# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II** 

for

# The Second Sunday in Lent

25 February 2024 at 10:30 am

#### Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

VOLUNTARY G1	ound in C Minor	Henry	Purcell
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#### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace; may God meet you in your celebration and give you the Spirit's peace; may God bless you and at the last,

bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

# THE WORD OF GOD

In Procession, a Hymn	Leoni	Hymnal 401	
A Penitential Order		BCP 351	
The Decalogue		BCP 350	
Kyrie eleison Mi	ssa de Sancta Maria Magdalena	Hymnal S–91	
The Collect of the Day:	2 Lent	BCP 218	
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 *All sit.* 

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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 22: 22–30

Plainsong

Sung by all.



- 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 as/sembly; \* 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 o/ver 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, and to the / Son, and to the / Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is / now, and will be for/ ever. Amen.

### The Second Lesson

#### 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

# At the Sequence, a HymnWas lebetHymnal 568All stand and sing.

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Sermon The Nicene Creed All stand. The Rev. Canon Joann Saylors BCP 358

#### The Prayers of the People

As we make our Lenten journey, let us offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. We pray for the Church in all places, in all expressions, that we may be one. **O Christ, hear us.** 

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our bishops, and for our parish clergy. **O Christ, hear us.** 

We pray for our city, our state, and our country; for legislatures and courts and for all elected officials. **O Christ, hear us.** 

We pray for those who suffer from violence and fear, especially all victims of gun violence; give us wisdom and courage in the face of suffering. **O Christ, hear us.** 

For all those who are injured, for those who are sick, for those needing ongoing care. For all those who seek healing. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Jeanne, Mark, Carla, Sharon, Tim, Gene, the Kelly family, and Lisa. **O Christ, hear us.** 

For this community and this congregation; for our joys and for our challenges. **O Christ, hear us.** 

For those we love but see no longer; for all those who have died, especially Sergio. **O Christ, hear us.** 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence. The people may add their own petitions. The priest adds a concluding collect.

The Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
All kneel.	

**The Peace** BCP 360 All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

A Capital Project Committee Update	Mr. John Kirk
	Chair, Organ Committee

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the plate as it is passed down the aisle or scan this QR code to give securely online.



#### At the Offertory, an Anthem Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days, For us didst fast and pray, Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win, Oh, give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.

As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and chiefly live By Thy most holy Word.

And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passion-tide, Yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesu! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering overpast, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman Music: Gabriel Fauré, arr. Schweizer

# At The Presentation, a Hymn

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



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Taizé

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361	
Sanctus et Benedictus	Missa de Sancta Maria Magda	<i>lena</i> Hymnal S-114	
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364	
The Breaking of the Bread			
Fraction Anthem	Ambrosian chant	Hymnal S-172	
Agnus Dei Missa	a de Sancta Maria Magdalena	Hymnal S-158	

All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

#### At the Distribution, an Anthem

Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you want to follow me. I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my wicked transgressions.

Words: Gospel of Mark & Psalm 51

Music: Ronald Corp

At the Distribution, a Hyr	nn Hollingside	Hymnal 707
	Nyack	Hymnal 318
The Post-Communion Pra	ayer	BCP 366
All stand.		
In Procession, a Hymn	Deo gracias	Hymnal 449
The Dismissal		BCP 366
VOLUNTARY Gra	nd plein jeu <i>from</i> Suite du P	remier Ton
	Louis-	Nicolas Clérambault

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Oak Table Room.

Join us in the Parish Hall today from 8:00AM to 12PM for our Blood Drive with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

# ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

"Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family."

#### Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarrah Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's Lynette Edwards, parishioner at St. Andrew's Gary Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's Jeanne Ingraham, parishioner at St. Andrew's Mark Bohanski, brother of Jeff Bohanski Carla Jenkins Hobbs, sister of Stacy Jenkins Sharon Klander, parishioner at St. Andrew's Tim Hively, friend of Michael Mergens Gene Westphal, parishioner at St. Andrew's The Kelly Family, friends of Lisa Moore Lisa Cronin, sister-in-law of Thomas Cronin

#### We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Sergio Chapa, husband of St. Andrew's School teacher Monica Chapa

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saecheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

# PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**Motor Fest:** Join us Saturday, March 2nd from 10—11 AM for Motor Fest in our parking lot. Get up close with some great vehicles, like firetrucks, classic cars, and high water rescue vehicles.

La Speranza: On Saturday, March 2nd at 5pm, La Speranza will have a performance at St. Andrew's. Music for three is elevated to the grandiose in this program for flute and strings, featuring Beethoven's Serenade for flute, violin and viola. Tickets may be purchased at la-Speranza.com or at the door.

Lenten Soup & Study Series: Join us in the parish hall Thursdays during Lent for soup, study, and fellowship as we discuss *The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart* by Joan Chittister. Supper begins at 6 PM, the program at 6:30 PM. Participants take turns bringing soup.

Adult Formation Class for Lent: Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd during Lent. We are discussing *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will have 5 classes with the first one on Sunday, February 18th.

**MIQRA:** On March 17 through 24, St. Andrew's hosts our 7th annual MIQRA. We will read the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation during the week before Palm Sunday. The reading takes place at St. Andrew's in the sanctuary or Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Readers schedule themselves online for one or more one-hour slots. Please use the QR code to sign up or go to http://tiny.cc/miqra24



**Evensong:** Join us Sunday, March 10th at 4pm for a Lenten Evensong with a reception to follow in the Oak Table Room.

**Education Hour:** The Rector's Book Club meets at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. Sunday Story for Children meets at 9:30 AM in the Godly Play Classroom.

**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 3 years.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org



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