



LENT 2  
MARCH 1, 2026

## **Bell calling us together**

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Salutation for Lent**

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

**The Collect for Purity – Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

## **The Kyrie**

Lord Have Mercy, **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

## **The Collect**

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.*

## **Old Testament 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.

## **Psalm 121            *Levavi oculos***

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## **The Epistle    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.

## **The Gospel**

### **John 3:1-17**

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?"

(contd. over)

“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.”

## **Sermon**

### **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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray with the fullest confidence to God, our merciful Father, who loved us so much as to give us his Son Jesus Christ, and let us say:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

- For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, GERALYN, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island as we discern the call of our new bishop, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for the Church of St. Mary, Clasen Avenue, and the Church St. Paul, Carroll Gardens. We pray for us here at St. Mary's, that we may grow together on the road of service and love. For the whole community of the Church, that it may truly become to all people God's sign of love, hope and forgiveness, let us pray:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

-- For the leaders of nations and for all leaders in politics and trade, that by their concern for justice and peace they may serve the happiness of all, let us pray

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– For the many who are uprooted today: victims of war and oppression, prisoners, immigrants and the homeless, that they may find hope in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love in our commitment to better their lot, let us pray:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

– For us gathered here and for all Christian communities, that the goodness and love of Jesus may be alive and visible in us because God has been good to us, let us pray:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

I invite you to share any intercessions you may have with this gathered community ...*pause*... For all of these we ask:

**R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.**

Lord our God, day after day we experience your incredible love. Hear our prayers and make us worthy of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

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### **The Confession**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy, 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 repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

### **Hymn for the Preparation of the Table and Gifts**

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow  
Praise God all Creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our  
Lord:

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 with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise: *Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

*(Eucharistic Prayer for Lent, Scottish Episcopal Church)*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom  
the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness  
spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was  
swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of  
Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen  
One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his  
disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and  
gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them  
saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is  
poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in  
remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

**Gifts of God.....**

**Musical Communion Meditation**

## Prayer after Communion

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.

**Blessing** *In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows: The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider says* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people may kneel and the Presider says one of the following prayers:.*

Lent 2 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

## Closing hymn

Go in the peace and the love of Christ. **R/ Thanks be to God.**



## **We Pray for the Healing & Support:**

**We pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Richards, the father of Vicky Kotula and Walter Richards...and Sr. Tina Ferriot.. we pray for the Labrozzi family and their recovery from the fire**

**For the continuing recovery of Mary Ann Blados, Andy Visconti, Gail Gurney, Margaret MacLean, Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Steve Giannitelli, Betianne Morrirt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Cindy Belt's mother, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham for continued recovery , for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein Kathryn James, Peter Gulluscio, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Ethan Pae, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Linda Armbruster, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright**

**We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those suffering from extreme weather in our country and around the world.**

**We pray for peace and the end of divisions in our own country For those grieving loved ones, especially those interred in our cemetery, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for those who are anxious or fearful. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.**

**For all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary, and those who have visited our Prayer Wall.**

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