

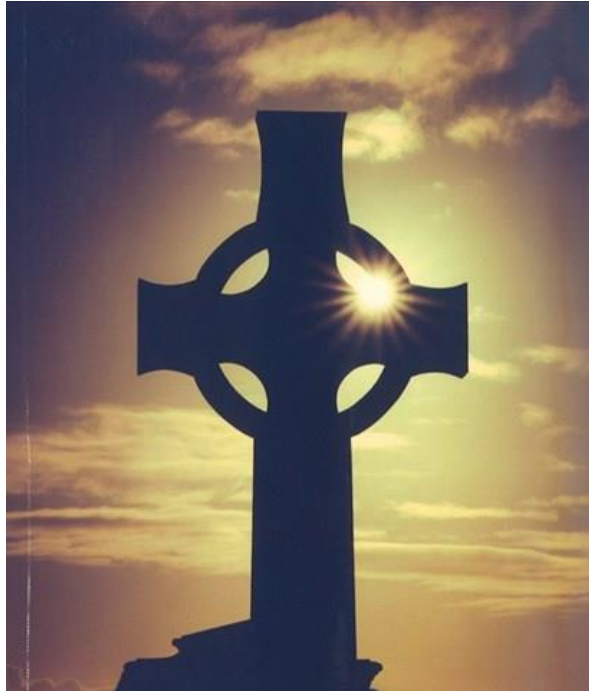
The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday Of Lent
A Celtic Eucharist

March 16, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1

Holy Eucharist Rite II

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Prelude

D. Wagner

Welcome Cai Mille Failte! [seh meel FAHL-cheh] "100,000 Welcomes"

Sentence

I will kindle my fire this morning
In the presence of the holy angels of heaven
Without malice, without jealousy, without envy,
But the Holy Son of God to shield me.
God, kindle Thou in my heart within
A flame of love to my neighbor,
To my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all...

Franciscan Prayer based on the Carmen Gadelica

Processional Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

H488

Opening Prayer

O God, your name is blessed from the rising of the sun to its setting; fill our hearts with knowledge of yourself and

our mouths with your praise that from East to West all may sing your glory, with one voice and with one accord, in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. *AMEN.*

Kyrie

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

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.

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? **the LORD 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 him.*
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;*
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD **and to seek him in his temple.*
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.*
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head **above my enemies round about me.*
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; **I will sing and make music to the LORD.*
- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; **have mercy on me and answer me.*

- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." **Your face, LORD, 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, **the LORD will sustain me.*
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; **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 the LORD **in the land of the living!*
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; **wait patiently for the LORD.*

Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: 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 Thee Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Kevin Cross

A Celtic Creed

*Our God is the God of all humans,
The God of heaven and earth,
The God of the sun and moon,
The God of all the heavenly bodies,
The God of the lofty mountains,
The God of the lowly valleys.
God is above the heavens;
And is beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
And everything that is in them,
Such he has as his abode.
He inspires all things,
And gives life to all things,
He stands above all things,
And he stands beneath all things.
He enlightens the light of the sun,
He strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
He makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
And he places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
He has a Son who is co-eternal with himself,*

*And similar in all respects to himself;
And neither is the Son younger than the Father,
Nor is the Father older than the Son;
And the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are
inseparable. AMEN.*

Prayers of the People for Lent

The prayers will be followed by time for contemplative reflection.

In this season of Lent, may all who are lost be found, as we turn to God in prayer, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of God's people of the world, that they may see God's hand working in their everyday lives, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord hear our prayer.*

For this nation and all the nations of earth and their leaders that they may seek God's will in all they do, and create a world where peace and justice are the norm and not the exception, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the church and its leaders, that they may preach the Gospel in all that they do and say, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are sick, and for all those listed on our prayer List, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Susan Deerin</i>	<i>Lisa McDougall</i>
<i>Deborah Barbour</i>	<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>George Curlin</i>
<i>Mary Ann Hensinger</i>	<i>Kai Nathan Gunn</i>	<i>Gordon Fronk</i>
<i>Barbara Sheridan</i>	<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Meredith Collins</i>
<i>Brendan Fuller</i>	<i>Mike Landau</i>	<i>Mike Greenhawk, Jr.</i>
<i>Will Straub</i>	<i>Keri Ann Thomas</i>	<i>Ron Fisher</i>
<i>Sarah Kadish</i>	<i>Carole Pfeiffer</i>	<i>Anne Slack</i>
<i>Tim Wilson</i>	<i>Connor Frank</i>	<i>Rev. Nathaniel Pierce</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>David Blanton</i>	
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart. (pause) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the knowledge of Christ that they may be taken into your loving arms and live eternally with you in paradise, especially, let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, hear our prayer*

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart. (pause) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and for their families, remembering especially those in harm's way, that God will protect and defend them day by-day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night, let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this community, that we may grow in the love of God so that we may treat each other with love and respect and be a loving and reconciling people to those we meet, let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

A period for personal meditation is observed.

We give thanks for those who have provided for us and protected us over the years, and for those who have ministered to us and inspired or encouraged us. We pray that in turn we may be sensitive to your call and ready to do your will, and we ask you to bless and protect all those whom we hold dear. We ask these things through Jesus, our brother, our Saviour, and our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Response

Lorica of St. Patrick

Ephrem Feeley

Holy Trinity Choir

Confession

My brothers and sisters to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins.

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave. As we receive the Word and knowledge of your

forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high. AMEN.

Absolution

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins and bring you to life everlasting. *AMEN.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
And also with you.

The Offertory

Irish Shore

James Michael Stevens

Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

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Celebrant

Thank you, O Lord God Almighty,
Thank you for the earth and waters,
Thank you for the sky, the air and the sun,
Praise be to you for all the people

Come, O Lord, in the Bread of Life.

Praise be to you, O Lord God Almighty,

For our homes, our families,

Our friends, and loved ones.

Thank you for all living creatures.

Around us everywhere in this wounded world.

Come, O Lord, in the Cup of Healing.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

Let us pray

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,

With earth, sea and sky, *We sing to you.*

With the angels and archangels who envelop us,

With all the saints before us and beside us,

With brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south, *We sing to you.*

And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet, in this mystery are close to us, *We sing the hymn of unending praise:*

Sanctus

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord
3 God of pow - er and God of might
5 Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho -
7 san - na in the high - est
9 Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -
12 san - na in the high - est. Ho -
14 san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God, whose gift of Holy Spirit is poured out continuously on all creation, germinating the seeds of humour and hope, dancing in the pulse of life, blazing in the

fires of passion. Blessed is your son, Jesus, who embodied this out-poured Spirit and thus restored to sight our ancient destiny. Fulfilling his promise not to leave his followers opened heaven's floodgates raining down gifts in thunder, wind and flame, igniting visions and dreams, filling women and men with clarity and power, and intoxicating young and old alike with longing to proclaim your uncontainable word in languages of praise.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed and breathes on our fear his fearful peace; who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, And shares with us now. Made one with him, and thus one with each other, we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for here we offer and

present to you ourselves, our bodies, minds and spirits, to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to you.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, Brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine.

May they be for us your body and blood, Vibrant with life, Healing, renewing and making us whole.

And draw us into your blazing heart, that as your gifts are consumed in us, we might be consumed in transfiguring love and thus become one with you, *Bone of your bone, Flesh of your flesh, living our prayer and praying our life until love and fidelity embrace, peace and justice kiss, and all are free as Christ is free.** Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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 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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction of the Host (From the Stowe Missal)

They recognized the Lord,

In the breaking of the loaf,
For the loaf that we break is the body of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
The cup which we bless is the blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
For the remission of our sins,
O Lord, let your mercy come upon us,
In you O Lord have I put my trust,
They recognized the Lord,
In the breaking of the loaf.

Celebrant:

O Lord, we believe that in this breaking of your body and pouring out of your blood we become your redeemed people; We confess that in taking the gifts of this pledge here, We lay hold in hope of enjoying its true fruits in the heavenly places.

*Adapted from "The Prayer of Thanksgiving of The Iona Community Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 1991.

The Communion Antiphon

He gives heavenly bread to the hungry, And to the thirsty water from the living spring. Christ the Lord himself comes, who is Alpha and Omega. He shall come again to judge us all. Come, you holy ones, receive the body of Christ, Drinking the holy blood by which you were redeemed.

Oh Lamb, Oh Lamb Oh Lamb of God, You who take a way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us, we pray.

pray. Oh Lamb, Oh Lamb, Oh Lamb of God, you who take a way the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace. Oh Lamb of God, grant us peace, oh Lamb, we pray.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Communion

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Arr. Card/Duncan

Melissa Wise, Soprano

Prayer after Communion

Lord may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you; Cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you; Thankful at moonrise and under star shine for the beauty of your universe; And may we add what little may be in us to add to your great world. AMEN.

Post Communion

An Irish Blessing

G. Bell

Holy Trinity Choir

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you;
And with your spirit,

I bless you, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Sacred Spirit, the One and the Three. May God give you to drink of his cup, the sun shine bright upon you, may the night call down peace and when you come into his household may the door be open wide for you to go in to your joy.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. AMEN.

Change for Change

During Lent the Sunday School children have buckets at the back of the church to collect change to help make change in the world. Your support of change, dollars, and checks enable the children to thoughtfully purchase items for those in need. We have done this for several years now and appreciate your involvement.

Thank you Margot and Mike McConnel for hosting Fellowship Hour.

Thank you Melissa for sharing your beautiful voice with us.

Birthdays

Nancy Richards

Justine Cooney

Lee Phillips

Cynthia Orem

Suzanne Litty, 3/20

Bill Grauel, 3/20

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant _____ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Happy Birthday to you,
Remember Jesus
loves you
He made you so special
Happy Birthday to you!***

Anniversaries

Kevin & Barbara Cross, 15 years here 3/17

Anniversary Blessing

Gracious God, Father of all we give thanks for another year of lives shared in human love and in your love that never fails. Bless this couple in all that is yet to come, confirming and strengthening them in the vows which they have made to one another in your name. Bless all who have shared the delight of this married life and been enriched by its mutual love. As they rejoice on this anniversary, give them grace to continue in support and prayer and to find in this family a sign of the family of all Christian people united in fellowship and love. Amen

We would like to pray for you. We invite you to email office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org with the date of your birthday or anniversary.

Recessional Hymn

O Christ The Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the King of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Blessing

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Service Schedule

*Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
First Sunday of the month 9:30 am*

<u>Monday - March 17</u> 5:00 pm - Men's Inquiring Believers <u>Tuesday - March 18</u>	<u>Friday - March 21</u> OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 am - Vestry Meeting 10:00 am - Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday - March 19</u> 9:00 am - Women on a Journey 10:30 am - Brain Health Presentation 5:30 pm - Voices of Hope	<u>Saturday - March 22</u> OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Thursday - March 20</u> 8:45 am - Office Angels	<u>Sunday - March 23</u> 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist

Vestry Members

John Dillon, Senior Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Gerry Cooper	John Dillon	Karen Walbridge
Ginny Wagner	Margot McConnel	Lee Phillips
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	8:00 am	10:00 am
Reader	Beverly Rohman	Ray Munsch
Acolyte	Beverly Rohman	Mickey Terrone
Usher		Bill Grauel
Vestry Greeter	Art Dent	Susan Delker-Grauel
Altar Guild	Sandy Wrightson, Deborah and Jim Halvis and Ginny Wagner	