

**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 AM • March 16, 2025

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Six Canonic Etudes, Op. 56* Robert Schumann (1810-1856)  
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Oliver Steissberg, Organ

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn 401:** *The God of Abraham Praise*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence* Please stand or kneel

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

*Celebrant* 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 S-90:** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**The First Lesson:** *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 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.

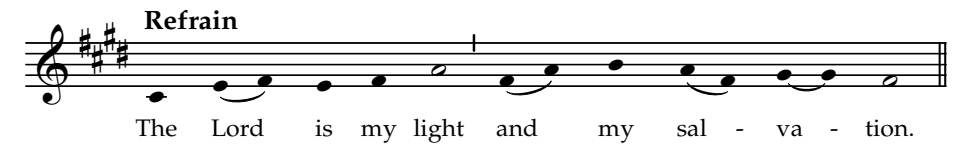
When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27**

**Refrain**



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

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?

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

**All Sing Refrain**

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.

**All Sing Refrain**

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;

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

**All Sing Refrain**

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.

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

**All Sing Refrain**

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

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

**All Sing Refrain**

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

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

**All Sing Refrain**

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

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

**All Sing Refrain**

Show me your way, O LORD; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

**All Sing Refrain**

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

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

**All Sing Refrain**

**The Second Lesson:** *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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 456:** *O Love of God*

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **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.'"

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**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: 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 stand or kneel*

God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment. *A brief silence* Hope beyond all human hope, you promised descendants as numerous as the stars to Sarah and Abraham. You promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair, and offer redemption to a world that will not listen. Open our ears to your word. Teach us to live faithfully. Help us put our trust in your goodness.

*People* **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and all places torn apart by war. Guide the global community in the way of justice and truth as they work to end the conflict and violence. Keep civilians out of harm's way and comfort those who are frightened. Gather all your people under the banner of the Prince of Peace. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Prayer attributed to St. Patrick*

We ask you to comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including those on our prayer list, and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Grant them skilled and compassionate caregivers and restore them to wholeness and health. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we pray for those who are dear to each of us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers for all who have died, remembering especially Sally Wilson, Megan Charlop-Powers, and Mark Karen Powers, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those dear to our hearts, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. May light perpetual shine upon them.

Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Anthem:** *O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

*O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.*

**Children's Entrance Hymn 571:** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. **From before time you made ready the creation.**

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. **You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.**

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. **Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus S-113:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. **Living among us, Jesus loved us.**

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. **He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, as we remember Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, **We offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth, and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem S-157:** *O Lamb of God*

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

**Communion Anthem:** *I Want to Always Walk with Jesus* Brian Wentzel  
The St. Andrew's Cherub Choir

*I want to always walk with Jesus, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want to spend my life with Jesus, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want to learn to live from Jesus, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want to spread the love of Jesus, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want to always walk with Jesus, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

**Communion Hymn 337:** *And now O Father*

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 598:** *Lord Christ*

*The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.*

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Fantasy in c, BWV 537* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)