

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM RITE II



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you
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.**

SERVING TODAY

Officiating: Rev. Brenda McLellan
Organist: John Goodwin
Lay Reader: Bill Shropshire
Sharon Nielsen
LEM: Aubrey Curtis
Hope Stockwell
Ushers: Scott & Gretchen Hibbard
Crucifer: Nick Jaynes
Torchbearers: Liam Fox
Duke Demmons

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE OPENING HYMN

This Season Calls Us

INSERT

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION

Please stand, as you are able.

BCP 355

THE GLORIA

BCP 356

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us

birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 27

Alternating by verse

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the LORD.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN
Led by the Spirit

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ

THE GOSPEL **Luke 13:31-35**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

THE SERMON
Rev. Brenda McLellan

THE NICENE CREED **BCP 358**
Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
(By courtesy of Christina Brennan Lee)

Let us, God's people, pray

O Lord, our Light and our Strength, help us to release ourselves from the fears of earthly concerns, and give witness in our human lives to You, in whom we place our trust.

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

Lord, our Light and our Strength, in these wearying times of worldly strife, help us temper our anxieties and boldly speak of peace and justice before the leaders of this world, this nation, and this community

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

O Lord, our Light and our Strength, sustain the faith and hope of all who suffer from the torment of chronic illness, severe addiction, or desperate life circumstance, and fortify the energies of those who provide support.

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

O Lord, our Light and our Strength, calm the waves of grief for all who are in mourning and fill their hearts with ceaseless joy for those who have reached the shores of Heaven's eternal splendor

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

O Lord, our Light and our Strength, we pause in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt intentions and petitions, aloud or silently.

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

O Lord, our Light and our Strength, inspire and enliven the hearts and souls of all who bring us the message and healing of Your Word and Sacraments.

O Christ, our Savior
Conform our desire to stand firm in You

OFFICIANT: O Lord our God, transform our willingness to be gathered as Your brood under Your wings and let us be steadfast in claiming heavenly citizenship for everyone, everywhere, in everyday life. We ask through Jesus, Your Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Fire in our souls, who together with You, are One God, now and beyond eternity. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *BCP 360*
Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE *BCP 360*
Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN
Together
Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS *BCP 830*

THE HOLY COMMUNION
The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY Gather Hymnal 510
The Summons

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C *BCP 369*

THE SANCTUS *BCP 371*

THE CONSECRATION *BCP 371*
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP 364*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP 364*

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
(for those attending remotely)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 1982 Hymnal 143
The Glory of These Forty Days

#2 Gather Hymnal 410
O Lord Hear My Prayer

#3 Gather Hymnal 298
Stay Here & Keep Watch with Me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP 365*

THE BLESSING *BCP 366*

THE CLOSING Gather Hymnal 352
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

THE DISMISSAL *BCP 366*
Please stand, as you are able.

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