



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral  
The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m.  
305 E. Capitol St. | Jackson, MS 39201 | standrews.ms | 601-354-1535

*Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!*

*Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith. We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out the pulpit side arch and through the chapel. You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time. Feel free to come and go as needed.*

PRELUDE

*Melody*

Brenda Portman

HYMN H-1982, #143

*The glory of these forty days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1	The	glo - ry	of	these	for - ty	days	we
2	A -	lone	and	fast - ing	Mo - ses	saw	the
3	So	Dan - iel	trained	his	mys - tic	sight,	de -
4	Then	grant	us,	Lord,	like	them	to be full



cel - e -	brate	with	songs	of	praise;	for	Christ,	through	whom	all
lov - ing	God	who	gave	the	law;	and	to	E - li - jah,		
-liv - ered	from	the	li - ons'	might;	and	John,	the	Bride-groom's		
oft	in	fast	and	prayer	with	thee;	our	spi - rits	strength-en	



things	were	made,	him - self	has	fast - ed	and	has	prayed.
fast - ing,	came	the	steeds	and	char - i - ots	of	flame.	
friend	be - came	the	her - ald	of	Mes - si - ah's	name.		
with	thy	grace,	and	give	us	joy	to see thy face.	

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP, 351

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

*The Presider continues*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The People may kneel or stand.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

**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.**

*The Priest 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, H-1982 #89

Hans Hassler, arr. James MacGregor

*Unison or harmony*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. —

Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Chri-ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -  
 le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord 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.**

*The People may be seated.*

THE FIRST READING

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.

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

THE PSALM (*Chanted by choir and congregation.*)

PSALM 121, sett.

Frazier

from where is my help to / come?

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the / hills; \*

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the / Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and / earth.  
<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be / moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall a/sleep.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold,  
he who keeps watch over / Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor / sleep;

the Lord is your shade at your / right hand,  
<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, \*  
nor the moon by / night.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all / evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you / safe.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out  
and your coming / in, \*  
from this time forth for ever/more.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches / over you; \*

THE SECOND READING

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.

<i>Reader</i>	The	Word	of	the	Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>				

*All stand and sing.*

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982, #167  
HORSLEY

*There is a green hill far away*

1 There is a green hill far a - way, out -  
 2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what  
 3 He died that we might be for - given, he  
 4 There was no o - ther good e - nough to  
 5 O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved! And  
 -side a ci - ty wall, where our dear Lord was  
 pains he had to bear, but we be - lieve it  
 died to make us good, that we might go at  
 pray the price of sin, he on - ly could un -  
 we must love him too, and trust in his re -  
 cru - ci - fied who died to save us all.  
 was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
 least to heaven, saved by his pre - cious blood.  
 -lock the gate of heaven and let us in.  
 -deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.”

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

*The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christopher McAbee

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*The People stand at the invitation of the presider.*

NICENE CREED

BCP, 358

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP, 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Dorothy our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Donald our President, the Members of Congress, the Justices of the Supreme Court, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Jackson, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

THE PEACE

BCP, 360

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



OFFERTORY SENTENCE [www.standrews.ms/offertory](http://www.standrews.ms/offertory) *This link will take you to our giving page for donations.*

*At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

AT THE OFFERTORY

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
*The text for this anthem is found at Hymn 439.*

Charlie Dupree  
sung by Cathedral Children's  
Choir  
with Tyler Dennis, violin

*The People stand and sing.*

AT THE PRESENTATION

*Thou, who dost all gifts impart* ABERYSTWYTH

5 Thou, who dost all gifts impart, shine, blest Spirit, in my heart;  
 best of gifts, thyself bestow; make me burn thy love to know.  
 6 God, the blessed Three-in-One dwell within my heart alone;  
 thou dost give thyself to me: help me give myself to thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, 361

*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.**

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 and Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS H-1982 #S124

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 reign.

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.**

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

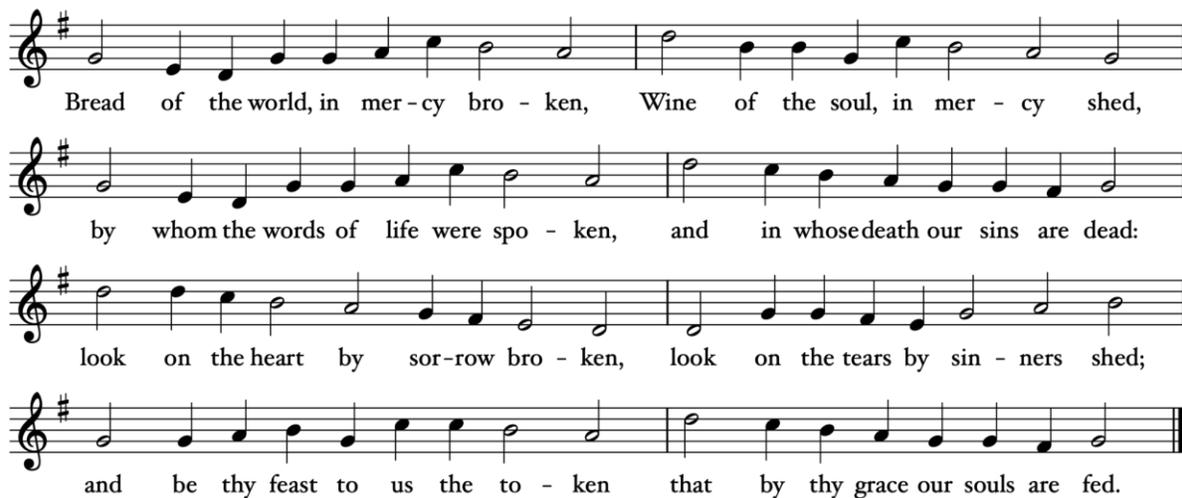
THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, 364

**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 FRACTION H-1982 #301, v. 1

RENDEZ À DIEU



Bread of the world, in mer-cy bro-ken, Wine of the soul, in mer-cy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spo-ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sor-row bro-ken, look on the tears by sin-ners shed;  
and be thy feast to us the to-ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

THE INVITATION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with*

*Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN, H-1982 #318

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

NYACK

HYMN, H-1982 #463

*He is the Way*

HALL

*At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 365

**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.**

SOLEMN PRAYER

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

HYMN H-1982 #147

*Now let us all, with one accord*

BOURBON



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

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

POSTLUDE

*Fuga*

Johann Pachelbel

## OUR PRAYER LIST

David, Anne, Jim, Ashley, Jack, David, Duncan, Libbi, Bob, Kathy and Susie (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Mary Ann, Rachel, Elizabeth, Jane, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Floyd, Bob, Anthony, Margaret, Doug, Saul, Ben, Cindy, Paul, Mary Frances, Katy, Betti, Norma, Mary, Alex, Martha, Gray, Mike, Jacqui, Rose Lee, Chip, Joyce, David, Jason, Tommy, and Donna.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Will Crossley, Sr., father of Will Crossley; Jim Tipton, friend of Jimmy Rosen; Bobbie Cannon, mother of Tim Cannon; Jim Palmer, father of Margaret Palmer; and Frank Alphonso Quiriconi, father of Stephanie Scott.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Mar. 1: Jay Fontaine, Carol Madden, James Lynch; Monday, Mar. 2: Gene Graham; Tuesday, Mar. 3: No birthdays;; Wednesday, Mar. 4: No birthdays; Thursday, Mar. 5: Kyle Harshey; Friday, Mar. 6: Thorne Butler; Saturday, Mar. 7: No birthdays; Sunday, Mar. 8: Ellen Ann Fentress.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH: Carol and Jim Madden, March 11, 1967.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR SPRINGBOARD TO OPPORTUNITY: Springboard to Opportunities connects families living in affordable housing with resources and programs that help them advance in school, work and life. Working directly with families as well as establishing partnerships with other organizations to help families reach their goals is the aim. For more information, contact Sarah Stripp at **[Sarah.l.stripp@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.l.stripp@gmail.com)**.

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