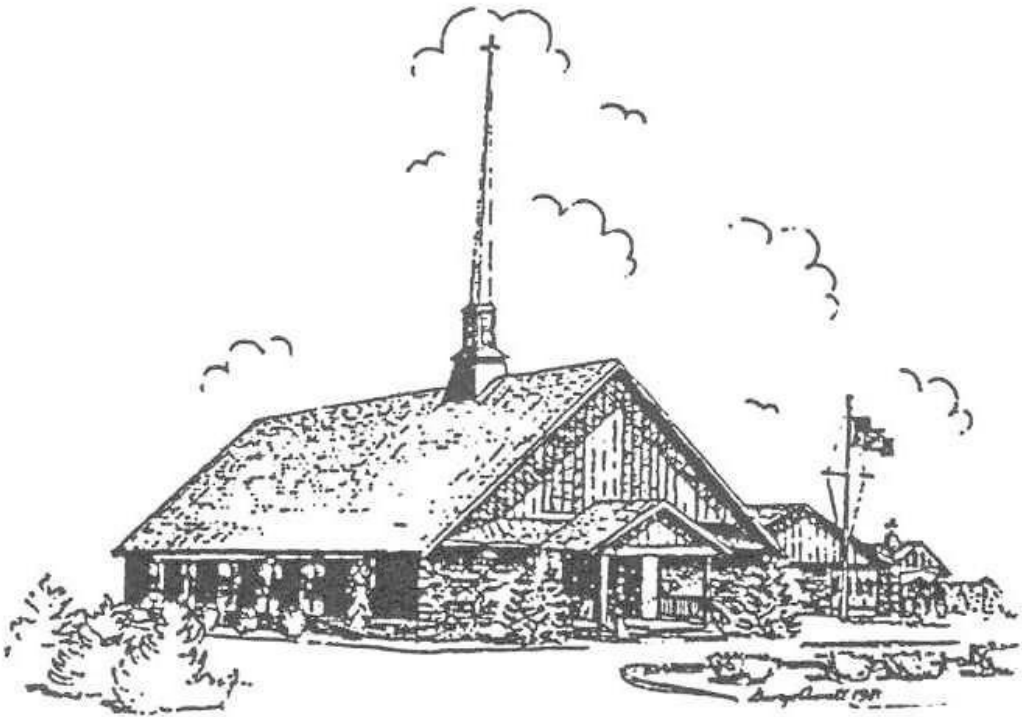


The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Second Sunday in Lent



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
01 March, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome! Our service materials are in the Book of Common Prayer or BCP (Red Book); the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book); and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (hymnal with the red spine.) You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Welcome

Entrance Hymn #401 *(All stand) The God of Abraham Praise vv. 1,3&5 LEONI*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Celebrant:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(Please remain standing, You may also Kneel)

Silence may be kept

Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy 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.

People Amen.

Kyrie S96 *(All sing)*

Lord Have Mercy

Franz Peter Schubert

THE WORD OF GOD

Salutation and Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 218

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.

People Amen.

The First Lesson *(Please be seated)*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #635 (*Please Stand*) *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon (*Please be seated*)

The Rev. Erin Morey

Nicene Creed (*All stand*)

BCP, p. 326

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 *(Please remain standing)*

BCP, p. 329

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all live in unity and godly love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, and Erin our Rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, Mikie, our Governor and Colleen, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those on our Parish Sick List and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Innocents, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please Stand*)

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (*Insert, Please be seated*) *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

Presentation of the Gifts (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

(Please remain standing. You may also kneel.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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 every 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 S-130 (All sing)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Franz Peter Schubert

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 336

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, p. 337

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

S-164 (*All sing*)

Agnus Dei

Franz Peter Schubert

Prayer of Humble Access

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.*

Communion

You are invited to stand or kneel at the front rail to receive communion. You may receive the bread, the wine, or both. If you need a gluten free wafer please let the celebrant know.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

Bow down before the Lord *(Please Kneel)*

Keep this thy family, Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn #691

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary

Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY - Please join us in Martin Hall!

Serving Today: **Crucifer** ~ Rob Meyer **Lector** ~ Deb Hunter

Ushers ~ Deb Hunter, Dave White **Chalice Bearer** ~ Vince Contreras

Parish Prayer List – March 1, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, March 4th**.*

Lara Sparks Deitz
Christian Balint

Mary Ann Crewdson
Warren Lamon

Dennis
Ann White

Pierro Family	Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising
Connie	Joe	Peg Appleget
Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann	Meg Neff
Tino	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich Cashel
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	Ellis Barbieri
Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood	Diane
Ray M.	Gia	Jeannine
Phil	Frank	Fran Iozzi
Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley	Dr. John
Scott	Nellie Riley	Mike Phillips
Adam Baulderstone	Chris Mercer	Katie Gillis
Frank, III	Will Locovare	Ollie
Ben Giannico	Bill O'Connell	Glenn Servetah
Mary K.	Devin Hone	Barbara
Rick Rosenbaum	Kay DiCicco	Joe Verrone
Rose Federici	Anna & Matteo Mannino	Scotty Camarote
Don Deitz	Priscilla Ruoff Harvey	Gail South
Erma Green	Keith Aclyn	Matthew Albanese
Becka	Chuck Maschal	Bob Morris

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandon White

WEEKLY CALENDAR March 2 – 6

02– Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
04 – Wed	Lenten Book Series	5:30 PM-6:30 PM
05 – Thurs	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
06 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Stations of the Cross (In-Person & FB)	5:00 PM

Birthdays: Mary Jane Mannherz (03/02), Chirs Harris (03/05), Lori Anderson (03/06)
Gail Jacobsen (03/07)

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