

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 16, 2025 - 8:00 AM** *(No music)*

**10:15 AM** *(with music)*

**HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**



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**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Prelude** *Ich ruf zu dir*

J.S. Bach

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.  
Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Silent Procession**

**A Penitential Order**

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**Confession and Absolution**

**Kyrie #S91, "Lord, have mercy upon us"**

Healy Willan

**Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #401, "The God of Abraham praise"**

*Leoni*

*[Note: The Bible translations in Lent are taken from The Message by Eugene Peterson.]*

**A Reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

**Katharine Benziger/Len Ludovico**

After these things 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, 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.**

**The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 27. We will read it responsively by half verse.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—

**my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;

**though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord;

this I seek:

**to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

**Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me.

**Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.**

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,

**O God of my salvation!**

If my father and mother forsake me,

**the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord,

**and lead me on a level path**

**because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

**for false witnesses have risen against me,**

**and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord

**in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord;

**be strong, and let your heart take courage;**

**wait for the Lord!**

**A Reading from Philippians (3:17-4:1)**

**Katharine Benziger/Barbara Tuzio**


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.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*omit Amen*)

ST. STEPHEN W. JONES, 1789



**T**HY Gospel, Jesus, we believe,  
And for thy help we pray,  
That we in thought and word and deed,  
Thy Gospel may obey. Amen.

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:31-35)

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “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 to you, Lord Christ.**

**Repeat the Gospel Acclamation** (*omit Amen*)

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

*A period of silence is kept after the sermon*

**Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world, saying "God, in your mercy, **Renew us.**"

For the whole Church of God, and for all its members:

May the Church truly become the unified body of Christ, hearing and living out God's call in the world. We pray for all baptized Christians in their ministries, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sally, our bishop; and for all clergy and other ministers.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For our nation and every nation:

May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another's differences and autonomy. May all leaders be ever mindful of their responsibilities to their own people and others in the world. We pray for our President, Congress, Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For this community and all communities:

May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disasters find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit; and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison; for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember especially **Connie and Bill Fortenbaugh, Phyllis, Anne, Sandy McIntyre, Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barb, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sherry, Emily, Sabina, Jean Richards, and J.A. Brown.**

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all the blessings of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries, and birthdays (especially **Linda Carduner, Scott Hughes, and Kathy McLeer**), and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for all other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud . . . .

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

For all who have died:

May those who now live in the joy of God's presence find their rest in God's peace.

God, in your mercy,

**Renew us**

[The Celebrant will add a concluding collect.]

**Confession and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

*Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.*

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Hymn #455, "O Love of God, how strong and true"**

*Dunedin*

**Doxology**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please remember that there are no Alleluias during Lent or Eastertide*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

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**Sanctus #S124**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**Agnus Dei #S161**



#### **The Communion of the People**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so in one of two ways that align with our updated Diocesan guidelines. If you choose to drink from the chalice, after consuming the bread, please help the Lay Eucharistic Minister guide it to your lips by holding the chalice by its stem.*

*Alternatively, you may receive the wine by intinction by handing the bread to the Eucharistic Minister who will dip the host into the consecrated wine and hand it back to you. It is available to all but required of none.*

**Communion Anthem, "Ave Verum"**

Mozart

**Hymn #448, "O Love, how deep," (if needed)**



## The Post-Communion Prayer

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### The Solemn Prayer over the people

*(Please kneel or bow as you are able.)*

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

**Please be seated for brief announcements.**

**Closing Hymn #495, "Hail, thou once despised Jesus"**

*In Babilone*

### The Dismissal

**Postlude** *Fugue in D Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

### Service Participants

*Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King*

*Verger: Clayton Smith*

*Chalice: Rick Hager*

*Acolytes: 8:00 – Dick Hewson      10:15 – Evan Veenboer*

*Lectors: 8:00 – Katharine Benziger 10:15 – Len Ludovico, Barbara Tuzio*

*Altar Guild: Linda Gyurko, Lois Eberhart*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome John!** We are thrilled to welcome **John Milas**, our new Minister of Music, who begins his tenure with All Saints this morning. We are blessed to have someone with John's skills, experience, and heart for the service of Jesus joining our staff. Please join in a welcoming coffee hour for John following the service.

**Lenten Series 2025** This year, we're using The Discovery Series, produced by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, as our jumping off point. Brief videos will open the discussion for each session. In the first two sessions of this five-session program, we will assess our spiritual gifts, our individual place in ministry, and the importance of personal involvement. Then, we will spend three sessions exploring how our stories are reflections of the biblical story and how sharing of our stories is an important aspect of sharing the faith. There will be two identical sessions held each week, and you may choose the one that meets your schedule best, either 10:30 AM or 6 PM (the latter will include a soup and salad potluck meal). We will meet on March 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9.



**Lent Evening Prayer** As a new opportunity for prayer and reflection during Lent this year, we are offering Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. This 20-minute office provides a way to mark the end of the business of the daytime and enter into the quieter close of the day. Stop by on your way home or on your way out to supper. See Michael Ling's message in the most recent newsletter or speak with Michael and Francine or Kathryn if you have any questions.



### **Women's Guild Lenten Reflection Day – Making Prayer Beads**

Join us **Tuesday, March 18 at 10:30 AM** in the church for our Lenten Reflection program led by Kathryn. We will be learning how to make and use prayer beads. A light lunch of soup and bread follows.



**Lent Madness** Modeled after March Madness, the brackets pit one saint against another instead of basketball teams. This year, those of you who want “in on the action” will read a short piece about one saint each day. Your votes will be cast online with those of others across the Episcopal Church, moving selected saints up the brackets until, just before Easter, one prevails and is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Check out the large bracket in Bristol Hall, along with a booklet containing the saints’ biographies.

**United Thank Offering** The little blue boxes are now available for your thankful offerings. This is an opportunity for us to turn our many blessings into blessings for others. Please support this important ministry that provides aid in the form of grants to the Episcopal Church and the provinces of the Anglican Community throughout the world. Our Ingathering will be later in the Spring.

**Please join us for our second Outreach Meeting, Sunday, March 23**, following 10:15 AM service. This meeting builds on the June 2024 session and continues the conversation about All Saints’ plans and goals for Outreach 2025—and beyond. For more information, contact John Copman.

**Spring Clean-up Day, Saturday, April 12**, 9 AM to Noon Please bring gloves, rakes, and pruning shears (if you have them). Lunch will be provided!

**Easter Baskets for St. Gregory's Pantry** We will again be supporting the distribution of Easter baskets through St. Gregory's. Suggestions for items to include and age groupings are available near the sign-up bulletin board. **Please return filled baskets by Sunday, April 13** so they can be transported to St. Gregory's in time for the distribution days. Thank you.



**Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation** I believe that All Saints will be scheduled for an official visitation by Bishop Sally French, within the next 6 to 8 months. That will be a wonderful opportunity for us to present adults for the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

**Confirmation** - the rite whereby those baptized at a young age make a mature affirmation of their faith and receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

**Reception** - the rite whereby those baptized and Confirmed in another tradition present themselves to the Bishop to be received into the Episcopal Church.

**Reaffirmation** - the rite that provides an opportunity for anyone already Confirmed to Reaffirm their Christian commitment. This is done for many reasons, which may include: having left the church for a period and returning, having had a particular growth in faith that one would like to recognize, and even simply as a practice undertaken as a regular part of a personal faith journey.

If your interest is awakened by any of these, or you would like to learn more, please speak with me. I would welcome the opportunity to work with anyone who is interested in preparing for any of these milestones. *Kathryn+*

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### **About the translation of Bible we are using for Lent 2025**

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The goal of *The Message*, by Eugene Peterson, is to engage people in the reading process and help them understand what they read. This is not a study Bible, but rather a reading Bible. The original books of the Bible were not written in formal language. *The Message* tries to recapture the Word in the words we use today. I hope you'll appreciate and embrace the shift. You might really like it, or you may not. That's OK. It will give us even more to talk about!

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