



# Second Sunday in Lent


March 16, 2025 • 10:30 am

+ Holy Eucharist



## *Welcome*

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 *Lent is a season of repentance and renewal during which we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. The church itself reflects the austerity of the season by the removal of ornate fixtures, appointments, and vessels. Some find kneeling where indicated in the service bulletin, or bowing if unable to kneel, to be a helpful spiritual practice during this penitential season. However one chooses to observe the season, the desired end is to draw nearer to Jesus as we worship together.*

## Prelude

• at the sound of the bells, all stand

## Hymn 401 The God of Abraham praise

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - umphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
4 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
5 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

## Opening Acclamation

*celebrant*  
Bless - ed be God who forgives all our sins.

*people*  
God's mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

## Penitential Order BCP 351

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

- *bidden by the deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- *all kneel, said by all*

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

## Absolution BCP 353

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**BCP** • Book of  
Common Prayer

**S** • Service  
music found at  
the front of the  
hymnal

**LEVAS** • Lift  
Every Voice and  
Sing

**The people's  
responses are  
indicated in  
bold type.**

Kyrie S96 • all stand

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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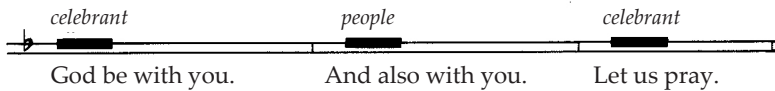
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

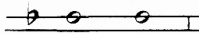
# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent



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.



A - men.

- *all be seated*

## 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.

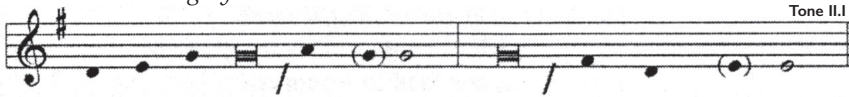
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

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."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27** • *sung by all*



- 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 stum / bled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp a /gainst me, \*  
yet my heart shall / not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up a/ gainst 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 mus / ic 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 for / sake 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 adver / saries, \*  
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 patient / ly 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  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Thanks be to God.

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.

## Hymn 455    *O Love of God*

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the  
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion  
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM

**Gospel** Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, 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 our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Very Revered Matthew Bradley

**Nicene Creed** • *all stand*

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** • Form IV • BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are invited, either silently or aloud.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

• *the celebrant adds a concluding collect*

**The Peace** • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*  
The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Dean's Welcome

# LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

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## **Offertory Anthem**    *Sing Me To Heaven*

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.  
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.  
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,  
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.  
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.  
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, grief and comfort.  
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:  
Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language

*celebrant* God be with you. *people* And al - so with you.

*celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*people* We lift them to the Lord.

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

*people* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

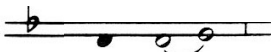
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**



A - men.


### **The Lord's Prayer** • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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## Fraction Anthem S 156



Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

## Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
  
- *for those attending virtually*

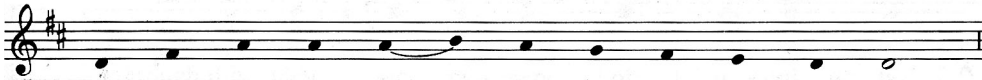
## An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Hymn 314 *Humbly I adore thee*



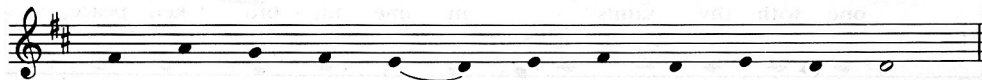
1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*  
Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

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- *all kneel*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **Solemn Prayer over the People**

- *the deacon says:*  
Bow down before the Lord.

- *all kneel or bow*

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**

**Hymn 598***Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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**Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.



*serving today . . .*

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The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Dr. James Rightmyer, *organist & choir director*

Mike Wright, Susan Shockey, *lectors*

Randy Peters, *intercessor*

Mike Wright, Randy Peters, Carolyn VanZant, Dorothy Converse, *chalice bearers*

Graham Whatley, Hunter Lumbatis, Louise Isaacs, *acolytes*

Bill Shelton, *altar guild*

Carol Brown, Lee Cochran, Susan Wettle, *greeters/ushers*

Bobbie Fritton, *bell ringer*

Frazier Marsh, *live stream*



*... as for  
me and my  
household,  
we will  
serve the  
Lord*

*Joshua 24:15*



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Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.





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