

The Second Sunday in Lent



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
March 1, 2026
10:00 A.M.

*This Lent, please help us make space for prayer and meditation by keeping holy silence before and after the service as you arrive and depart the worship space.
Thank you and blessings on your Lenten journey.*

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: Attende Domine

Jeanne Demessieux

(1921-1968)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #594 God of grace and god of glory

The Presider says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Listening for God's Word

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.

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

Psalm 121(*Read by all, using the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 779

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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Wonder, Love and Praise (WLP)*, #765 **O blessed spring**

The Gospel— *John 3:1-17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Response: 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.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Smith

The Nicene Creed

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**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 , Form I

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

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our
hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your
light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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.

Presider:

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.**

The Peace

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

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

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Feast on the Word

Sally DeFord (1959-)

Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #152 Let us break bread together

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider God 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.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

5 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless-ed is he whōmes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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 Breaking of the Bread

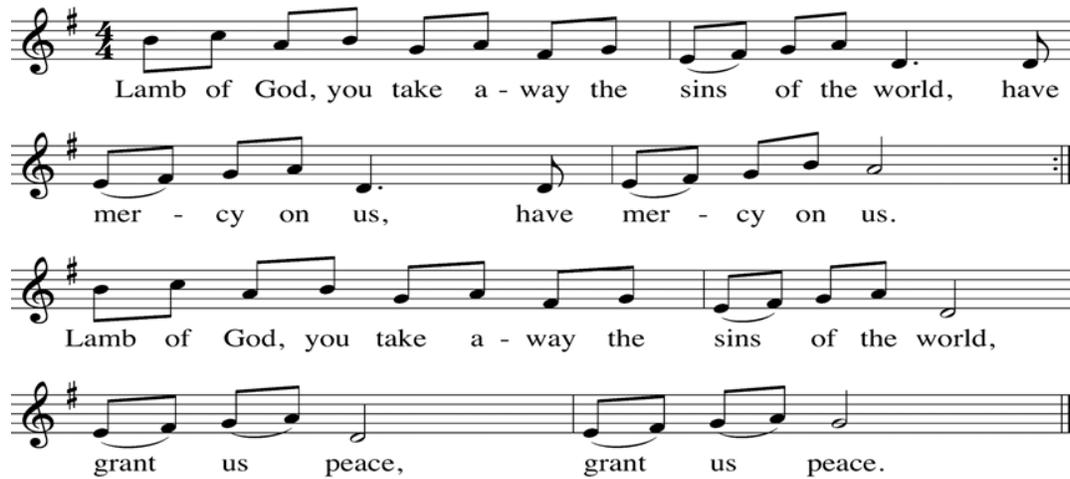
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Out

The Blessing

Tell Out My Soul: Ministry Moment

Peter Gottemoller
(pkgottemyers@comcast.net)
Lead Usher

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (occasional)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St Peter's we send you, forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

Calvin Pieczonka 03/01

Stephen Spencer 03/01

Anniversaries:

None this week.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- On Saturday, March 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the pastoral care team will offer a day long healing retreat. See the newsletter for more details.
- Kyle Evans to Preach during ECS Sunday, on March 8. Contributions can be made out to St. Peter's with a note indicating the donations for ECS.
- March Magic: An anonymous donor will match up to \$1,000 all month long on donations made to our Food Cupboard. *Special announcement by Terita Reeve.*
- Scan the QR code to explore all our Lenten programing.



Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Were You There

Uzee Brown, Jr. (1950-)

Worship Ministers

Presider: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Preacher & Deacon: *The Rev. Bob Smith*

Acolytes: *Sophia Kelly, Alex Stevers-Radtke, Teresa Mignogno*

Lectors: *Carolyn McGrory, Bob Hartung*

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