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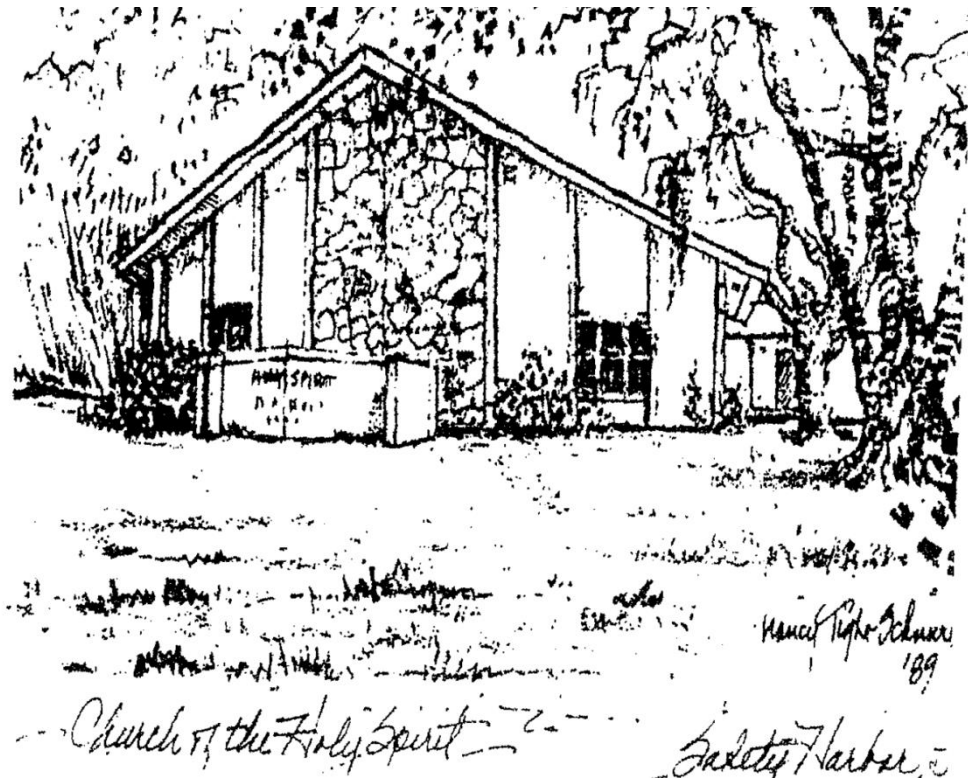
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## The Mission of Our Diocese

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission

## The Vision of Our Parish

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest

**2 LENT**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

## **Holy Communion—Rite II**

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Kyrie

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

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 Lesson**

### **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 22:22-30**

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; \*

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **The Epistle**

### **Romans 4:13-25**

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## **Mark 8:31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Sermon**

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People—Form III

Confession, Absolution and Peace

Announcements and Blessings

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A

Salutation

Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation of Communion (All baptized persons are invited)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

### **The Rev. Joseph Diaz**

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 387

Prayer Book 360

Prayer Book 361

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Prayer Book 365

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**Intercessions: (*Urgent needs this week*):** Dennis, George, Heather, Sharon, Manolo, Constante, Julia, Tucker, Ronna, Diane, Mary, Denise, Suzanne, Helen, Linda, Glenn, Kaylee, Ken, Bishop Curry, Lori, Ron, Newton, Sue, Katrina, Ella, Jett, Pat and family, Manny, Jacquelyne, Sarah, Benjamin, Malia, Gale, Vivian, Dr. Le, Keith, Sonya, Denise, Steven, John, Eileen, Isagani, Lin and family, Maggie and family, Darlene, Noelle, for the people of the Ukraine and Russia, and the Holy Land, for all first responders and health care workers, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, for all hostages in the world, all innocent victims of violence, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, and Honduras. Pray for Justice and Peace.

**We pray for those who have died. Pray for their families and friends.**

**We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Helene, and John.**