

## EASY PRINT – Second Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2023

Welcome Greeting

*Fr. Daniel*

*Please rise in Spirit or body & sing*

Processional Hymn: #485– “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

### ✠ The Gathering of the Community

Bishop: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Children's Focus with the Bishop

*Afterwards, children will go to Church School in the Parish Hall*

### ✠ The Penitential Rite

*Please kneel or be seated*

Bishop: Almighty God,  
All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bishop: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Bishop Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. God of all mercy...

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We turn from the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

### The Kyrie

*All sing*



Lord, have mer-cy up on us. Christ, have mer-cy up on us. Lord, have mer-cy up on us.

Bishop Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Please kneel or be seated*

Leader: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now 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.

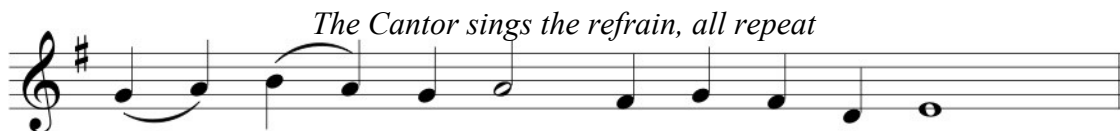
Genesis 12.1-4a

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Psalm 121

*Please remain seated*



The — Lord — him - self watch - es o - ver you.

Cantor: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. *Refrain*

Cantor: He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Cantor: The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. *Refrain*

Cantor: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

*Please be seated*

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.

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

Sequence Hymn: 341 – “GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF GRACE”

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine, fill your church with light divine;  
and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King;  
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

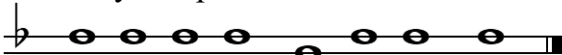
*The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.*

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

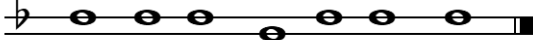
People: 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Now 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."

Priest     The Gospel of Christ.

John 3.1-17

People: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

*The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.*

Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford,  
God to us all blessings give, we to God devoted live:  
all below and all above one in joy and light and love.

**Sermon** - Bishop Kevin Robertson

*Please be seated*

## **Choir Anthem – “I THEN SHALL LIVE”**

Music by Jean Sibelius (from *Finlandia*)/Words by Gloria Gaither

Arr. Lloyd Larson

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am his child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, your power and glory, let them shine through me;  
your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honour, and may your living kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honour, and may you feed a hungry world through me.  
Amen, amen!

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 & Lenten Prose

*Please kneel or be seated*

*The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.*

*All join the Cantor in singing the refrain*



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a - gainst thee.

Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings; listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

*All sing the refrain*

Cantor: O thou chief corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father, Way of salvation, Gate of life celestial; cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

*All sing the refrain*

Cantor: God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated, bow down and hearken to thy weeping children; pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

*All sing the refrain*

Cantor: Sins oft committed now we lay before thee; with true contrition, now no more we veil them; grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

*All sing the refrain*

Cantor: Innocent captive, taken unresisting, falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced; save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

*All sing the refrain*

## The Peace

*Please rise in body or spirit*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We give out of our blessings to bless others.*

*If you are new or visiting, please don't feel you need to give anything.*

## Offertory Hymn: #412 – “O GOD, BEYOND ALL FACE AND FORM”

*All sing*

O God beyond all face and form, you willed it that creations night  
Should blaze, and chaos still its storms, and birth a universe of light.  
All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.

The glory of the galaxies, the beauty of a baby’s hand,  
The thundering of the restless seas, the glory of the forests stand;  
All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.

You gave our face both form and name, and love for us was your intent;  
Then to a woman’s womb love came, and on a cross was wholly spent.  
All things below, all things above are formed of your eternal love.

Of this great love all loves are born, of self, of neighbour and of earth.  
By love shall night be turned to morn, and death shall never conquer birth.  
All things below, all things above, are formed of your eternal love.

## Offertory Sentence

*All sing*

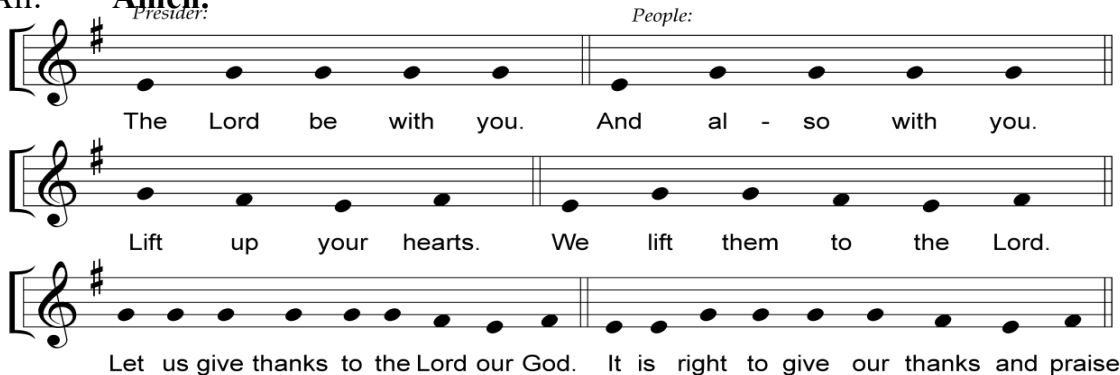


Giv - er of the per - fect gift, bless us in these Lent - en days,  
use us and the gifts we bring, help us fol - low in your ways.

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Bishop: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour  
Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**



*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise



*Please kneel or be seated*

Bishop: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing.

Sanctus

*All sing*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho-



- san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na, in the high - est.

Bishop: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Bishop: 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 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Bishop: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

*All sing unaccompanied*

*Presider:*

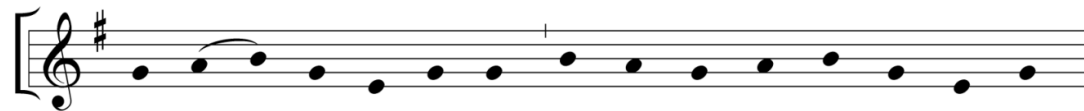
*People:*



As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,



hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Music:* M. Robinson  
Theodore Presser Co.

Bishop: We break this bread,  
All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Bishop: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Bishop: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

*All sing*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sin, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Communion

*Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.*

Communion Hymn: #647 – “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

*All sing*

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing – Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love!

Communion Hymn: (AAHH #686) – “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

*All sing*

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion

Bishop: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries,  
which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

All: **Amen.**

**The Blessing** – *Bishop Kevin Robertson*

## **Announcements-** *Fr. Daniel*

*Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

Closing Hymn: #524 – “O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION”

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand  
to preach your true salvation in every age and land:  
pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,  
to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,  
we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth.  
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own;  
by grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,  
where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak;  
there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin,  
and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he, who once was dead,  
shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:  
the final consummation, the glory of all things.

## **Dismissal**

Priest: Go in peace, for you have been born again from above.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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