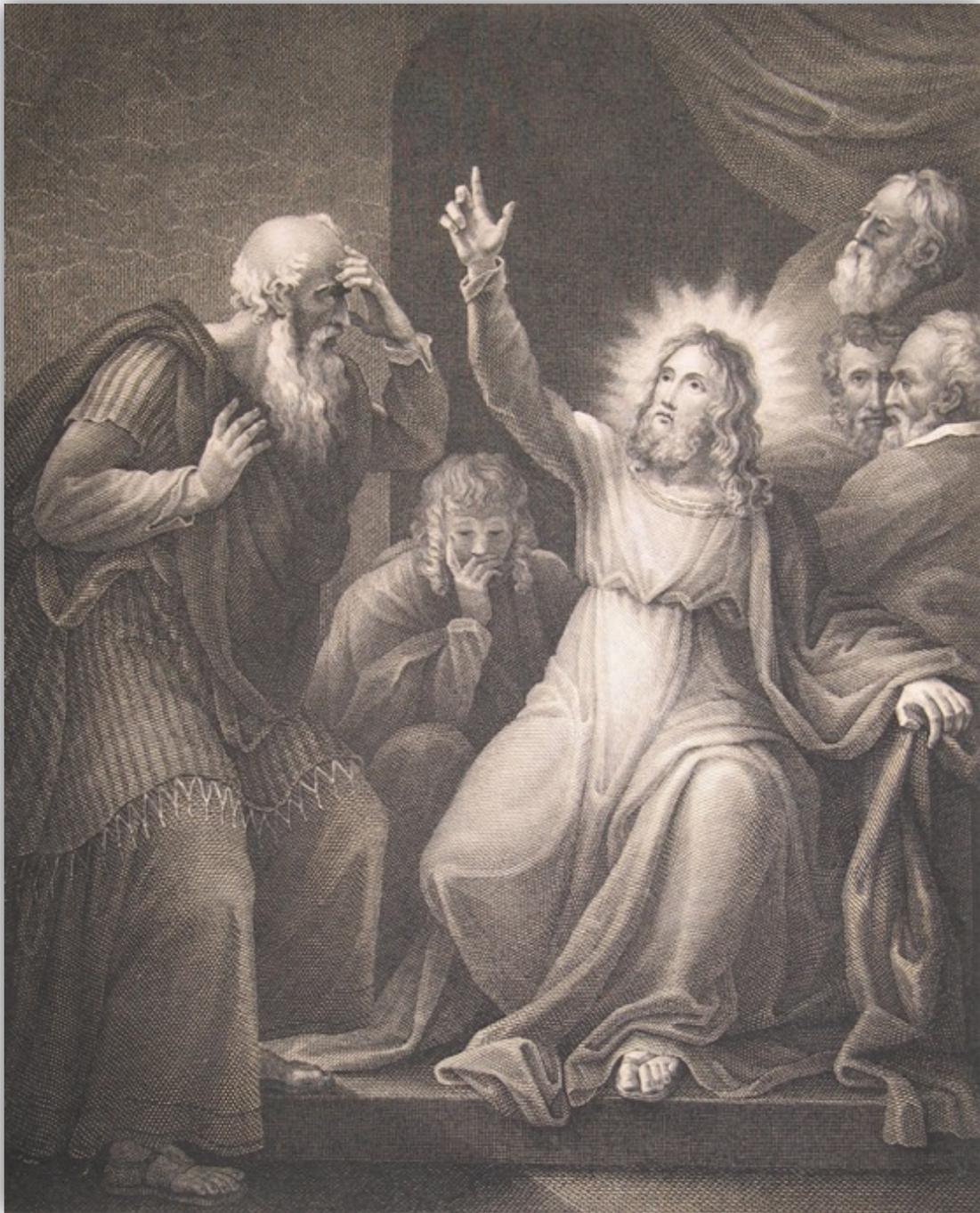


GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: *Missa Penitentialis*

Plainsong, Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), ed.

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (d.1750)

ENTRANCE RITE

Introit (*choir*) *Reminiscere*

Mode IV

(*Antiphon*) CALL TO REMEMBRANCE, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O let not our enemies triumph over us. Deliver us, O God of Israel, out of all our troubles. [*Psalm*] Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Repeat antiphon.*)



THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

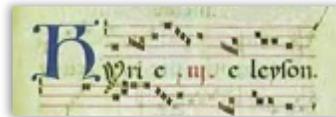
Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution ✠ and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

1, 2, 3 Lord have mercy up-on us.

4, 5, 6 Christ have mercy up-on us.

7, 8 Lord have mercy up-on us.

9 Lord + have mercy up-on us.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

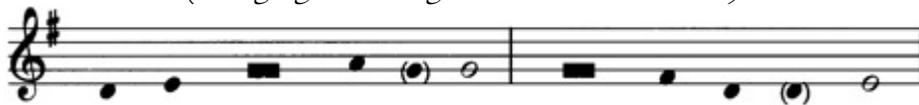
The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4a [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

NOW 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

(Congregation sings the italicized verses.)

- 1 I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES unto the | hills;
 * *from whence com- / eth my help?*
- 2 *My help cometh even from the | Lord,*
 * *who hath made hea- / ven and earth.*
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be | mov'd
 * and he that keepeth thee | will not sleep.
- 4 *Behold, he that keepeth | Isra^el*
 * *shall neither slum- / ber nor sleep.*
- 5 The Lord himself is thy | keeper;
 * the Lord is thy defence upon | thy right hand;
- 6 *So that the sun shall not burn thee by | day,*
 * *neither the | moon by night.*
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all | evil;
 * yea, it is even he that shall | keep thy soul.
- 8 *The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming | in,*
 * *from this time forth for | evermore.*



The Epistle: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.Tract (*choir*) *Confitemini Domino*

Tone VIII; harm by Healey Willan

○ give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise? Blessed are they that alway keep judgement, and do righteousness. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto the people; O visit me with thy salvation.

The Holy Gospel: St. John 3: 1-17 [RSV]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac-cor-ding to Luke.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the LORD.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marta S. Rivera Monclova, PhD, *Curate*



Nicodemus and Jesus on a Rooftop . Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1859-1937

The Nicene Creed from *Missa de Angelis* (sung by all)
Cantor

See standard translation on Prayer Book p. 326
All



Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,
I believe in one God, the-Father almighty,



fa-cto-rem coe-li et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um o - - mni-um, et in-vi-si-bi - - li-um.
maker of-heaven and of-earth, visible of-all-things and invisible.



Et in u-num Do-mi-num Je-sum Chri-stum, Fi-li-um De-i u-ni-ge-ni-tum,
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the-Son of-God only-begotten,



et ex Pa-tre na - - tum an-te o-mni-a sae - - cu-la.
and from the-Father born before all worlds.



De-um de De-o, lu-men de lu-mi-ne, De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro.
God of God, light of light, God true of God true.



Ge-ni-tum, non fa - - ctum, con-sub-stan-ti - a-lem Pa-tri: per quem o-mni-a fa-cta sunt.
Begotten, not made, of-one-substance with-the-Father: by whom all-things made were.



Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes, et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem de-scen-dit de coe-lis,
Who for us humans, and for our salvation descended from heaven,



p (Here genuflect) ***pp***
Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu San-cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne: et ho-mo fa-ctus est.
And incarnate was by the-Spirit Holy of Mary the-Virgin: and human made was.



f (Here rise)
Cru-ci - fi - - xus e-ti-am pro no - bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to pas-sus et se-pul - - tus est.
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and buried was.



Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras. Et a-scen-dit in coe - - lum:
And rose-again the-third day, according-to the-Scriptures. And ascended into heaven:



se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri - a
he-sits at the-right-hand of-the-Father. And again to-come is with glory



ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.
to judge the-living and the-dead: of-whose kingdom not shall-be an-end.



Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:
And in the-Spirit Holy, the-Lord, and giver-of-life:



qui ex Pa - tre Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o
who from the-Father and-the-Son proceeds. Who with the-Father and the-Son



si-mul a-do-ra-tur, et con-glo-ri-fi-ca-tur: qui lo-cu-tus est per Pro - phe-tas.
alike is-worshiped, and together-is-glorified: who spoken has by the-Prophets.



Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.
And in-one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
I acknowledge one baptism for the-remission of-sins.



✠ Et ex - pe - cto re-sur-re-cti-o-nem mor-tu-o-rum. Et vi - tam ven-tu-ri sae-cu-li.
And I-look-for the-resurrection of-the-dead. And the-life to-come of-the-world.



A - - - - - men.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.

Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)

People
Lord, in thy mer - cy hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Watch over thy child *Barbara*, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of her life. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People
— — — — —
A - men.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Meditabor*

Mode II

MY DELIGHT is in thy commandments, which I have loved; my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.



Motet (*choir*)

Richard Farrant (d. 1581)

CALL to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness. Ps. 25: 5-6

Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Celebrant: The LORD be with you. *People:* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up un - to the LORD.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over ever evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

Plainsong

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord

God of hosts, Hea - ven and earth are full

of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to

thee. O Lord Most High. (A - men.)

(Cantor)
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord.

6 (Choir)
Ho - - san - na in the High - est.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
A mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our
redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect,
and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and
did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of
that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is
shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly
beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make
here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed
passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering
unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the
same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty
goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy
gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our
Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be
partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and
death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole
Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be
a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all
others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most
precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any
sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing
our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be
B unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

—●—○—○
A- men.



The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to
 temp-ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,
 and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction

Celebrant:

Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-fic'd for us.

People:

There-fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

Plainsong

(Cantor) *p* O Lamb of God, + that ta-kest a - way the sins
(Choir) of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
(Cantor) *p* O Lamb of God, + that ta-kest a - way the sins
(Choir) of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
(Cantor) *mf* O Lamb of God, + that ta-kest a - way the sins
(Choir) of the world; Grant us thy peace.
f rit. poco *rit.*

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: 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.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Intellige clamorum*

Mode V

CONSIDER MY MEDITATION; O hearken unto the voice of my calling, O my King, and my God; for unto thee I make my prayer, O Lord.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.





Hymn 313 (*sung by all*)

"Let thy Blood in mercy poured"

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

AVE REGINA CAELORUM, Ave Domina Angelorum. Salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa. Vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

[Hail, O Queen of heaven, Hail, O Lady of Angels. Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate, from whom unto the world a light has risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others. Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.]



THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: Be it unto me according to thy word.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(Here genuflect) Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

(Here rise) People: And dwelt among us.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Hymn 473 (*sung by all*)

"Lift high the cross"

Crucifer

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

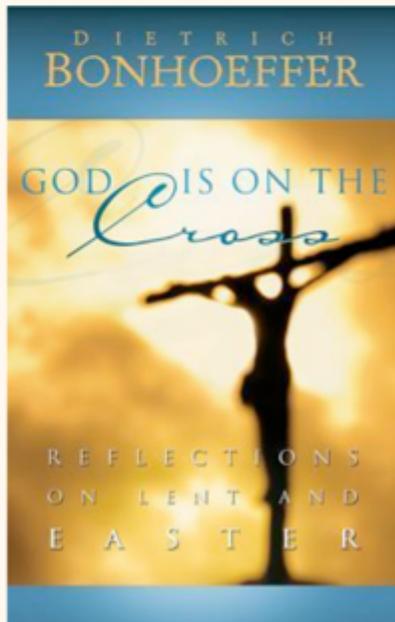
1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Join us for a Lenten program, continuing our exploration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's work:



For each session we will gather for discussion at 5PM, and at 6 we will transition to the church for Stations of the Cross and the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



February 20, 5PM
February 27, 5PM
March 6, 5PM

March 13, 5PM
March 20, 5PM
March 27, 5PM

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to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
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GRACE NOTES

Sunday, March 1 *The Second Sunday in Lent*

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury designate*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Jeffrey and Laura, *Bishops of ECCT*; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace, Hartford; Haven Community, Hartford; prison ministry & prison chaplains; and the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network. *The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Nigeria, Sudan, the Congo and Somalia; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Barbara Galbreath (Wed.), and Travis Bish (Thu.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Ken T; Walter & Claudia; Stephen & Ratana; Peter; Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Lucy; Jane; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Tom; Kristen & Quintin; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Elizabeth MacKiernan Miel, John Kennon, Linda Knight, and Pauline Hickmott.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 1 *The Second Sunday in Lent*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on *YouTube*)

Tuesday, March 3 *Lenten Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Wednesday, March 4 *Lenten Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, March 5 *Lenten Feria*

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.: "*A Place of Grace*" food pantry distribution

Friday, March 6 *Lenten Feria*

5:00 p.m.: **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** ~ Bonhoeffer's *God Is On the Cross*

5:45 p.m.: **LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATION** (also on *YouTube*)

6:00 p.m.: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (also on *YouTube*)

Sunday, March 8 *The Third Sunday in Lent*

2:00 a.m. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on *YouTube*)



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† LENTEN PROGRAMS 2026 †

FRIDAYS IN LENT, Continuing March 6th

5:00 P.M. Please join us for our Lenten discussions ~ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer's** ~

"GOD IS ON THE CROSS ~ REFLECTIONS ON LENT AND EASTER"

5:45 P.M. **LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATION** (*also on YouTube*)

6:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION** (*also on YouTube*)



It's LENT, and you wish to have a loved-one memorialized. What can you do?

Please consider purchasing a memorial Sanctuary Candle, in lieu of flowers.

The suggested price is \$10.

This is a year-round option, but particularly useful during LENT.