



Mission Statement

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 401 The God of Abraham

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

S101 Holy God Trisagion

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant 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.*

Lessons

The congregation is seated

Lector A reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Pat Roberts

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.
Silence may follow.

Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio sung responsively cantor/congregation

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.**

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 Harken 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.**

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.**

Lector

A reading from Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lisa Norton-Rotella

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn 571 All Who Love

Verses 1 and 2

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35
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.'"

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

Sequence Hymn 571

Verse 4

Sermon

Rev. Spenser Simrill

Affirmations of Faith

(All stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith.
People: *We believe in a bright and amazing God,
 Who has been to the depths of despair
 on our behalf;
 Who has risen in splendor and majesty;
 Who decorates the universe*

*with sparkling water, clear white light,
twinkling stars and sharp colours,
over and over again.*

*We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
that God believes in us, and trusts us,
even though we make the same mistakes
over and over again.*

*We commit ourselves
to Jesus,
to one another as brothers and sisters,
and to the Maker's business in the world.*

*God said: Let there be light
Amen.*

The Prayers of the People Form VI BCP page 392

Celeste Hall

The Confession and Absolution BCB page 359

The Peace

The Announcements

Paul Brady

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of Love

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C BCP page 369

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be said*

S161

Lamb of God

said in unison

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.

Communion Solo

My Shepherd

Lisa V. Norton-Rotella

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

A Sending Out Prayer

The Blessing

Hymn 10

New Every Morning

Verses 1, 2 3

The Dismissal

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Pat Roberts and Lisa Norton-Rotella
Prayers of the People	Celeste Hall
Coordinator	Richard Pfleger
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Church Administrator	Terry Glover
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At 10:00am on Sunday morning:

Join us via Zoom March 13, 2022 10:00am

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