

# TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people  
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



## The Second Sunday of Lent

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10 am

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## *Welcome to Trinity Church!*

*Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this day.*

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for today, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to greet you today or on your next visit in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card with the usher/greeter.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

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Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service from September to early June.

### *Leading Worship Today*

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Nancy Dilliplane

**Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Accompanist:** Martha Dudich

**Greeter/Usher:** Steve Guidry

**Chalice:** Marjorie Guidry

**Lay Reader:** Deb Grant

**Intercessor & Psalmist:** Joe McLean

**Altar Guild:** Meg Perry & Joanne Welker

**Acolyte:** Joanne Welker

**Open/Close:** Zimmerman/Welker-Marx

**A/V:** Deb Grant

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Prelude

### Gathering Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory ~Harry Fosdick

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**Salutation:**   *One:* Blessed be the God of our salvation  
                  *Many:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## **A Rite of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*One:* Lord Jesus, desert dweller, help us now, at this time of Lent, to accompany you.

*Many:* **We have grown soft, cushioning our lives with excuses,  
Recall us to the toughness of your way.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**We have grown lazy, cushioning our minds with easy, thin thoughts,  
Recall us to the rigor of your truth.  
Christ, have mercy.**

**We have grown comfortable, cushioning our living  
with satisfaction and success,  
Recall us to the challenge of your life.  
Lord, have mercy.**

Our merciful God, the Source of our salvation, desires not that we live in sin or guilt but rather that we turn from evil, confess our wrongdoing and accept forgiveness. Therefore, may the One who came to restore life bless you, forgive you all your sins and restore you by the Holy Spirit for the living of new life in Jesus Christ.

*One:* In the name of Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven.

*Many:* **In the name of Jesus Christ, we know that we are forgiven. Amen.**

*One:* As we walk,

*Many:* **God, be our way.**

*One:* As we learn,

*Many:* **God, be our truth.**

*One:* As we grow

*Many:* **God, be our life. Amen.**

## **Blessing and Sending of the Children**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



This is my commandment, that you love one another, that your joy may be full. (x2)  
That your joy may be full. That your joy may be full.

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## Collect

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* 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.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons*

*The Old Testament lesson is the promise of God to childless and doubting Abram that he and his wife Sarai will have a son, and their descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a mysterious covenant-making ceremony.*

## First Lesson

## Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 27**

1. God is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
God is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4. And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in God.
5. One thing have I asked of you, O God;  
one thing I seek: \*  
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,
6. To behold your fair beauty, O God, \*  
and to seek you in your temple.
7. For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; \*  
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now you lift up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

9. Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to you.
10. Harken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, O God, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
you will sustain me.
15. Show me your way, O God, \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
17. What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of my God \*  
in the land of the living!
18. O tarry and await God's pleasure;  
be strong, and let your heart take comfort; \*  
wait patiently for God.

*In this letter, written from prison, the Apostle Paul expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages the members of the Church at Philippi to follow in his footsteps. Even though his devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, Paul does not regret his choice.*

## **Second Lesson**

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to

make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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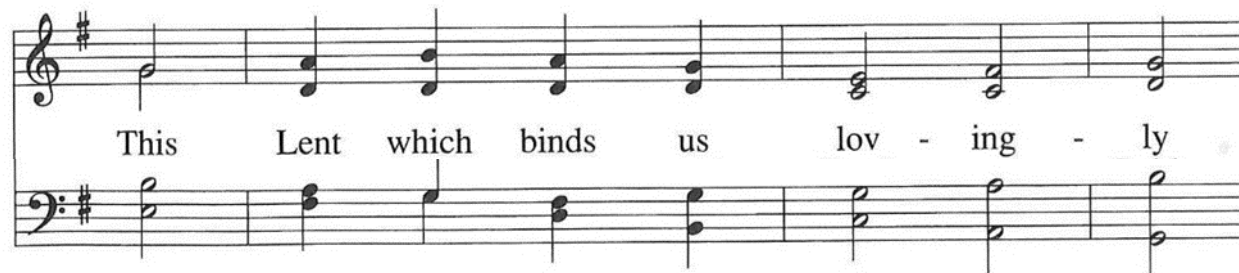
*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Anthem and the reading of the Gospel.*




1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast



A gift of faith from a - ges past,



This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly



To faith and hope and char - i - ty.

Text: *Ex more docti mystico*; ascr. to Gregory the Great, c. 540-604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b. 1949, ©  
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, LM; Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

*Even though he has been warned about King Herod, Jesus is not about to flee from him. Instead he predicts his coming crucifixion and resurrection. He heads towards Jerusalem, aware that even while he himself is caught up in a system that threatens and delivers death, God's love will prevail.*



# Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,  
Our God while end - less a - ges run,  
That this, our Lent of for - ty days,  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

## **Nicene Creed**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Lord, we love to listen –

to a good word, to the sound of laughter, to a singing child, or a whispering lover ...

But Lord, we need help listening:

to the brokenhearted who need us to embrace them, to the unlovely who need us to love them, to the captives and prisoners who need release ...

So, Lord, we ask you to help us listen as you listen,  
and we ask you to listen now to our prayers ...

We pray today for children who cannot speak for themselves,  
and are treated as property to be bought and sold ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for our siblings who are hungry,  
while we have more than we need ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for our siblings who seek shelter,  
while we have homes and citizenship...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those who are sick in mind, body or spirit and have no safety net,  
while we have access to good healthcare...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for our siblings in war-torn places as they cope with devastation we  
cannot even begin to imagine ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for peace in the hearts of those who find that anger, disappointment,  
bitterness and fear have taken over everything ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those in positions of power and authority, on whose choices and  
decisions the poor and the powerless depend for their very lives ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

We pray for those who have died in the hope of a more just and peaceful world ...

**Hear us, Lord.**

For what else do God's people pray? *The People add their own prayers and  
intercessions aloud or silently...*

And we pray for ourselves – that we might hear your word when you speak to us  
and that we might have the courage to follow where you call us, through Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

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

## Offering of our Common Life

**Offertory Anthem:** Blest Are You ~*Marty Haugen* **Trinity Choir**

*At God's table, there is food for all who are hungry. If you are seeking God and a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, and would like to learn more about what this could mean for you please speak to our rector, Nancy. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, please ask the server if you desire either. You may sip from the chalice, or dip your bread using careful hands. If you prefer to receive only the bread, simply bypass the chalice and return to your seat. If you prefer not to receive bread or wine at this time, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing, or remain seated and honor Communion in your heart.*

**Loving God, beyond limits of time and space, you come to us unbidden, and you sustain us in body and in spirit. We are grateful to receive you, as we are and where we are, whether we receive you in physical or spiritual bread. May this Holy Communion nourish our faith, open our eyes to your goodness, open our hearts to those in need, and strengthen us to do your will in the week ahead. Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Lift up your hearts.

*Many:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*One:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Many:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of Love, Sovereign of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

S207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is labeled 'S207' in the top right corner. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n 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.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of Thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Joseph and Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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 tresspasses,**

**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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## The Communion of the People

### Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
 by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:  
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
 and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Solemn Prayer

*During Lent a solemn prayer is said over the people rather than a blessing.*

Bow down before the Lord...

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** How Can I Keep from Singing? *Please turn the page*

### Dismissal

Go now into the desert places where God calls you to go, and be who God calls you to be. **Thanks be to God.**

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1. My life flows on in end-less song. A -  
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife I  
 3. What though my joys and com-fort die? The  
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion I hear the clear though  
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing. It finds an ech - o  
 Lord my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness  
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing! All things are mine since



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm While to that Rock I'm



cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?