

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Eucharist with Music

Trinity Memorial Church

*An Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central New York,
and a Jubilee Ministry Center*

All are welcome

We're glad to see you today!

Text in ***bold italics*** is said by all; hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

Chimes *Please use this moment for centering silent prayer. You may find helpful guidance in the red Book of Common Prayer, pp. 828-835.*

Prelude from *Fifteen Antiphons* Marcel Dupré

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 490 **I want to walk as a child of the light** *Houston*

A Penitential Order

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; **His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie *10:00 sung by the Choir* Adrian Batten
Lord have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson I Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The

LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

8:30 The Psalm is read

10:00 Sung by the choir; Barbara Crowle, soloist. Setting by Howard Goodall

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 692

I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John;
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed

that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Richard Schaal

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(Form III, p. 387)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for Nancy Campbell, Shawn Kaiser, Andy Pierce, Nelson and Regina, Cate Hough, Drieux Koepfel, Masha Britten, Chucky Corse, Jeffrey Weyant, Ted, Barbara Manzo, Robert Croston, Sr., Christopher, Stephani and Donald Polhemus, Michelle, Andrew, Chuck, Kathryn, Connie and Corrie Alexander, Philip and Dolly.

Are there others?

We give thanks today for those celebrating birthdays this week: Talon Schroeder and Katharine Hill. *Are there other celebrations?*

We pray for members of our congregation in military service: Kurt Albaugh, Darlene Croston, Colin Davis, Joshua Loch, Ben Sherwood Evans, Seth Thomas, Raidyn Ford, and Aaron Brady. *Amen.*

Gracious God, as we seek the priest You are preparing for us, fill our hearts with patience, hope, and trust in Your timing. Grant wisdom to those discerning: Daniel Aribisala, Teddy Aribisala, Edris Boyll-Kuzia, John Chaffee, Darlene Croston, Ginny Hill, Jamie Johnson, Claudia Kachmarik, and Diane Lange. Grant unity among us as a congregation, and bless the priest who is even now being called to walk with us, that together we may serve You faithfully proclaiming Christ's love. *Amen.*

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you; *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem Miserere mei William Byrd
*Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.
And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.*

Presentation Hymn 143, st. 5 *Erhalt uns, Herr
O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.*

The Great Thanksgiving *(Prayer 3, Enriching our Worship)*

The Lord be with you; *And also with you.*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

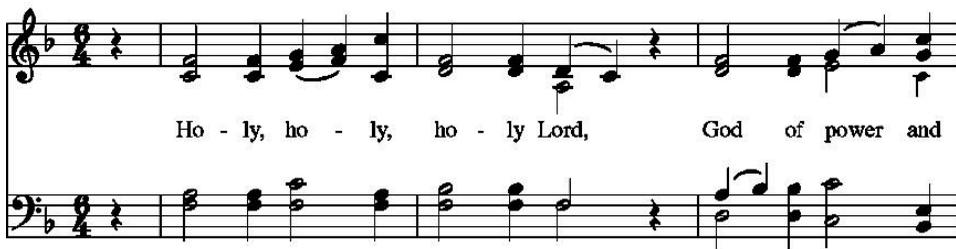
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

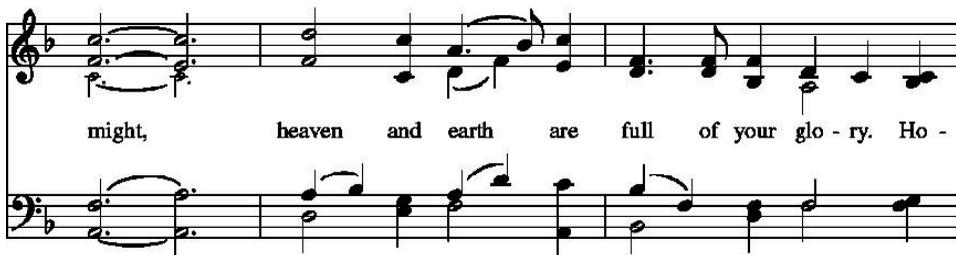
Hymn 858

Sanctus

(Wonder, Love and Praise)



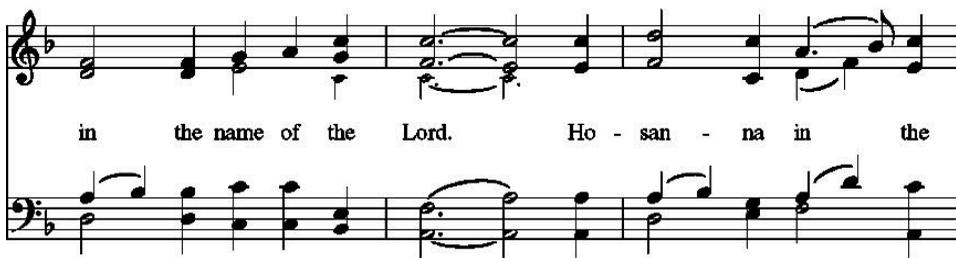
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner, harmonized by Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death; Rising, you restored our life; Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord’s Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

8:30 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

10:00

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast.

Ministration of Communion

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

Please feel free to receive the bread and/or wine at the Chancel steps or at the Altar Rail. If you wish to intinct (dip) your bread, please dip it in the small chalices offered, or drink from the larger chalice.

Hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *Schmucke dich*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Benediction

Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing *Azmon*

The Dismissal The people respond *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Richard Schaal, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Timothy E. Smith, *Organist & Music Director*

Daniel Aribisala, *Lector* Bill Palmer, *Worship Leader*

Daniel Aribisala, *Acolyte* Philip Evans & Cynthia Evans, *Ushers*

Gayle Bump-Fortner, Dawn Roessing, *Altar Guild for March*
Bill Palmer, Peter Koepfel, Phil Evans, Ken Lattimore, Greg Keeler
Eucharistic Ministers
Carl Betcher, *Digital Minister* Bill Palmer, *Coffee Hour*

PRAYER LIST (in addition to those listed in the service):

Pray for our diocese: In our parishes, we pray for the people of Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Sherrill and their priest, the Rev. Georgina Hegney, and the people of St. James Episcopal Church in Skaneateles and their priest, the Rev. Pilar Parnell.

Pray for the Episcopal Church: In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Florida and their assistant bishops, the Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase and the Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes.

Pray for the Anglican Communion: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Kenya and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit.

TODAY'S FORUM: The Rev. Richard Schaal, "Resources for the Lenten season" (*20 minutes after worship in the Common Room*)

CANTEEN, March 15: TBD, *cooking*; J. Johnson, *Manager*;
C. Blake, *Hostess*; Last week: 40 guests served, 90 dinners served

TODAY: Lenten Soup Supper and Candlechant
5:30 pm: **Soup Supper** (Dining Room) 6:15 pm: **Meditative Prelude** (Nave)
6:30 pm: **Candlechant** with the tenors and basses of the Trinity Choir (Nave)

FOOD BANK: Last week, 90 people served in our gym.

GENEROSITY REPORT (Updated March 11)

Required weekly contributions: \$4,153; Last week's contributions: \$11,823;
Required year to date contributions: \$41,535; Contributions received year to date: \$44,718; Year to Date Difference: \$3,183.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS: You may specify tulips, hyacinths or daffodils. Deadline: next Sunday, March 22. Find envelopes in the Hoyt Room.

EASTER BRUNCH AT TRADITIONS: 12:30 pm Easter Sunday. See details and sign up on the kiosk in Hoyt Room.

HELP UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY: See Rick Shumaker or Greg Keeler after worship today in the Hoyt or the Gym to get a new photo taken and update your contact information for our priests, future Rector, and others

LOVE SHOWER: Donation box in the Hoyt Room with list of needs by 4/5

CALENDAR

Today	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Hoyt Room)
	11:30 am	Forum (Common Room)
	12:00 pm	Canteen (Dining Room)
	1-5:00 pm	Madrigal Choir (Music Room)
	5:30-6:30 pm	Soup Supper (Dining Room)
	6:30-7:15 pm	Candlechant (Sanctuary)
Mon. March 16	10:00 am	Recorders (Music Room)
Tues. March 17	11:00 am	Tuesday Group (Common Room)
	3:30 pm	CARES (Gym)
	6:30-8:30 pm	Savoyards Rehearsal (Music Room)
Wed. March 18	5:30/6:30 pm	Ringers/Choir (Music Suite)
Thurs. March 19	3:30-5:30 pm	CARES (Gym)
	6:30 pm	N.A. (Dining Room)
	6:30 pm	Pickleball (Gym)
Fri. March 20	3:30-5:30 pm	CARES (Dining Room & Gym)
Sat. March 21	9:30 am	N.A. (Dining Room)
	Noon-5pm	N.A. Event
	Sun. March 22	8:30 am
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Music
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Hoyt Room)
	11:30 am	Forum (Common Room)
	12:00 pm	Canteen (Dining Room)
	1-5:00 pm	Madrigal Choir (Music Room)
	2-3:00 pm	Maya & Everett Dement's (rescheduled) Guitar Concert