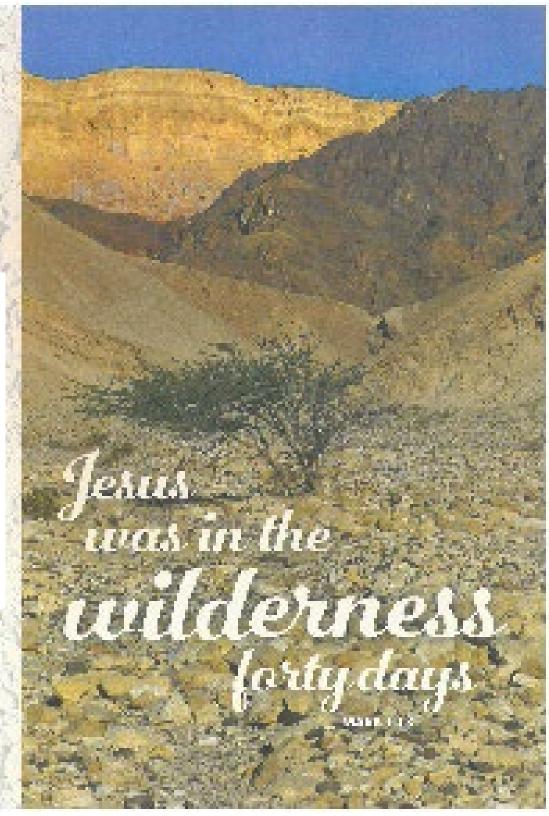


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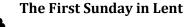
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# Welcome to Trinity!

# We are glad you are here!

# **Holy Communion**



February 18, 2024



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table Of Grace. In, Through, And Under Bread And Wine We Receive The Real Presence Of Christ – God's Love Poured Out For Us – As Jesus Taught Us. Please Prepare Communion Elements Of Bread Or Crackers, Juice Or Wine For Your Household. As You Are Invited During The Meal Portion Of The Service, You May Partake Of The Elements Saying The Words, "The Body Of Christ Given For You, The Blood Of Christ Shed For You."

# + GATHERING +

#### **PRELUDE**

Jesus, Still Lead on

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

#### Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### **GREETING**

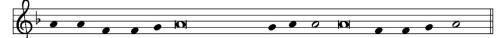
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# And also with you.

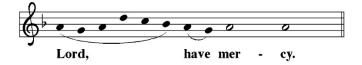
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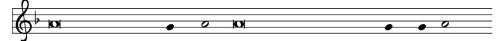




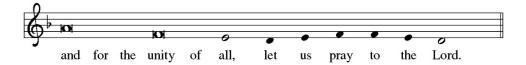


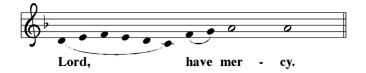
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





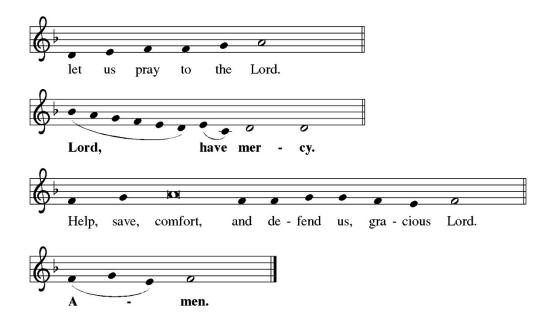
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved human and animal life, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### + WORD +

#### CHILDRENS MESSAGE

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen, let us sing. Gladly make our praises ring.

We are in God's house today. We will learn and we will pray. Let us listen to God's Word. Gladly do what we have heard.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Whirl Story Bible p. 10

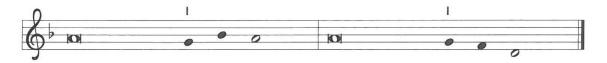
A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 25:1-10** Tone 9



<sup>1</sup>To <sup>|</sup> you, O Lord, I lift <sup>|</sup> up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup> put to shame; rather let those be put to shame <sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>|</sup> ways, O Lord, and teach <sup>|</sup> me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>I</sup> truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>I</sup> the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>I</sup> my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- <sup>I</sup> ness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>|</sup> ly in justice and teach the low- <sup>|</sup> ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Pauline Farrington** 

Silence for reflection



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church we confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with those around you. Children and youth are encouraged to come to the front to greet those worshipping with us online.

# + MEAL +

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Ave Verum Corpus Trinity Singers **Edward Elgar** 

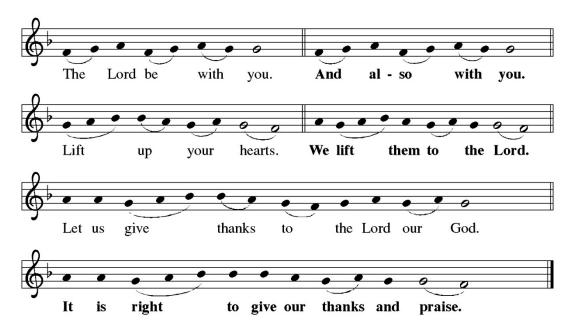
You may leave your offering in the plate at the entrance to the church after the service.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

#### Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



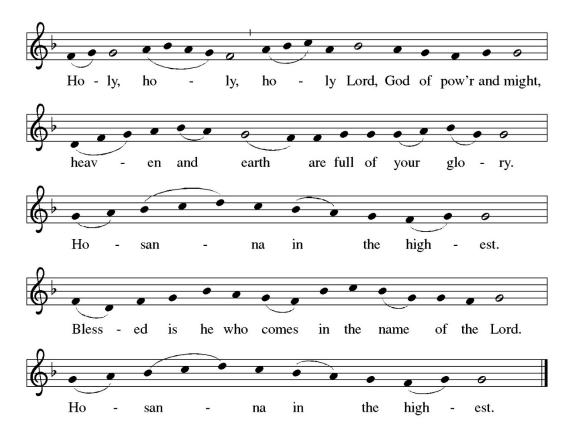
#### PREFACE AND SANCTUS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

You call your people to cleanse our hearts and prepare with joy for the Pascal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY ELW Setting Five



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

...words of blessing and promise...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW Setting 5

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.



#### INVITATION

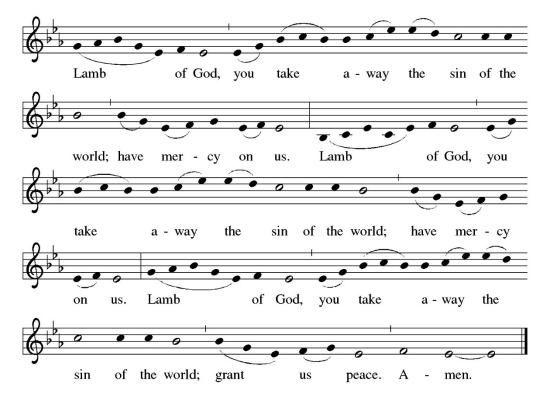
At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

#### Come and see.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace for communion. We will be serving this meal continuously, all around the altar, where you may kneel or remain standing. When the usher indicates that there is space for you, please come up to the front and stand at the first available space. After you have received communion, please return to your seat for prayer and meditation. We invite you to join in singing the communion hymns. Bread will be placed in your hand by the pastor. Our bread is gluten-free, allergen-free, and vegan. Wine (red) and juice (white) is offered by the assisting minister in individual communion cups. Please place your empty cup in the basket carried by the communion assistant. If you prefer, individually packaged communion elements are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms for a blessing from the Pastor, or remain in your seats for meditation time.

**LAMB OF GOD** ELW Setting Five





#### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

## + SENDING +

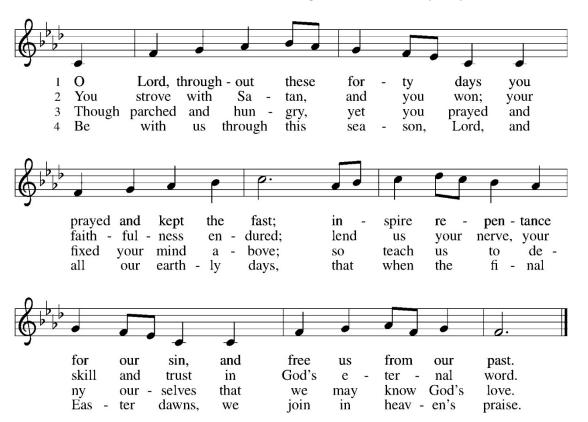
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and + give you peace.
Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

# O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

**ELW 319** 



#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

# **Remember in Your Prayers**

THE CHURCH

our synod & bishops: Bishops Elizabeth E, Michael B and

Leila O

our missionaries: Stephen D/Marta G, Cent. Amer

our congregation: Trinity Church

**THE NATIONS:** Afghanistan, El Salvador, Gaza, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, North Korea, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United

States, Venezuela

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

nursing/rehabilitation center/hospital

Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

home

Isabel F, Tigist G, Lineth M, Anya N, Vimala P, Elizabeth R, Gio S, Margo W

family and friends\*

Donald B, brother of Marilyn C

Gene B, friend of Kim and Pam B

James and Carlene B, uncle and aunt of Carmen D

Pam C, sister of Mike M

Sylvia DeV, sister-in-law of Tad and Vi DeV

Torsten D, grandson of Thor and Nancy N

Josefa F-V, friend of Len S

Betsy G, friend of Margaret F

David G, friend of Tad and Vi DeV

Debbie G, friend of Valerie M

Lyla G, friend of Carmen D

Sandy I, friend of Carol B

Terry K, brother-in-law of David and Leslie C

Carol K, mother of Jim K

Mike K, friend of David and Leslie Cradlin

Susan K. niece of Nancy and Thor N

Anne L, friend of Len S

Randi L, friend of Mike and Valerie M

Juan-Maria M-M, friend of Len S

Kathy M. niece of Margaret and Greg F

Tom N, friend of Carol B

Ditte R, sister of Thor N

Ursula R, friend of Trinity

Karen and Harold S, friends of Pamela B

Victor V and family, friends of Kim and Pam

Cheryl Van A, friend of Cathy C

Andrew Z, friend of Carol B

#### deaths

Antonio Espino Agredano, + February 8, 2024 +, friend of Ani and Len S

#### first responders

Lisbeth N-D

Greta S & Linda A, sister & sister-in-law of Anita S

# This Week at Trinity

Livestreamed services on Trinity YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityELCA/streams

## Sun, Feb 18 First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

Coffee Hour (Following Worship)

**10:45 am** Sunday School Classes and Adult

Forum

Mon, Feb 19

7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells

Tues, Feb 20

10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Thurs, February 15

**6:00 pm** Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers

**7:30 pm** Trinity Singers

Sun, Feb 25 Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Holy Communion Worship Service

Cook Off (Following Worship)

**10:45 am** Sunday School Classes and Adult

Forum

#### **New Email Addresses**

Trinity has two new email addresses for our new pastor, Pr. Pauline, and new minister of music, Marcello S:

Pr. Pauline: pastorpauline@trinityelca.org

Marcello S: music@trinityelca.org

<sup>\*</sup>For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office.



Breakfast Casserole Cook-Off | February 25 Women's Center Dinner | February 26 Next Food Drive | March 16



#### **Birthdays**

18	Peggy J	21	Rebecca L
19	Eva S	22	Gregory F
20	Cathy C	22	Mina N

#### Lenten Benevolence

This year's Lenten Benevolence will be given to the Lutheran Disaster Response, International. Please give generously. The need is great.

# Quarterly Dinners at Interfaith Works Women's Center

Trinity's Social Ministry Team will again be providing dinners for 35 women at the Interfaith Works Women's Center on Crabbs Branch Way in Derwood. As in the past, there are opportunities for the congregation to provide food, coordinate the meal and/or serve at the shelter. Since all the dinners are on Mondays, items can be dropped off on Sunday. Please watch the Social Ministry Bulletin Board, the Sunday Bulletin, the weekly Tidings and the monthly Trinitarian for sign up information.

The dates of dinners are: Monday, February 26 Monday, May 6 Monday, August 19 Monday, November 18

February is "Fajita February". Items needed include: boneless chicken breasts, bell peppers, onions, black beans, garden salad, tortillas, ranch dressing, drinks, and cookies.

Here is the link for the women's center dinner. Contact Margaret F for more information

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E 4CABA82F4-interfaith1#/



# Merci Beaucoup! Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Mardi Gras Pancake Supper and Game Carnival terrific! It wouldn't have happened without all the cooks, the decorators, the set up/clean up crews and everyone who came, including guests. We certainly did laissez les bons temps roulez!

Merci! Nancy J. and Valerie M

#### **Adult Forum**

Please join us for Adult Forum, today in Room 10. We will be exploring the whole Bible through the lens of Daniel Erlander's book, *Manna and Mercy*. All are welcome!



#### Trinity's Cook Off Next Sunday!!!

Who will be Trinity's *Top Chef* this year? A decade+ long tradition of annual cook offs was interrupted by COVID-19. But Trinity's annual cook off is back next Sunday February 25. This event a hunger month fund raiser. All funds will be donated to Manna Food Center.

This year's cook off category is breakfast/ brunch casseroles. Find your tastiest, most creative recipe and bring in your dish on Sunday, February 25. Tasting, voting. and always fellowship will be during Coffee Hour.

If you have a question, please reach out to Margaret F at <a href="mailto:gmfitzwm85@gmail.com">gmail.com</a>.



Little Free Library and **Pantry** 

Our Little Free Library is accepting new or gently used children's, young adult, and adult books.

Our Little Free Pantry is accepting food items (no produce or perishables), as well as small seasonal non-food items. A detailed list of what is needed can be found

here: https://trinityelca.org/little-free-library-Ifl-and-little-free-pantry/.

Questions can be directed to Stella, Jerry, and Social Ministry members.



#### **Connect to Trinity's Hearing Assistance System**

- 1. Download the AudioFetch app to your smartphone or tablet.
- 2. Connect your phone/tablet to the AudioFetch WiFi network.

(Currently, password should **NOT** be required).

3. Connect your phone/tablet to your listening device.

Please come to the A/V table if you need assistance.



#### 2024 Souper Bowl Results

The results are in! 80% of Souper Bowl donations at **Trinity predicted Kansas** City would win the Super Bowl last week. Thanks to the generosity of Trinity members and friends. 58

cans of soup and \$50 cash was collected over the past two Sundays. The real winner, however, is Manna Food Center, who will receive the collected cash and cans of soup.



# March 16, Next **Monthly Food Drive**

We are also pleased that each month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and between 10-20 gift

cards. Our next food drive will be from 9:00am until 12 noon. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

Contact Margaret F at gmfitzwm85@gmail.com for more information.

**First Sunday in Lent** February 18, 9:30 AM

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers** February 22, 6:00 PM (Thursday)

**Second Sunday in Lent** February 18, 9:30 AM

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers** February 29, 6:00 PM (Thursday)

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 9:30 AM

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers** March 7, 6:00 PM

**Fourth Sunday in Lent** March 10, 9:30 AM

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers** March 14, 6:00 PM (Thursday)

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 9:30 AM

**Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers** March 21, 6:00 PM (Thursday)

Passion/Palm Sunday March 24, 9:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday** March 28, 7:30 PM

**Good Friday** March 29, noon and 7:30 PM

Lenten Services





# **Serving in Worship Today**

Assisting Minister: Sabrina R

Cantor: Jon S

Lector: Stella B-A

Altar Guild: Nancy N

Communion Assistant: Stella B-A

Usher: Julie N

Livestream Operators: Mike M / Jeanine B / John B/Greg F

Welcome Team: Miriam M

Tellers: Margaret and Greg F

# **Staff**

Pastor: Pr. Pauline Farrington

Minister of Music: Marcello Silva

Office Administrator: Carmen Davis

Handbell Choir: Marilyn Converse

Custodian: Kathy Boone