

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

March 15, 2026

Opening Hymn

(vs. 1, 2, 6, 7)

*No. 370*

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;  
his baptism in the Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation;  
his bursting from the spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way;  
his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Words: attributed to St. Patrick (372-466), tr. Cecil Frances Alexander  
Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate Deidre*, adap. Charles Villiers Stanford

## A Penitential Order

*Celebrant*          Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

*People*             His mercy endureth forever.

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

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 is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Collect of the Day**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

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

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 23**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
    you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
6 Surely your 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**

*A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians*

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.”

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

## Gradual Hymn

**No. 488**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Versifier Mary Elizabeth Byrne, tr, Eleanor H. Hull  
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad

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## The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

*Priest*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord

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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Fr. Martin Gutwein

## **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters, live as children of the light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Light of the world, open our eyes.”

Lord our Shepherd, you have given your Church all that we need. Rain down on us mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives.

Light of the world,  
*People: Open our eyes.*

God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By your love, cast out all evil and fear.

Light of the world,  
*People: Open our eyes.*

Lord, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature.

Light of the world,  
*People: Open our eyes.*

Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives and cups with your abundance. By your light expose all the unfruitful works of darkness.

Light of the world,  
*People: Open our eyes.*

God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer.

Light of the world,

*People: Open our eyes.*

Reviver of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ.

Light of the world,

*People: Open our eyes.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And with thy spirit.

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Hymnal 145

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;  
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.

Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication; God brings new beauty nigh;  
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.

To bow the head in sackcloth and in ashes,  
or rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal;  
but to be led to where God's glory flashes, his beauty to come near.  
Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light appear.

For is not this the fast that I have chosen?  
(The prophet spoke) To shatter every yoke,  
of wickedness the grievous bands to loosen, oppression put to flight,  
to fight, to fight, to fight till every wrong's set right.

For righteousness and peace will show their faces  
to those who feed the hungry in their need,  
and wrongs redress, who build the old waste places, and in the darkness shine.  
Divine, divine, divine it is when all combine!

Then shall your light break forth as doth the morning;  
your health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring  
God's glory bright, your way through life adorning; and love shall be the prize.  
Arise, arise, arise! and make a paradise!

Words: Percy Dermer

Music: Quites, Pasteurs, French carol, harm. Martin Fallas Shaw

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## **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine 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 thee, 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. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath 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 thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

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

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*grant us thy peace.*

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Spiritual Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 645

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker, para of Psalm 23  
Music: *St. Columba*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## The Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 428

O all ye works of God, now come to thank him and adore;  
O angels, sing and bless the Lord and praise him evermore.

O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your endless praise outpour;  
O changing seasons, bless the Lord and praise him evermore.  
O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and thunder's roar,  
O fields and forests, bless the Lord and praise him evermore.

O earth and sea, O all that live in water or on shore,  
O men and women, bless the Lord and praise him evermore.

O let his people bless the Lord like righteous souls of yore;  
let those of holy, humble heart come praise him evermore.

So let us glorify and bless the God we bow before,  
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son, and praise him evermore.

Words: F. Bland Tucker

Music: *Irish*, melody from *Hymns and Sacred Poems*

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## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

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## Notes and Announcements

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### PRAYER LIST

Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Anglican Church of Kenya...

Diocesan Calendar of Prayer for Members and Ministry of the Girls' Friendly Society...

Parish Calendar of Prayer for the Alcoholics Anonymous Group...

For Our sons and daughters in the military Nathan, Kenny, Zach, Jack, Garrett, Willie, Charley, Erin

For those Celebrating a Birthday this week Jacob Latwinas 3/15; Yvonne Bones 03/16; Cassidy

Anderson 03/20; Joshua Sewall 03/21; Elizabeth Carr 03/21

For the Sick, Suffering & Infirm Denise, Dan Sr., Stephen, Mark, Julia, Olivia, John, Sue, Bob, Dennis,

Alex, Ben, Margie, Virginia, Brigid, Sharon C., Kate, Megan, Lisa & Frank, Mindy, Michael, Douglas,

Christine, Al, Maureen, Drew, Alec, Greg, Tina, Mark L, Michael, Audrey, John, Colleen, Bob N, Kay,

Milton, Shelley, Buddy, Bob, Gordon, Maggie, Sally, Tim, Howard, Butch, Jeff, Jack, Jessica, Bernadette...

*LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT – During the season of Lent we will use the Rite 1 Eucharist. We do not sing or say the Gloria or the acclamation Alleluia. We will be inspired by familiar stories in the Old and New Testaments. The Penitential Order and the Decalogue will be used during Lent. The Church invites us to the observance of a holy Lent... Be faithful in attendance.*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WELCOME The Rev. Martin Gutwein whose ongoing care of our Holy Trinity family is deeply appreciated.

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Tuesday, March 17, Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21 – Yard Cleanup – 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday Quiche Brunch (Service starts at 8:45!)

### AND A LITTLE FARTHER OUT

- Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. (Overnight Vigil in the Chapel)
- Friday, April 3 – Good Friday – Service at Noon
- Saturday, April 4 – Great Vigil of Easter – 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 5 – Easter Day!

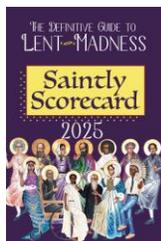
#### *\*At the church this week:*

- **This afternoon:** Sunday School & Youth Fellowship 4:00 – 5:30
- **This evening:** Liberti Youth Group 6:00 – 8:00
- **Monday evening:** AA Parish Hall
- **Wednesday evening:** Boy Scouts
- **Wednesday Evening:** CCC Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Library
- **Thursday evening:** Coin Collectors – 6:00-9:00 p.m. Parish Hall

*\*Note – Additional events are added frequently. All facility usage should be coordinated through the Verger to ensure no double booking of spaces.*

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** – Today is Mid-Lent Sunday also known in the Anglican Communion as Mothering Sunday. Other names for today are “Laetore” meaning “Rejoice” from the opening Latin words of the Mass; and “Refreshment Sunday.” Today is a day to take a break from the rigors of Lent. In the Anglican Communion it was the day to return home to visit your Mother and to attend your home Parish. In this spirit all women will be given a flower. The traditional food of the day is “Simnel Cake”.

**THE NOISY COLLECTION RETURNS!** Please bring in loose change (or paper money) for this special collection each Sunday in Lent. This outreach offering will be divided between Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of NJ and Episcopal Relief and Development.



**LENT MADNESS 2026 Has Begun!!!** Who will win this year’s Golden Halo? Take part in the annual saintly smackdown with on-line voting each day at [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org). If you’d like to order The Saintry Scorecard, the official paperback guide to [Lent Madness](http://Lent Madness), featuring the biographies of all 32 saints in contention for the coveted Golden Halo, just click on the link from the Lent Madness site or go to [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org).

**WELCOME VISITORS & FRIENDS** to Holy Trinity Church. We strive to be a welcoming faith community that celebrates God’s presence and activity through worship, education, and fellowship, and by seeking and serving Christ in all persons. We pray that you will feel at home and be refreshed and uplifted by this morning’s celebration of the Eucharist. If you are not an Episcopalian, please know that you are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church if you have been baptized and believe that our Savior Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament. If you’d like more information about our parish, please speak to the ushers or clergy following the Liturgy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP** meets the first and third Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Activities include a children’s chapel service, followed by age-appropriate activities for children and youth from pre-K through high school. If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in attending, contact Theresa Hoyt-Chattin (609) 941-1651 for more information.

**YARN LOVERS MEET THE SECOND SUNDAY IN THE PARISH HALL** during / after coffee hour. If you’re a novice or never tried using knitting needles or a crochet hook, we’d love to help you get started on your first project. Any questions?? Call Sharon Wolfgang at 856-854-2643 or leave a message at the church 856-858-0491.



**UPCYCLING GREETING CARD PROGRAM** – Please bring in no longer wanted greeting cards. They will be given to St. John of God Community Services in Westville. The Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Services group will remove the front of each card to create a new greeting. You may leave your cards in the box at the back of the Church. For further information contact Craig Burgess at 856-667-2003.

**ONLINE GIVING**– To make it easier for folks to make their weekly offering, just follow the link on the Holy Trinity website to send your contribution electronically through Vanco. (You are still welcome to mail your weekly offering if it is easier for you.) Thank you for your continued financial support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church.



**2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** – is hanging at the back of the Church. If you would like to sponsor flowers for the Altar on any Sunday, please sign-up next to the desired date, if available. Flowers are \$50.00.

**HOMEMADE  
SOUP  
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