

Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Second Sunday in Lent

01 March 2026 10:00 am

Hymn # 525

The Church's one foundation

Opening Acclamation
Kyrie S96

BCP 355

The Collect of the Day:

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 WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 121

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

The Epistle: 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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form I

BCP 383

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace

Offertory Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

EP “A”

BCP 361

Sanctus S129

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

Fx Anthem S164

Communion of the People

Hymn #691

My faith looks up to thee

The Blessing

Hymn #473

Lift high the cross

The Dismissal

From *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion, and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Louise Mead, Jane & Jerry Strittmatter, Carol Adams, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Randy Maurer & Gwen Hartnett, Carol Loushe.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Bill & Doris Horner, Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer,

Daylight Savings Time

Next Sunday is Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour or you will be late for Church.

Altar Flowers

There are no Flowers placed on the altar during Lent. You can purchase a 7 Day Votive Candle which will burn in the Lady Chapel. Cost for a candle is \$8.00.

Readers and Greeters February-March 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell-Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

March 1**	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
March 8 th	Donovan Pendell & Pam Hysong
March 15 th	Doug Zawiskie & Colleen Curry
March 22 nd	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Donna Carosi
March 29 th	Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

March 1 ^{st**}	Malissa Babalonis & Aiden
March 8 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
March 15 th	Jane & Jerry Strittmatter
March 22 nd	Amy & Penn Whitlow
March 29 th	Tina Grata & Colleen Curry

Sunday The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 1st 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday March 5th 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Sat. March 7th Family Kitchen

Next Sunday: The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 8th 10:00 am Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday In Lent

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

All Souls Episcopal Church, North Versailles
and the
Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt

Altar Candle in the Lady's Chapel Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Andrew Barlow
From Melissa Babalonis and Aiden

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.***