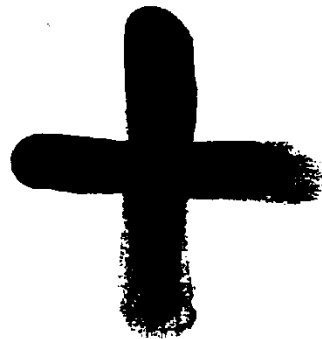


The Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



**TODAY
TOMORROW
AND
THE NEXT
DAY**

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)

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Silence in Lent

Good morning. As we continue through the six Sundays of Lent to Holy Week, we encourage silence in church as we gather. Keeping silence signals both an intentional withdrawal from the racket and churn of the wider world and willingness to open space for prayers — our own and those of congregants sitting near us. Please help us build and maintain silence by refraining from conversation before the liturgy begins with the ringing of the bell.

The Word of God

The Prelude

Kyrie

J.S.Bach

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 401 The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Confession of Sin

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*

Trisagion *(sung three times)*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

You may remain standing or choose to sit or kneel as you are able for the confession.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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.**

The Collect of the Day

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

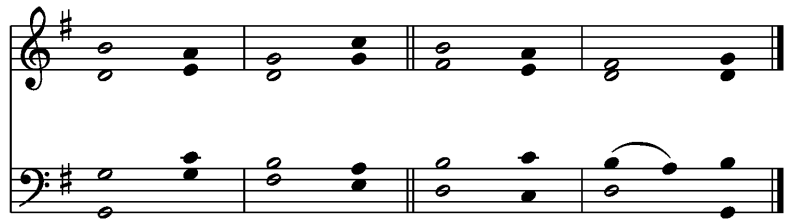
A reading from the book of Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18)

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.”

People: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)



Psalm 27

- 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 encamp 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 upon a / **rock.**
 - 8 Even now he lifts up my / **head** *
 above my enemies round a/**bout me.**
- (repeat second half of chant)*
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great / **gladness;** *
 I will sing and make music to the / **Lord.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

Sequence Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 13:31-35

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.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The 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 human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Eternal God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth; Christ Church, Harwich Port; Grace Church, Vineyard Haven and for all churches in the Diocese closed or merged

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, The Republic of the Congo and Sudan. We give thanks for the cease fire between Israel and Gaza and pray for its permanence. We pray for those in every land who suffer for the sake of conscience.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for our community and particularly this week for our vestry as they prepare for their retreat this coming weekend.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Gerry Ainslie, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Peggy Kern, Sue Sasso, Terese Brown, Sally Drew, Bill & Judy Gardiner, Joan Payne, Jennifer Peters, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Pam Thomas, Eloise Thompson, Dottie Walsh, Meg Zaks, Alex, Brant, Carole, Dave, David, Kathy, Lauren, Linnea, Maggie, Marcos, Pat, Sarah Jane, Jean. As well as for those we name before you now, silently or aloud.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially Mary Clark and those we name before you now, silently or aloud.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Into your hands we commend them.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause).

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

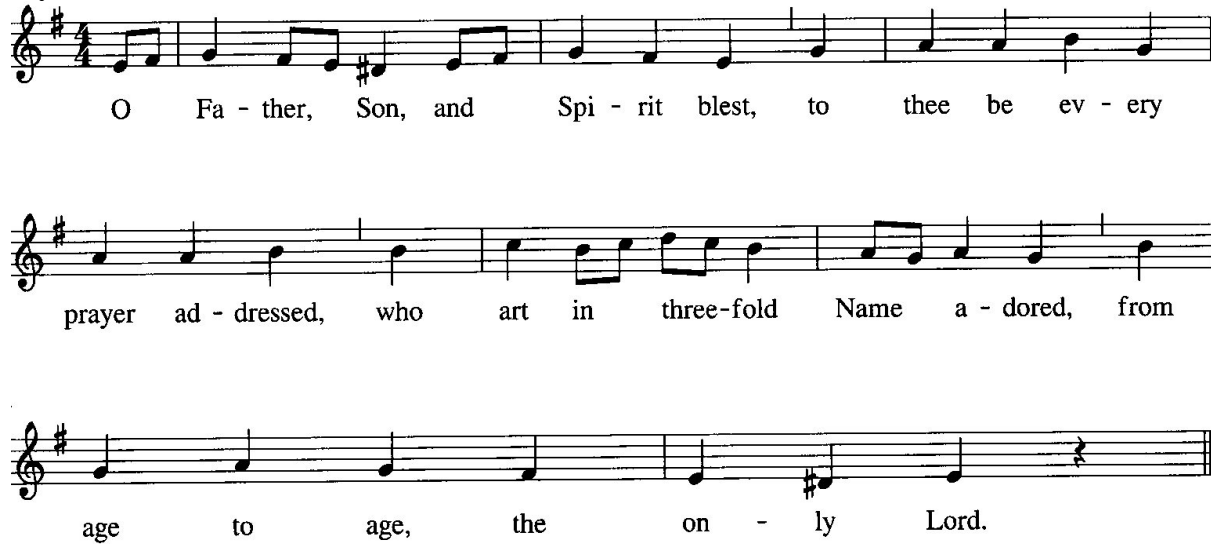
arr. B. Pulkingham

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light I'll walk until traveling days are done.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 143

Erbalt uns, Herr



O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery
 prayer ad - dressed, who art in three-fold Name a - dored, from
 age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

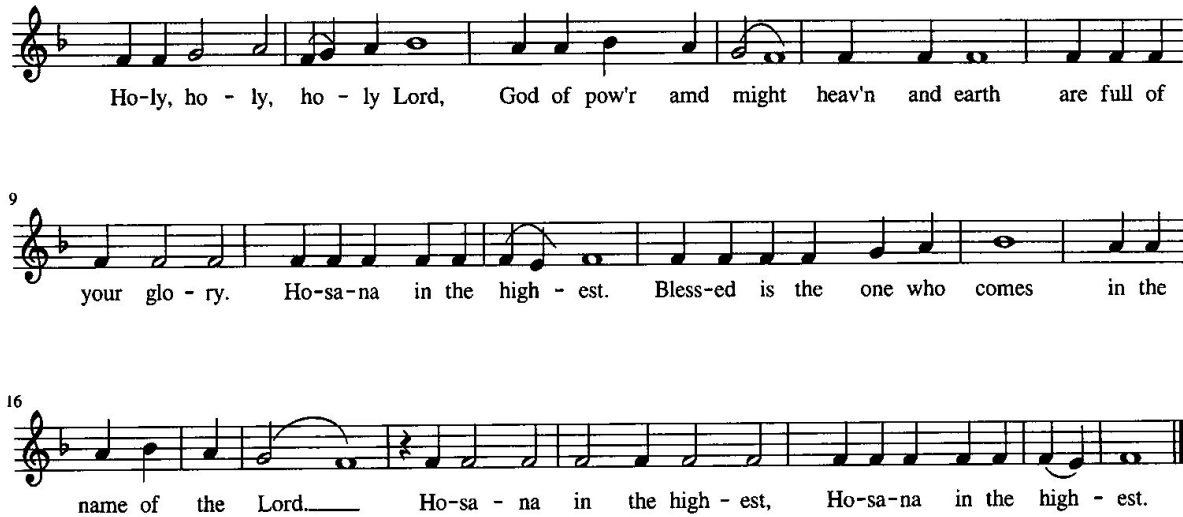
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

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

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:

The Sanctus

Archangelsky/Proulx



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r amd might heav'n and earth are full of

9
your glo - ry. Ho-sa-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the

16
name of the Lord. Ho-sa - na in the high - est, Ho-sa-na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

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

Lord of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; 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.

Risen God, 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.**

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

**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

Archangelsky/Proulx

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

6 world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you

11 take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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 Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;
please make your needs known to the person serving you.*

The Communion

Taize chant

Taize

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O". The second system has lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O". Both systems end with a "fine" marking.

Hymn LEVAS 144 Where he leads me

Blandy/Norris

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 473 Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

<i>Celebrant and Preacher</i>	The Rev. Patrick C. Ward
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Joan Kirchner
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Meg Nemitz, Priscilla Isner
<i>Readers</i>	Earle Bailey, Ike Cole, Doug Fromm
<i>Ushers</i>	Mary Hammatt, John Harter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Gail Binney-Sterne
<i>Audio/Video</i>	Jen Marlin
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