

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I call on you, Lord Jesus Christ)Johann Sebastian Bach

When the bell sounds, please stand and join in singing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401 ~ The God of Abraham praise*Leoni*

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Prayer Book, Page 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 320

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

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.

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos*

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come? | 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand, |
| 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth. | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. | 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep; | 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. |

Setting: H. Walford Davies

THE SECOND LESSON ~ Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The choir sings the

TRACT - Psalm 106:1-5 *Confitemini Domino*

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| 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever. | 4 Remember me, O LORD,
with the favor you have for your people, * |
| 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise? | and visit me with your saving help; |
| 3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right! | 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, * |
| | that I may glory with your inheritance. |
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THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ John 3:1-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Book, Page 328

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Cleona Torres, *Soprano*

Music: Robert (Bob) Chilcott (b. 1955)

Text: John 3:16

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #489 ~ The great Creator of the worlds *Tallis' Ordinal*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer I

Prayer Book, Page 333

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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 INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

ANTHEM

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through him might be saved.

Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)
Text: John 3:16

Please join in singing

HYMN #634 ~ I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ.....*Ich ruf zu dir*
HYMN #691 ~ My faith looks up to thee*Olivet*

Please join in saying

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 339

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #473 ~ Lift high the cross.....*Crucifer*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates

- Thursday, March 12 - Grinnell College Choir in Concert - 7:30 PM
- Sunday, March 15 - Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers
- Friday, March 20 - Lenten Dinner
- Saturday, March 28 - Day of Grace
- Sunday, April 9 - Easter Day

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Considering Matthew Shepard

Under the direction of John Rommereim
Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 PM

Considering Matthew Shepard is a Grammy-nominated three-part oratorio composed by Craig Hella Johnson. The work is an evocative and compassionate musical response to the murder of Matthew Shepard. On October 6, 1998, University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, beaten, and left to die, in what became an infamous act of brutality, and one of America's most notorious anti-gay hate crimes. Shepard's murder ultimately led to the creation of the Matthew Shepard Foundation and provided a catalyst for legislation that expanded the definition of a hate crime to include sexual orientation. In 2009, Congress passed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Composer Craig Hella Johnson had a profoundly personal reaction to both the murder and its resonance. The Shepard family and Foundation engaged with Johnson in the creation of the work, and allowed the use of fragments from Shepard's personal diary.

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THE WEEK OF MARCH 1

SUNDAY

The Second Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:15 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM School for Contemplative Living
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

- 9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Voices Of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral
- 7:00 PM Symphony of New Orleans (SONO) Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Education for Ministry (Dean's Parlor)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

- 10:00 AM Daughters of the King meeting

SUNDAY

The Third Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:15 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM School for Contemplative Living
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

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