

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday in Lent
8:30 and 10:30 am • March 1, 2026

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE VOLUNTARY

Andante

Johann Ludwig Krebs

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

550. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Restoration

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

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 your Son 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

8:30 Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:30 S 90, John Merbecke

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

We will recite the psalm responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk.

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

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

439. What wondrous love

Wondrous Love

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Jeremy Clos, FSJ

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Caring and Loving Jesus, we offer our petitions to you during this Lenten season, that our spirits may know relief from stress and anguish. Help us to release our fears, our worries, our busy-ness so we can focus on you. Ease our tensions and replenish our bodies. Silence the voices of doubt so we can hear your words of truth. Remove the heaviness of our day so your love can pour out abundantly into our lives. Fill us with your peace, joy and love.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

God of the Wilderness and the Way, God of Egypt and the Promised Land, and God of the desert in between, here we are again on the Lenten Road. We trust we are not alone because you walk with us on this path. We long for your leadership, protection, provision, and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of our earth, your creation. Even as we are in the midst of the darkness of winter, we know Light will come again. Guide us to act in ways that preserve and keep our Earthly home as a holy place for all living things. Let the wilderness teach us, and refine us so that we can open our eyes to the world as you see it.

Hear us, Dear Lord, as we know only you can guide us and restore us.

Gracious and Welcoming God, we live in a world where relationships are increasingly complicated. Help us to remember that all people, regardless of circumstance, are created in your image. We all have inherent worth and blessings to share. Give us grace to create welcoming spaces for all. Help us to remember that we, too, are worthy of your love, for we are one of your precious creations.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know only you can guide us and restore us.

We pray for first responders, law enforcement officers, doctors, government workers, health professionals, and all who seek to serve your people and that they take action with compassion for the good of your people.

We pray for gig and hourly workers who must work despite dangerous conditions. Give them focus and strength to meet the challenges of their work.

We pray for the youth and young people of our community who carry anxieties about their academic pressure, their safety, their future, and the many expectations placed upon them. In a world where the threat of violence feels close and perpetual, grant them your protection and peace. Surround them with caring adults and faithful friends in this community. Bless especially those who are undertaking the preparation for Confirmation, and fill them with your Holy Spirit as they claim your promises as their own.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

God of Steadfast Love, be with all who are troubled in any way in mind, body, and spirit. Help them to feel your presence and know that they are not alone in their time of need. In our church family, we pray especially for Alice, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Jim, Jo, Liz, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remy, Rick, Ruth, Shari, Tom, Barry, Alison, Peggy, and Bear. And our family and friends, especially Andrea, Caline, Danielle, Denise, Doug, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Heather, Joelle, John, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Laura-Benton, Leeann, Lori, Moira, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, Barb, and Lois.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Compassionate God, we pray for all loved ones who have died, especially Sarah Lou Kiser (sister of Peggy Wade), JoAnne Powers, Bob Takami, Susanne Brancati and Lisa Ward (sisters of Joe Ward), and Jim Kennedy. May light perpetual shine upon them and may they find eternal peace in your kingdom. Restore us all to wholeness through your Love.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Celebrant God of Truth and Mercy, give us strength to name what is broken; to confront injustice with unwavering love. Let our Lenten fasting be a fast from indifference so that our prayers rise not only in words, but in action, in solidarity and in love. Let us be Bearers of Hope, Sowers of Peace and Transformers of the

World. Holy One, we trust in your promise that the wilderness of Lent leads to the Glory of Resurrection. In all things we give thanks to you and to your son Jesus.

Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Have Mercy, On Me, O Lord

Bennett Mintern Swaffield

Have Mercy, Lord, on me, have mercy, Lord, on me, as thou wert ever kind: Let me oppressed with loads of guilt, let me oppressed, let me oppressed with loads of guilt, thy wonted mercy find. Blot out my crying sins, blot out my crying sins, nor in me anger view: Create in me a heart that's clean, create in me, create in me a heart that's clean, an upright mind renew.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

380. Doxology (*vs 3 only*)

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114, Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

144. Lord Jesus, Sun of righteousness

Cornhill

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366 | CG 27

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE 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.**

THE FINAL HYMN

609. Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

Johann Sebastian Bach



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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	Jeremy Clos, FSJ
Musicians (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Rene Garces, Ed Hughes
(10:30)	Anne Ramirez, Logan Lee, Waltye Rasulala
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Steve Dearth
(10:30)	Kate Krouse, Anne Sena
Crucifer (10:30)	Parker Walls
Torches (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Raylan Neece
Banner (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry
Children's Formation (10:30)	Joe and Lillis Ward
Ushers (10:30)	Emily and Ethan Phillips
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Keith Heikkinen
Altar Guild	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
Altar Flowers	Robin Rhaney
Vestry Representative	Randy R. Smith

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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
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