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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1st, 2026

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Rooted in compassion and enlivened by the Spirit, we are an inclusive and affirming parish of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. We joyfully welcome the full diversity of all God's people—without exception—to worship, to belong, to serve, and to bear witness to love's power to heal and transform.

Whether you're a long-time member, a seasonal visitor, or here for the first time, we're glad to have you with us today. We pray that you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in a way that feeds and sustains your soul.

Near the entry to the church, you'll find a selection of books and activity bags that children can use throughout the service. We joyfully welcome children into our services as full members of the Body of Christ. Their presence is a reminder of the vitality, curiosity, and spontaneity that enrich our faith community. Children teach us to approach God with wonder and trust, and their activity reminds us that worship is not about perfection, but about embodiment, participation, and connection. We celebrate their voices, questions, and energy as signs of life and growth, believing they bring us closer to the heart of Jesus, who welcomed children with open arms.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please enter the church in sacred silence, allowing others to pray and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Processional Hymn** *The God of Abraham praise* **Hymnal 401**
LEONI

*Opening Acclamation

Celebrant † Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People *His mercy endures forever.*

*Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie Eleison

[8:30 a.m.] BCP, 356
[10:30 a.m.] Hymnal S-95

*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.***

The people sit

A Reading from The Book of 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.

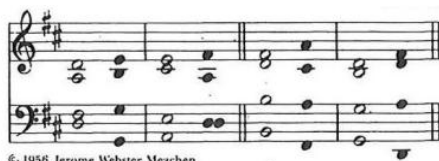
Psalm 121

[8:30 a.m.] Spoken

Levavi oculos

[10:30 a.m.] Sung

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



A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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** *Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered* **Hymnal 440**
LIEBSTER JESU

***Holy Gospel** **John 3:1-17**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People 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.”

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

Homily

The Reverend Tommy Drake

Silence may be kept

*Nicene Creed

Silence may be kept

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 man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially *Norman Sparks*.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, the Bishop of our Diocese, Sarah, our Bishop-elect, for Tommy, our priest, and for all the clergy and for all bishops and other ministers.*

We pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers, especially *Blair, Carol, Lita, Marie, Christie, Elizabeth, Hilary, Angie, William, Teresa, John, Megan, and Sarah.*

For those with ongoing concerns, especially *Isabel, Chris, Steve, Nickie, Jeanne, Moira, Gigi, Christy, Marcia, Sueellen, Joyce, Bob, Glen, and Mary Lou.*

For those celebrating another year of life, including *Suzanne Scott-Constantine, Troy Burchett, Tatum Love, Suzy Rich, and Lynleigh Blanchard.*

For those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts,

The people may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

***Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people stand or kneel.

Silence may be kept.

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.*

***Absolution**

***The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Rector's Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

***The Presentation:**

[10:30 a.m.] **Hymnal 143 Vs 5**

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest
ERHALT UNS, HERR

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in three-fold
Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

[8:30 a.m.] **Spoken**

[10:30 a.m.] **S-130**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

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

[8:30 a.m.] BCP 407

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.

[10:30 a.m.] S-160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Communion of the People

Please come forward when directed by the usher to receive a host from the celebrant. You may then drink from the common chalice or intinct using the intinction cup offered by the second eucharistic minister. If you do not wish to receive the elements, you are invited to come forward to receive a priestly blessing.

Hymn

My faith looks up to thee
OLIVET

Hymnal, 691

*Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

The people stand or kneel.

*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 forever. Amen.*

*Blessing

*Processional Hymn

Lift high the cross
CRUCIFER

Hymnal 473

*The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ASHES TO ALLELUIAS

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Lent invites us to slow down and make space for God's presence in real life. On Wednesday nights, join us for the following four-week series introducing simple Christian spiritual practices that help us listen, pray, and live with greater intention. Each session is designed for beginners and longtime pray-ers alike, and includes a brief teaching, a guided experience of the practice, and a simple take-home invitation for the week ahead. We will start serving supper at 5:30; sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

March 4: Lectio Divina (Praying with Scripture) - A slow, prayerful way of reading the Gospel that helps us listen for the Word that is meant for us, here and now.

March 11: Make + Pray with Anglican Prayer Beads - We'll make a simple set of prayer beads and learn an easy pattern of prayer you can use anywhere, especially when you don't have words.

March 18: Contemplative Prayer - An introduction to silent prayer as consent to God's presence and action, learning how to return gently when the mind wanders.

March 25: A Rule of Life (and commissioning) - A practical, life-giving way to shape a sustainable rhythm of prayer, Scripture, service, and rest that can carry you beyond Lent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Father Tommy will be away from March 2–6 to attend the Episcopal Parish Network Conference. The Reverend Margaret Pollock will serve as our supply priest on Sunday, March 8.

Please pray for **Margot Elizabeth Clissold**, daughter of **George and Hailey** and granddaughter of **Susan**, who will be baptized on **Sunday, March 22**, at the **10:30 a.m. service**.

Easter Lily Order Form: You are invited to contribute \$12.50 to purchase Easter lilies and flowering plants to adorn the Church on Easter Sunday. Please fill out the form and place it in the donation plate or bring it to the Church Office by April 1st.

The Ordination and Consecration of the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina | 10:00 a.m. | May 23rd, 2026, at the Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, North Carolina. For more information, including how to sign up to volunteer, please check our Weekly Newsletter.

Child Care: To help support families, childcare is now available during both Sunday services and for Wednesday evening programs. Care is provided by paid childcare personnel and volunteers serving together. Children of all ages are always welcome in all worship services, and we are glad to offer childcare as an additional option for families.

Those Who Minister Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas Drake
Director of Music and Organist: Steve Blackstock
Assistant Director of Music and Organist: Keith Dey

8:30 a.m.

Greeter: Etta Lanuti
Usher: Arline Arnold
Lector: Wayne Barry
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Atkinson
Coffee Hour: Jo Hurd

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dale Draper
Ushers: Lynn and Janan Usher
Lector: Linda Brinson

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Charles Coppage
Nursery: Barbara White and Suzanne Utley
Sunday School: Jackie Klamut and Jan McDowell
Coffee Hour: Coffee Hour Committee
Facebook Hosts: Karen & Kenny Murrill

Vestry Person of the Day: Susan Smith
Welcoming Coordinator: Jack Myers
Flower Guild: Joan Smalley
Altar Guild: Etta Lanuti and Laura Holmes
Counters: Susan Smith and Tess Judge