

*Trinity Church  
Welcomes You*

**First Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2025

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\*Indicates standing as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**God, you are our refuge.**

You are the shore in sight,  
you are hands that reach out,  
you are the ground on which to rest.

**God, you are our strength.**

You are the life we long for,  
you are the refusal to give up,  
you are the keys of home we carry with us.

**God, you are our help in time of trouble.**

We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,  
We call on you from the wildness and the deep,

**ALL: We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.**

*Found in Cláudio Carvalhaes, Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World  
(Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 40.*

**\*OPENING HYMN** *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* TFWS #2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16*

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

God’s Word for God’s People

## SECOND READING

*Romans 10: 8b-13*

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

God’s Word for God’s People

## \*GOSPEL READING

*Luke 4: 1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord

## SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. (in my heart)  
     In my heart, (in my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. (in my heart)
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. (in my heart)  
     In my heart, (in my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. (in my heart)
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. (in my heart)  
     In my heart, (in my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. (in my heart)
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. (in my heart)  
     In my heart, (in my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. (in my heart)

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**\*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**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you offer us so much,

**forgive us for sharing so little.**

You have called us to your ways,

**forgive us for ignoring your call.**

You have given us the gift of family,

**forgive us for not giving thanks.**

You have given us countless blessings,

**forgive us for taking your love for granted.**

**And now, gracious God, be merciful to us**

**in our sin and indifference, through Christ,**

**our Savior. Amen.**

*From Joel N. Martínez and Raquel M. Martínez, Fiesta Cristiana: Recursos para la Adoración (Abingdon Press, 2003), 148.*

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's grace is amazing. God's love never-ending. God's forgiveness is given through the mercy of Jesus Christ who is our salvation. You are set free to love and serve +in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

**\*OFFERING***Take My Life, That I May Be*

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied. The Body & Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**     *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*     UMH #269

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

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## BENEDICTION

Beloved, you—*you*—who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty —will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another. Amen.

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