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*THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sunday, March 16, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop

The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector

The Reverend Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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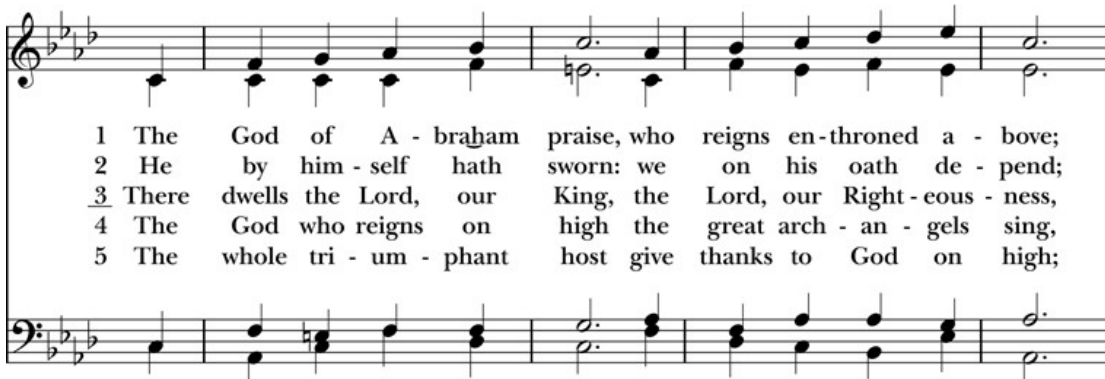
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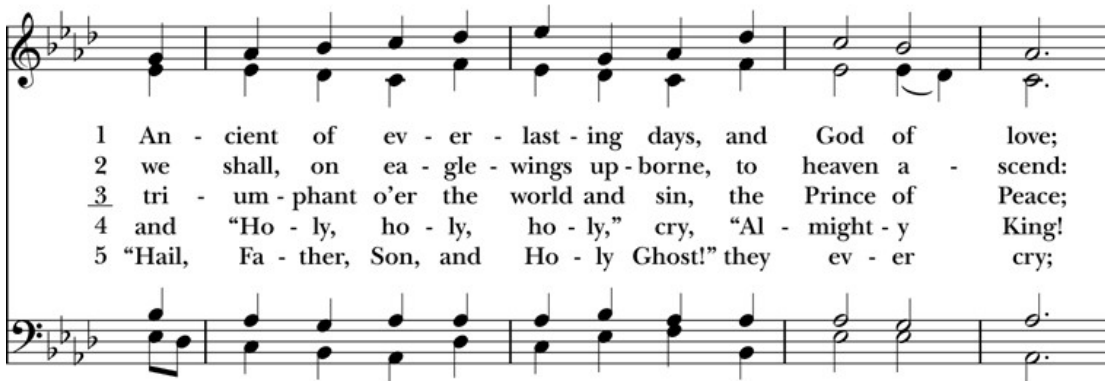
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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE ONE, 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

**Voluntary** *Sarabande* (L. Couperin)  
**Introit** *Hide me under the shadow* (J. E. West)  
**Hymn 401** *The God of Abraham praise* (Leoni)



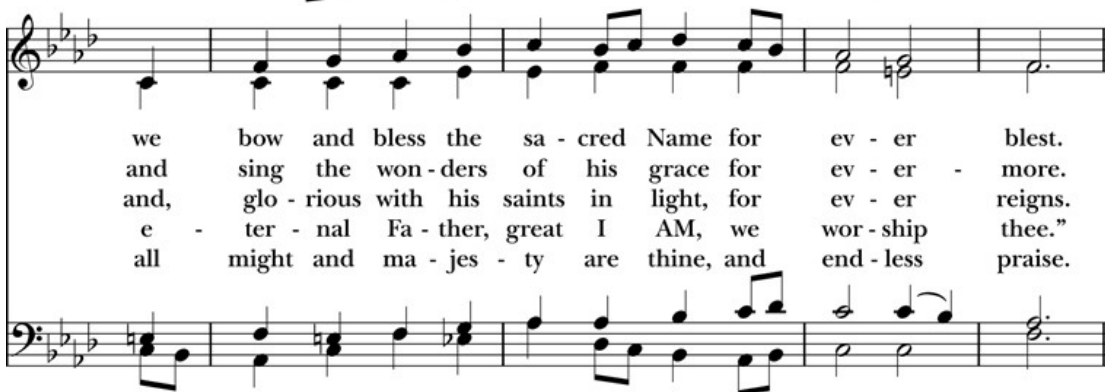
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give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



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

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Officiant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endureth forever.

BCP 323

*The Celebrant says,*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison S91 (H. Willan)

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.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

Collect of the Day

BCP 325

*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 READING: GENESIS 15:1-12,17-18

*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 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."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

Thomas Dupuis  
(1733–1796)



- 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 a- / fraid?
- 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 en- / camp a- / gainst me, \*  
yet my / heart shall • not / be a- / fraid;
- 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 up- / on a / rock.
- 8 Even now he / lifts up • my / head \*  
above my / enem- • ies / round a- / bout me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with / sounds of • great / gladness; \*  
I will sing and make / mu - sic / to the / Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, / when I / call; \*  
have mercy on / me and / an - swer / 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 / ser - vant / in dis- / pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me / not a- / way; \*  
do not forsake me, O / God of / my sal- / vation.
- 14 Though my father and my / mother • for- / sake me, \*  
the / **Lord** / will sus- / tain me.
- 15 Show me your / way, O / Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, be- / cause of • my / en – em- / ies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my / ad - ver- / 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.

### **THE EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1**

*A reading from the 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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn *Jesus loves me*

*Jesus loves me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong,  
They are weak but he is strong.  
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, (3times)  
For the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]*

## HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 13:31-35

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

*The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin*

## Nicene Creed

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**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*[Pause for a slow count of three.]*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially for the discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian our bishops; and Candice and Drew our clergy that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald our President; Kay, our Governor; and Steven, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Jerry, Mark, Nancy, Paul, Jill, George, Ann, Mimi, Debbie, Janet, Lila, Andi, Bob, Brittney, Violet, Jean, Ann, Sue & Bill, Betty, Sophie, Edith, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Anne, Bruce, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad and for peace throughout the nations.

We pray for The Way, The Truth, and The Life, our capital campaign.

We pray for the discernment of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Alabama:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, we pray for those in whose memory the altar flowers are given, Glenn Pearson Bear, Fred Bowman Bear, John Curran Sullivan, Jr., beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.  
*Silence may be kept.*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
    And wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Absolution and Comfortable Words

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*  
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and  
I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus  
Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our  
sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole  
world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## The Peace

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*             *And with thy spirit.*



## **Announcements**

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *God so loved the world* (J. Stainer)

**PRESENTATION** *Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 (Old 100th)*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,*

*And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving Prayer I**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them up unto the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is meet and right so to do.</i>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying.

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

*Here may be added*

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

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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

*Officiant and People*

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.

Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

## Agnus Dei

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

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*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

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 Celebrant says*

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.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Precious Lord, take my hand* (T. A. Dorsey)

*Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

*When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near.  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand, lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

*When the darkness appears,  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone;  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.*

**Lay Eucharistic Commission**

In the name of this congregation, we 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.

***All: We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.***

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
*Amen.*

**The Blessing**

Keep this 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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession 495 *Hail thou once despised Jesus (In Babiline)*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*



*lift up your voice*  
SINGING THROUGH LENT AND EASTER

In this devotional, each day,  
scripture and song inspires our hope  
in the midst of this season of Lent.

Booklets available in Ascension Hall  
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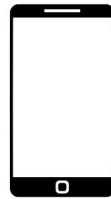
## GIVING

*I gave today in gratitude for what God has given me.  
'All things come of thee, O Lord...'*

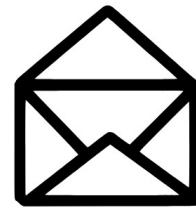
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Giving envelopes available upon  
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# Compline with *Encore!*

Sunday - 7:30 PM



Financial Gifts Offered This Week \$7,690

Financial Gifts Offered This Month \$36,972

Financial Gift Target Monthly \$85,500

Total Pledged Amount for 2025 - \$912,628

Total Collected Amount for 2025 - \$240,171

## **Lent 2025**

### **WEEKDAYS DURING LENT**

8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

### **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite One  
10:15AM Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist  
begins in the Sundial Garden

### **Holy Week**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

5:30 PM Foot Washing in the Chapel  
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Ritual Stripping of the Altar

#### **GETHSEMANE WATCH - STAY WITH ME, APRIL 17**

8:00 PM to 11:00 AM in the Chapel

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

12 Noon Good Friday Observance  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Sundial Garden

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

7:15 PM Easter Vigil

#### **EASTER DAY, APRIL 20**

6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Oakwood Cemetery  
9:00 AM Family Easter Celebration followed by Egg Hunt  
11:00 AM Festal Easter Celebration

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