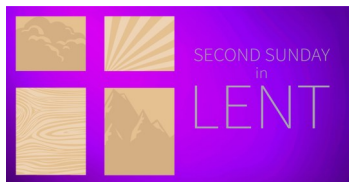


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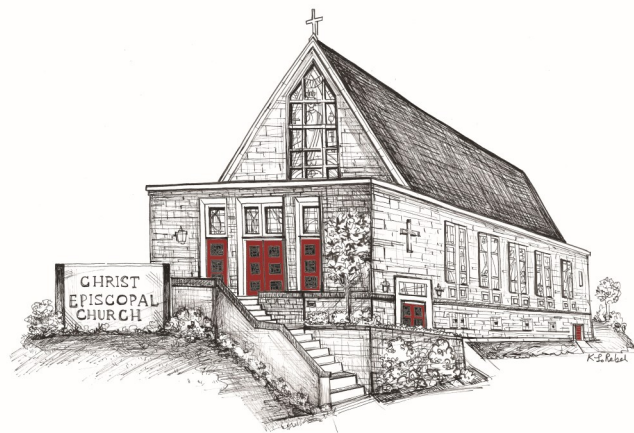
The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.



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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN * 675 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Take up you cross the Savior said

Bourbon

- 1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;

the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER - RITE II

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Then the celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Celebrant and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE * S-92 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung 3 times)*

Christ, have mercy upon us. *(sung 3 times)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung 3 times)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON *(please be seated)*

(Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18)

Reader: A Reading From The Book of Genesis

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 turtle-dove, 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."

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27 *(please remain seated)*

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| 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? | with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the Lord. |
| 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. | 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me. |
| 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid; | 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek. |
| 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him. | 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure. |
| 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; | 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. |
| 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple. | 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord will sustain me. |
| 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. | 15 Show me your way, O Lord; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies. |
| 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me. | 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. |
| 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation | 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. |

THE EPISTLE

(Philippians 3:17:1)

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

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.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN * 609 (The Hymnal 1982)

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

yet long these multitudes to see
the true compassion of thy face.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.

4 O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

3 The cup of water given for thee
still holds the freshness of thy grace;

5 till all the world shall learn thy love,
and follow where thy feet have trod;
till glorious from thy heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

THE GOSPEL

(Luke 13:31-35)

Then, all still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.'"

After the reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chuck Weiss

THE NICENE CREED *On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form II

(please kneel as able)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.
Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____

I ask your thanksgiving for _____

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION - RITE II

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

THE DOXOLOGY * 380 *(The Hymnal 1982) vs 3*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS * S-114 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,

we give thanks to you,

and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

FRACTION ANTHEM * S-157 (The Hymnal 1982)

O Lamb of God

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

You may opt to intinct (dip) in the small chalice, or you may drink from the common chalice.

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN * 304 (The Hymnal 1982)

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
 in awe and wonder to recall
 his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.

I come with joy to meet my Lord

The love that made us makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,
 is in such friendship better known:
 we see and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound,
 we'll go our different ways
 and as his people in the world
 we'll live and speak his praise.

Land of Rest

COMMUNION HYMN * 615 (The Hymnal 1982)

1 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee
 the passing ages pray;
 and faithful souls have yearned to see
 on earth that kingdom's day.

2 But the slow watches of the night
 not less to God belong;
 and for the everlasting right
 the silent stars are strong.

3 And lo, already on the hills
 the flags of dawn appear;

"Thy Kingdom Come!" on bended knee

gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
 proclaim the day is near:

4 the day to whose clear shining light
 all wrong shall stand revealed,
 when justice shall be throned in might,
 and every hurt be healed;

5 when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
 shall walk the earth abroad;
 the day of perfect righteousness,
 the promised day of God.

St. Flavian

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

1 The God of Abraham praise,
 who reigns enthroned above;
 Ancient of everlasting days,
 and God of love;
 the Lord, the great I AM,
 by earth and heaven confessed:
 we bow and bless the sacred Name
 for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
 we on his oath depend;
 we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,
 to heaven ascend:
 we shall behold his face,
 we shall his power adore,
 and sing the wonders of his grace
 for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
 the Lord, our Righteousness,
 triumphant o'er the world and sin,
 the Prince of Peace;

on Zion's sacred height
 his kingdom he maintains,
 and, glorious with his saints in light,
 for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high
 the great archangels sing,
 and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,
 "Almighty King!
 Who was, and is, the same,
 and evermore shall be:
 eternal Father, great I AM,
 we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
 they ever cry;
 hail, Abraham's Lord divine!
 With heaven our songs we raise;
 all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these (or similar) words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE