*

*Lunch, every day*

*Dinner, Monday–Wednesday, Friday  
Trinity Church*

We offer free Compassion Meals seven days a week to those in need, served right outside Trinity Church. Volunteer opportunities are available. For schedules and more information, please reach out to [Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

## Compassion Market & Space

*Tuesdays, 9–11am*

*Thursdays, 9:30am–1:30pm*

*Trinity Commons lower level*

Our biweekly food pantry at Trinity Commons offers groceries and essential items, including diapers and clothes. Volunteer opportunities are available. For schedules and more information, please reach out to [Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org](mailto:Volunteer@TrinityChurchNYC.org).

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## Pastoral Care

In case of illness, a death in the family, or other pastoral emergencies, call 917-488-0717 to reach a member of the Pastoral Care team. For other pastoral needs, call 212-602-0800 and leave a detailed message. Someone will reach out as soon as possible.

## Resource Line

*Monday–Friday, 2–5pm*

If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, call 917-594-6300 for our Resource Connections program. Trinity's Outreach team helps guests access housing, legal aid, mental health services, immigration assistance, SNAP benefits, and other services. Learn more at [TrinityChurchNYC.org/resourceline](http://TrinityChurchNYC.org/resourceline).

## Our *Leadership*

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### FLOWERS

No flowers will decorate the church during Lent.

## Source Citations

### LITURGICAL SOURCES

BCP *The Book of Common Prayer*  
BOS *The Book of Occasional Services 2022*  
CW *Common Worship*  
CW:TS *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*  
EDC *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*  
EOW *Enriching Our Worship*  
NRSV New Revised Standard Version  
RCL *Revised Common Lectionary*  
TC Trinity Church staff

### MUSICAL SOURCES

H *The Hymnal 1982*  
LEVAS *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*  
S *The Hymnal 1982 Service Music*  
WLP *Wonder, Love, and Praise*  
  
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The Rt. Rev. Matthew F. Heyd  
*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Sr. Promise Atelon  
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### MUSICIANS

Trinity Choir

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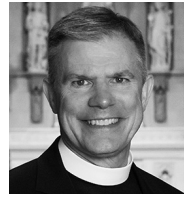
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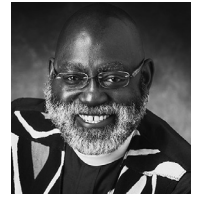
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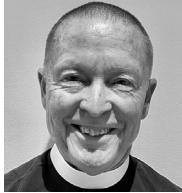
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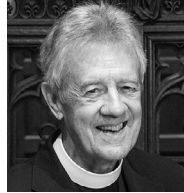
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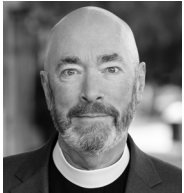
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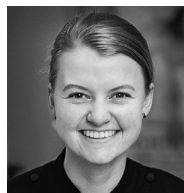
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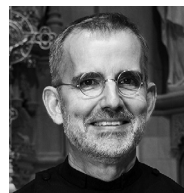
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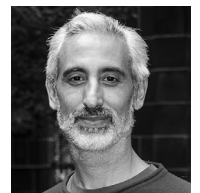
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Find your people in a parish group, expand your mind in a faith education class, or roll up your sleeves and work with us to create a more just world. We do things together at Trinity Church.



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## WORSHIP

### Sundays

8am, 9am, 11:15am<sup>†</sup>

Holy Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

7pm

Compline by Candlelight

*St. Paul's Chapel*

### Weekdays

9am

Morning Prayer

*Trinity Church*

12:05pm<sup>†</sup>

Holy Eucharist

*Trinity Church*

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