



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Blessed be Your Name”

Opening Hymn: “Led by the Spirit”

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures forever!***

An Invitation to a Holy Lent: *from the Ash Wed. liturgy*

The Confession *Altogether*

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.*

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Kyrie”

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

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 32 (read responsively by half verse)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of
summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from
trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Sequence Hymn: “Lead Me to the Cross”

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

Message:

The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles’ Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

Have mercy on us, O God, and, in your great compassion,
hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers,
and all of God’s people. Wash us through and through,
And cleanse us of our sin.

In this season of Lent, we pray that we all might be given
the grace and strength to repent, be transformed, and
grow closer to you, Lord Christ. Create in us clean hearts,
And renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth,
and for all who govern and judge. Guide them to seek the
common good and make just decisions, according to your
will. Purge us from our sin, *And we shall be pure.*

We pray for those who hunger or thirst, for those who cry
out for justice or live under the threat of terror, and for
those who are without a place to lay their head. Make
them hear of your joy and gladness, *That those who are
broken may rejoice.*

We pray for those who are ill, in pain, under stress, and
who are lonely. We pray for all who are on our church’s
prayer list – *silence.* Give them the joy of your saving
help, *And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

We pray for those who have died - *Silence* - and for all
who have entered into the land of your abiding peace. We
commend them to your loving presence, *And ask you to
comfort all who mourn. Amen*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

Additional Ways to Give





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory Hymn: “His Mercy is More”

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (x2)*

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus S-129

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.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 364 BCP)

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.

Communion Hymn: “Deep River”

Communion Hymn: “New Every Morning” (See insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 675: “Take Up Your Cross”

NO ONE LEAVES HUNGRY FROM JESUS’ TABLE



As an important extension of our worship, the Food Pantry is made available and we have a Community Hour following our 10:30 worship. Ask an usher or priest for more information.

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD:

Pam Walker

Chalice Bearers:

D’Anna Entrekin

Readers:

Ed Austin, Nancy, Gibbons

10:30am

DOD:

Susan Karl

Acolytes:

Bella Rider, Stella Dixon

Ambassadors:

Clay Coleman

Chalice Bearers:

Miya May, Madeline Hutchison

Readers:

Angela Hinkle, Sarah Tarkus

Your Sermon Notes

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Prayer List

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