

The Second Sunday in Lent

Confirmation



Sunday, March 1, 2026
10:30 A.M. Eucharist, Rite Two

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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN - We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

*We want to see Jesus lifted high
A banner that flies across the land
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven*

*We want to see
We want to see
We want to see Jesus lifted high*

*Step by step we're moving forward
Little by little taking ground
Every prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come a-tumbling down
And down and down and down*

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

BCP 413

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures forever.***
Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;
People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People ***One God and Father of all.***
Bishop The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Bishop Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

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 LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

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.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 450 - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

*Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!*

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,

*who from his altar call:
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
and crown him Lord of all!
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
and crown him Lord of all!*

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

*ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!*

4. Let every kindred, every tribe,
*on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!*

5. O that with yonder sacred throng,

*we at his feet may fall!
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!*

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan

MUSICAL SERMON RESPONSE - Sing to the Lord

*Sing to the Lord with all of your heart;
Sing of the glory that’s due to his name.
Sing to the Lord with all of your soul,
Join all of heaven and earth to proclaim:*

*Sing to the Lord with all of your mind,
With understanding give thanks to the King.
Sing to the Lord with all of your strength,
Living our lives as a praise offering.*

*You are the Lord, the Savior of all,
God of creation, we praise you.
We sing the songs that awaken the dawn,
God of creation we praise you.*

CONFIRMATION

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: ***I present these persons for Confirmation.***

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: ***I do.***

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: ***I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.***

Congregation will please stand:

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Bishop: Let us join with these who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant _____ with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Congratulations and welcome to our Brothers in Christ:

**Mason Donaldson
Robert "Bobby" Morris
Christian Tellez**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY - The Goodness of God

1. *I love you, Lord, Oh, your mercy never fails me.
And all my days I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

CHORUS:

*'Cause all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

2. *I love your voice
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest nights you were close like no other.
I've known you as a Father
I've known you as a Friend
Oh, I have lived in the goodness of God.*

BRIDGE:

*Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now, I give you everything
Cause your goodness is running after,
it's running after me*

THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Standing as you are able.)

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Bishop adds a proper preface)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (repeat)
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (repeat)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

(The people may kneel or stand.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

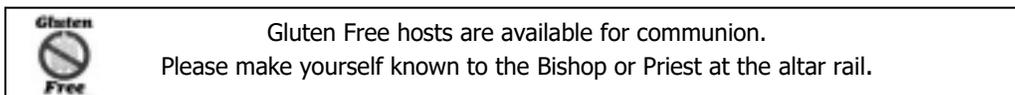
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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 (Remember to omit the A word)

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

These are 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.



If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion, and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.

COMMUNION SONG 1 - **On Eagle's Wings**

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge
My rock in whom I trust!"**

REFRAIN:

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under his wings your refuge;
His faithfulness, your shield**

**3. You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall around you,
Near you it shall not come**

**4. For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

COMMUNION SONG 2 - How Deep the Father's Love for Us

**1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.**

**3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BISHOP'S BLESSING

CLOSING SONG - Amen Chorus / I'll Fly Away / Do Lord

Leader sings verses

Congregation sings the "amens":

*See the little baby (amen)
Lying in a manger (amen)
How they marveled at his wisdom.
(amen, amen, amen)*

*See him at the temple (amen)
Talking to the elders (amen)
How they marveled at his wisdom.
(amen, amen, amen)*

*Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a land on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (Refrain)*

*When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away (Refrain)*

*I've got a home in glory land
That outshines the sun (Repeat x2)
Look away beyond the blue. (Refrain)*

*I took Jesus as my Savior,
You take him, too (Repeat x2)
Look away beyond the blue. (Refrain)*

*See him at the seaside (amen)
preaching and healing (amen)
the blind and feeble. (amen, amen,
amen)*

*See him in the garden (amen)
praying to his Father (amen)
In deepest sorrow. (amen, amen,
amen)*

REFRAIN:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, Safely Gathered, by and by,
I'll fly away*

REFRAIN:

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (*Remember to omit the A word*)

Thanks be to God.



**Please join us immediately following the service in the Parish Hall
to welcome Bishop Ryan and the newly confirmed.**

TODAY'S OFFERING

The loose offerings received today will be given to
Bishop Ryan's Discretionary Account for her outreach ministry.

Calvary Worship Service Times

**8:00 AM Sunday – Traditional Service
10:30 AM Sunday – Contemporary Service**