

Readings and Music for

The Second Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2026

Processional

“The God of Abraham Praise”

H401

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis:

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121



- 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. [ANT.]
- 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; [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

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.

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Sequence

“Lord Have Mercy”

by Steve Merkel

Refrain: Choir and Congregation

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy on me. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy on me.

Verse 1: Choir only

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again [*Refrain*]

Verse 2: Choir Only

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again [*Refrain*]

Verse 3: Choir only

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night [*Refrain*]

Deacon 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.”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Offertory “Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” *H448*

Communion “When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth” *H603*

Recessional “How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord” *636*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

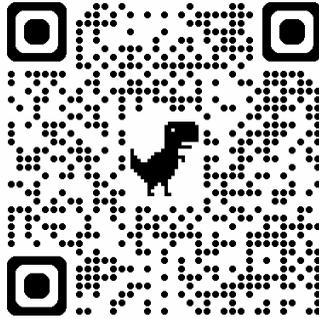
This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by Sue and Gabe</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
<i>Today</i>	<i>Episcopal 101</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
<i>3/2</i>	<i>Funeral for Jan Jaekel</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
<i>3/2</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>3/4</i>	<i>Soup & Sustenance</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Soup and Sustenance** – Join us this Wednesday, March 4th, at 6:30PM for our second Lenten soup and sustenance session. Bryan Burke will be leading a discussion on the parables of Jesus. There will be a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to volunteer to bring soup, salad, or bread.
- **Episcopal 101** – Join us today and the next three Sundays after service for a time to learn what it means to be Episcopalian. We will gather in the sanctuary around 11:30AM and learn about the history, theology, worship, and governance of the Episcopal Church. If you are an adult who has never been confirmed and you would like to be or if you would like to be received into the Episcopal Church, this would be appropriate preparation. Even if you have been confirmed or received, this is a great opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge of how our church works.
- **Funeral for Jan Jaekel** – There will be a funeral for Jan Jaekel here at the church tomorrow, March 2nd, at 10AM, with visitation beforehand. Weather permitting, Jan will be interred in the Memorial Garden directly following the service.
- **Bible Study** – We have Bible study tomorrow evening at 7PM on Zoom. We are probably going to finish up our time in Micah and discuss what book of the Bible we might want to look at next. The link is in the e-newsletter or on the calendar on the church website.
- **Daughters of the King Quiet Day** – Our St. Monica's chapter of the DOK is hosting a quiet day here at the parish on March 14th. There will be women from other chapters attending, and all the women of our parish are invited to attend. There will be refreshments, a Eucharist, time for discussion, and of course time for quiet reflection. For more details, reach out to Joan Karrison.
- **Bunco Night** – Mark your calendars for our next Bunco Night on March 21st!

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Monday – Thursday 8:30AM to 2:30PM

Priest's Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10Am to 3:00PM

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