

Holy Eucharist

March 5, 2023

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The Second Sunday in Lent Year A

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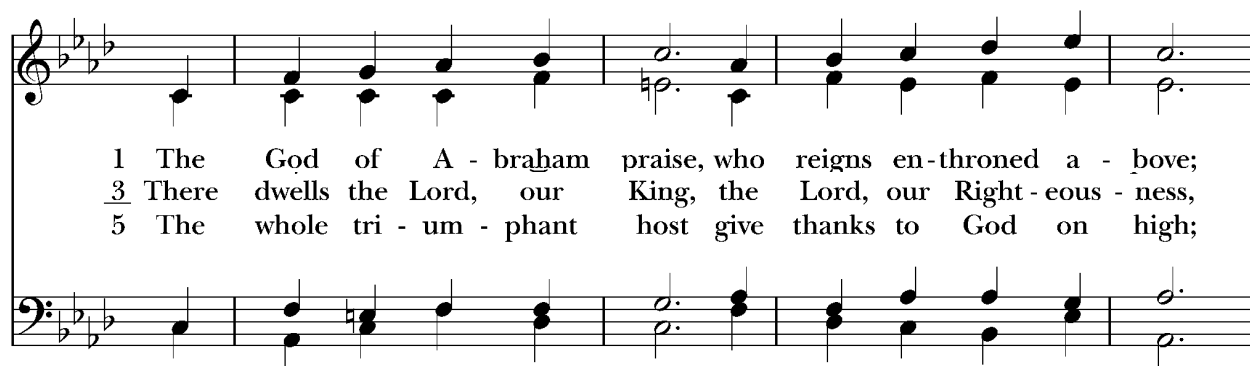
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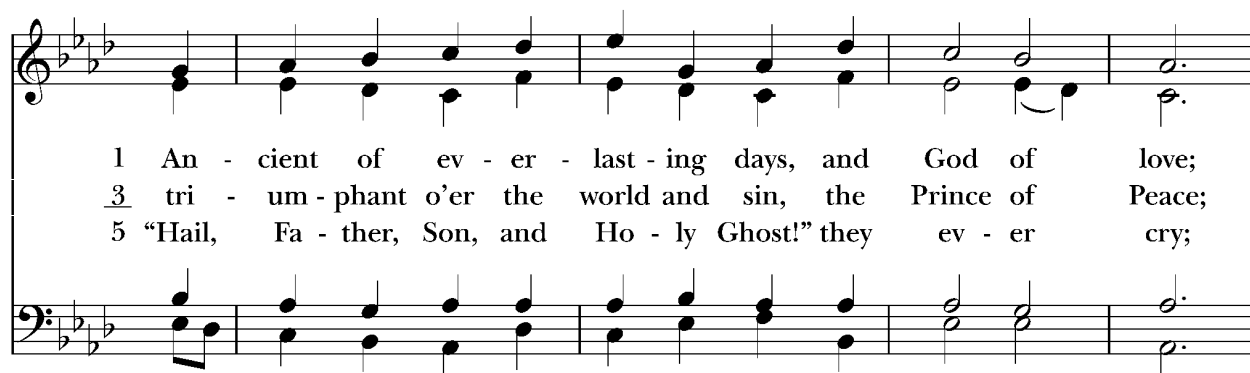
Opening Hymn

Hymnal 401

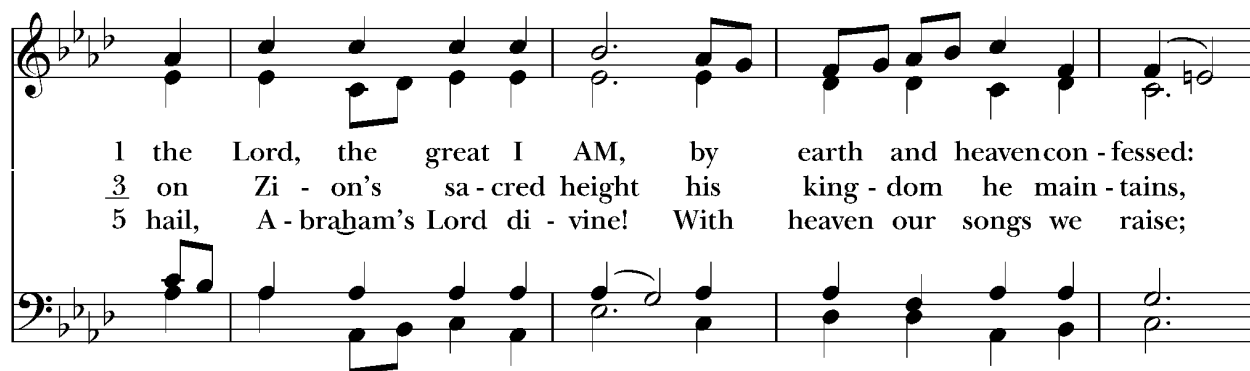
The God of Abraham praise



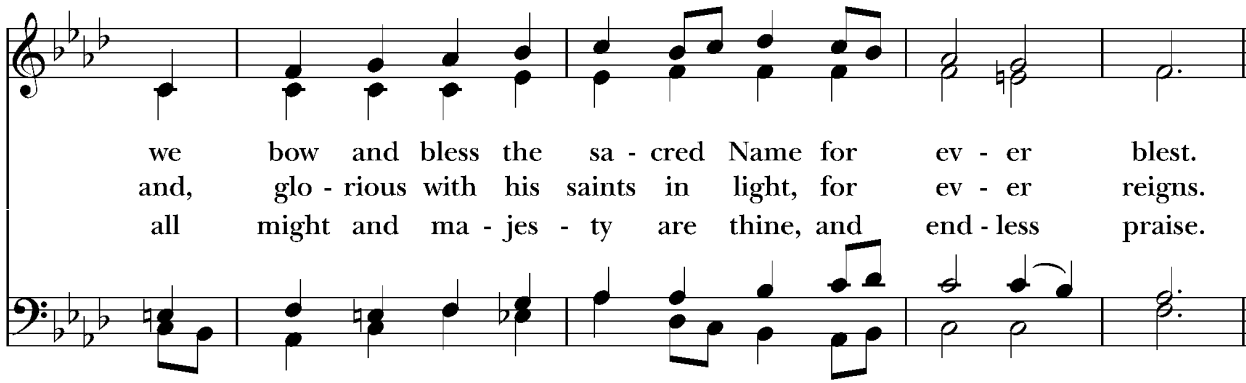
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel as they are able.

The Decalogue: the Ten Commandments

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession of Sin

The People remaining kneeling as they are able, the Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, † forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal S-91

Lord have mercy

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹Now 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. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 121

to be prayed in unison

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not

reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, children of God, it is the Lord who watches over you. As people sent forth into the world, let us pray, saying, “Lord, bless us, so that we may bless others.”

Intercessor Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. Bless all the people of St Barnabas in their many ministries. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Silence is kept.

O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Silence is kept.

Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Silence is kept.

Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. We thank you for all the blessings of this life [especially_____]. Be our help and our safety.

Silence is kept.

You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help or healing [especially_____].

O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead [especially_____]. May they be in your hands from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you. Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Silence is kept.

O God, may this Eucharistic Meal may strengthen us in our Lenten resolve to live more deeply into the heart of your word; Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**

Presider For what other people or situations shall we pray today?

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy*

S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na' and 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some longer note values in the piano part.

The Presider continues

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."

Presider and People

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.**

The Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider then says

Lord our God, give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's love and life. For all of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that we are fully beloved, that God dwells in each of our hearts.

For those of us who are present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this time and place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all have received, the Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

Look with compassion, O Lord, on your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will.

And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

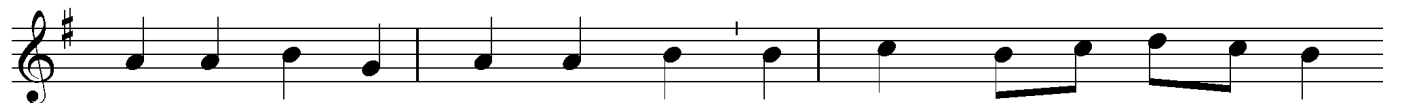
Closing Hymn

Hymnal 143

The glory of these forty days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 *5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Dismissal

Minister My brothers and my sisters, let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

February 26 The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

February 26 Christ Church, Dearborn; Holy Spirit, Carreras, and St Martha's, Santana, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Katherine, Anabelle, Georgia, Grace

and our continuing prayers for: Carlos, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. *The most recent most-needed items* are: baked beans, coffee, hamburger (or other) helper, spaghetti sauce, cereal, 64-oz fruit juices, crackers, and laundry soap. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. **The Food In-Gathering is March 19, 2023.** Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Feb. 26 Emily Malbone Morgan, Lay Leader and Contemplative, 1937
27 George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633
28 Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator, 1964
March 1 David of Wales, Bishop, c. 544
2 Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672
3 John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788
4 Paul Cuffee: Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812

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Lent is, as Advent is to Christmas, our time of intentional preparation to receive with freshness and renewed vitality, the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. It is during this forty-day period (not including the Sundays) that we contemplate the suffering of Jesus Christ, the suffering that makes the resurrection not only possible, but powerful.

Lent can be enriched for us by taking some time to quiet our hearts and pray. **Compline for Lent** will be offered at 7:00 pm on the five Wednesdays of the season: March 1,8,15,22,29 via [Zoom](#). **If you would like** to serve one of these short services as the People's Respondent, please let [Amma Marion](#) know.

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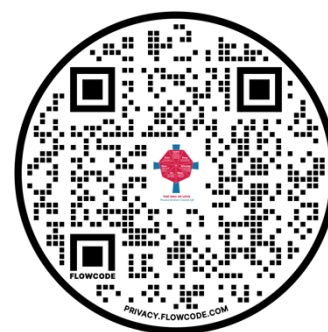
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February 26, 2023 – Lent 1A
Week 1: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in

his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 1

Sunday, February 26

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 1. The topic is based on the practice "Turn" and is titled, "Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ".

Read: Romans 6:3-11

Monday, February 27

Today's Prompt: Who has taught you to live a Jesus-filled life? Who have you taught?

Read: "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." – 2 Corinthians 4:16

Tuesday, February 28

Today's Prompt: Go for a walk today and pray with your feet, each step with intention.

Read: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'" – Isaiah 2:3a

Wednesday, March 1

Today's Prompt: How can you build pauses into the day to reflect on the work of the Spirit?

Read: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

Thursday, March 2

Today's Prompt: What is most meaningful to you in worship?

Read: Book of Common Prayer, p. 281

Friday, March 3

Today's Prompt: Where can you go and intentionally provide kindness?

Read: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." – Matthew 5:4

Saturday, March 4

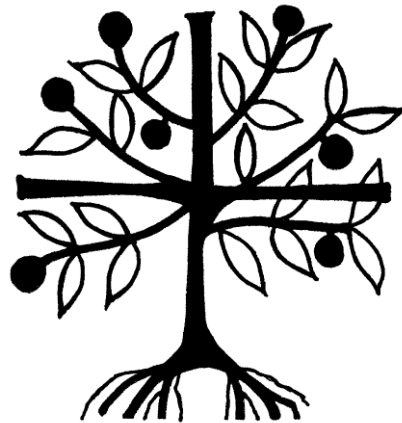
Today's Prompt: Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings.

Read: "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

- Jer. 6:16

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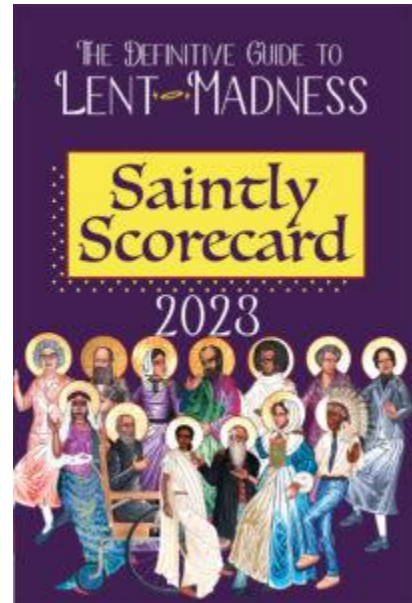
LENT+MADNESS

If you're new to this wacky online devotion, you can learn how it all works by [clicking here](#). Unlike professional and collegiate sporting events, there is no admission cost for Lent Madness, but souvenirs and study aids are available in the [Lentorium](#). These include the

ever-popular *Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2023* (order as [single copies](#)).

“Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. [Tim Schenck](#). In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog “[Clergy Confidential](#).”

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. **If you’re not sure about terminology, [check out our glossary](#). It’s free!**



In 2011 came the introduction of four “celebrity bloggers” to champion particular saints through the Faithful Four. In 2012 we partnered with [Forward Movement](#) and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create our own website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Along the way we've added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the *Saintly Scorecard*, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness.

We've also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, *USAToday*, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

As Lent Madness continues to grow and evolve, what won't change is the essence of Lent Madness: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this

helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile.

We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon! (*Once -- this isn't Chicago*).

Tim and Scott discussing the relative merits and saintliness of Athanasius vs. Florence Nightingale



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*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.*

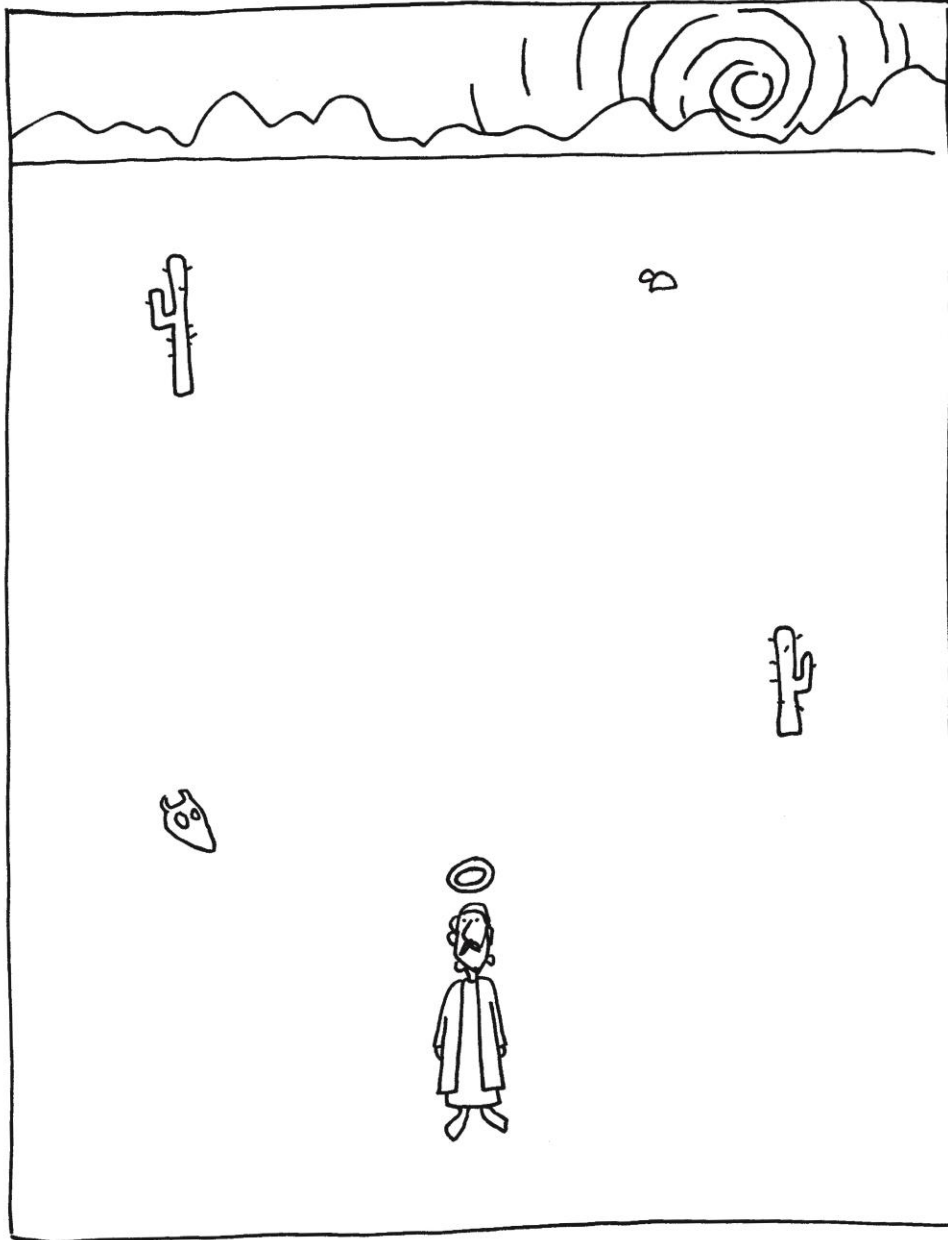
"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

"Love (III) by George Herbert, Priest and Poet, 1633

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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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