

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.*

**Prelude**      **Miserere a 4**      **W. Byrd (1540-1623)**  
*from Fitzwilliam Virginalbook*

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

**Hymn 401, standing**    **The God of Abraham praise**      **LEONI**

**A Penitential Order: Rite Two, standing**      **BCP p. 351**

*Presider*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider*      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

## Confession of Sin

*Presider*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

*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.**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Kyrie eleison S-359

D. Beyer

*Bells (or Organ)* *Cantor* *People*

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*Cantor* *People*

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*Cantor* *People*

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### Collect of the Day, *standing*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*You may be seated.*

### The First Lesson: 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."

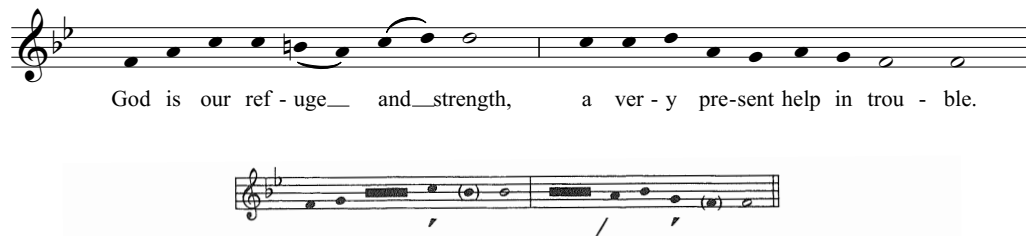
*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27**        *Dominus illuminatio*

**Plainchant Tone VIII.1**

*A cantor sings the antiphon at the beginning, then the congregation and choir immediately repeat it, singing it again where indicated; a cantor sings the verses to plainchant.*



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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]

**The Epistle: 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.

*Lector*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 688, *standing*    A mighty fortress is our God**

**EIN FESTE BURG**

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35, *standing***

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.'"

*Presider*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Wilbert "Wilk" Miller**

*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed, *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.**

**Pray for the World and the Church, *standing***

*Intercessor:* In this holy season of Lent let us turn to God in prayer.  
*Silence is observed.*

*Intercessor:* For all the people of God, that we may hear the voice of the Lord and be faithful  
 in word and in deed. Lord in your mercy,  
*The People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For the leaders of all nations, that they may preserve and care for the blessings of  
 this world. Lord in your mercy,  
*The People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For outcasts and those without homes or land, that a place of refuge, shelter, and  
 belonging will be theirs. Lord in your mercy,  
*The People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For this community, St. John's, especially as we prayerfully consider the call of  
 our next rector, that we may have the grace to lift our minds above the things of  
 the earth and to stand firm in faith. Lord in your mercy,  
*The People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all who are in need, that they may find shelter and protection under God's  
 almighty wings. We pray especially for Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, Tony  
 Custodio, Roger Deakin, Sherley Furgueson, Jeff Going, Raymond Guarino,  
 Nancy Gould, Erna Jensen, Ken Kezer, Astrid Pensa, Gianna Porcelli, Marguerite  
 Quigley, Dorothy Rider, Kathe Woodside, and all those we now name aloud and  
 in the silence of our hearts. Lord in your mercy,  
*The People:* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: help us to ask only  
 what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our  
 blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*The People:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**, *all standing*

*Presider* 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.*

**Welcome and Announcements**, *you may be seated*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.*

**Anthem**      **O Vos Omnes**

**P. Casals (1876-1973)**

Ed. A. Pandolfe

*O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam,  
attendite, et videte  
Si est dolor sicut dolor meus.*

*O all you who pass by the way,  
attend and see:  
if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.*

### **Presentation**, *standing*

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP p. 369**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People*

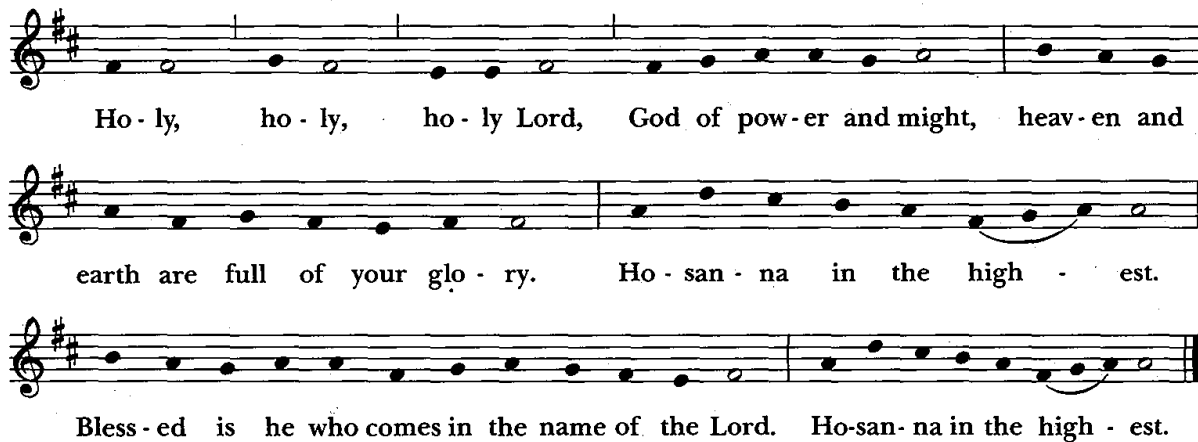
**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus S-124**

**D. Hurd**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

*The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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

Fraction Anthem S-161

D. Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## **The Invitation to Communion**

*Presider*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

**Hymn 456      O Love of God, how strong and true**

**DE TAR**

## **Prayer after Communion, standing**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*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, standing**

**Hymn 448, standing      O love, how deep, how broad, how high      DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**

*As we go forth, we set aside the word "Alleluia" until Easter Day, embracing this season of reflection and renewal.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Presider*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude      Jesus, meine Zuversicht**

**J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

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### ***Coffee Hour***

*You are warmly invited to join us in the Parish Hall for coffee right after the service.*

### ***Altar Arrangement***

*The altar arrangement is done by Lois Blood Bennett and given to the glory of God.*

### *Preparing Our Funeral*

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. — Parish Hall**

Our interim Pastor Wilbert "Wilk" Miller will lead these classes as participants give thought to their funerals. We will look at how the church is involved when we die and how our funeral service is planned.

**March 18**

Choosing Readings & Hymns; Remembrances

**March 25**

"Writing Our Eulogy"

**April 1**

Jesus Thinking about His Own Passion

**April 8**

Jesus Thinking about His Own Death

### *Tuesday Morning Eucharist in Lent* *"Keep Watch, Dear Lord"*

**11:15 a.m. — (Immediately following Bible Study)**

One of the most beloved evening prayers in the Book of Common Prayer is:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and  
all for your love's sake. Amen.

At the 1/2 hour Tuesday morning Eucharist in Lent, we will hear homilies on this prayer.

**March 18**

(2nd Week of Lent)... "The Sick"

**March 25**

(3rd Week of Lent)... "Those Who Sleep"

**April 1**

(4th Week in Lent)... "Shield the Joyous"

**April 8**

(5th Sunday in Lent) "The Suffering, Afflicted, & Weary"

**April 15**

(Tuesday in Holy Week) "The Dying"

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## WORSHIP

**SUNDAYS** | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

**TUESDAYS** | Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAYS** | Midweek Holy Eucharist — 12:00 p.m.

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