



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Lent  
March 1, 2026

## The Service of the Word

**Good morning! We love our love for one another!** Yet around 10:28am, once our Opening Voluntary begins, please help us begin the tradition of sitting down and preparing ourselves for worship with a moment of quiet and stillness during the offered song. But, please! Don't forget to offer others grace upon grace as we do so. Peace.

**Opening Voluntary:** "How Deep the Father's Love For Us/  
Here for You"

**Opening Hymn 150:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

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

### 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.

### 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 12:1-4a*

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.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: 121

- 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.**

### Sequence Hymn: "Reckless Love"

*O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found,  
leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it,  
still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God.*

**The Gospel Reading: John 3:1-21 (NLT)**

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

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup> After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>7</sup> So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. <sup>12</sup> But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

<sup>18</sup> “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

<sup>19</sup> And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. <sup>20</sup> All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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**

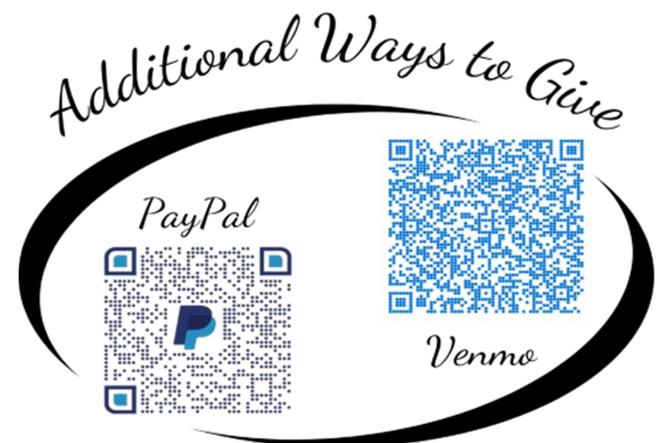
**Message: “Fearing Rightly”**

*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.





# 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.*

*and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 707:** “Take My Life and Let it Be”

## The Dismissal

### Offertory Hymn: “Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door”

*(Refrain) Somebody's knocking at your door,  
Somebody's knocking at your door,  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knocking at your door.*

*Knocks Like Jesus. (Refrain)*

*Can't You Hear Him? (Refrain)*

*Jesus Calls you. (Refrain)*

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, forever and ever. Amen.*

### Communion Hymn: “Beauty from Ashes” (See insert)

### Communion Hymn 662: “Abide With Me”

### 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*

## 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 Bearer: D'Anna Entrekin. Readers: Ed Austin & Janelle Berger

#### 10:30am

DOD: Susan Karl. Acolytes: Bella Rider & Stella Dixon. Ambassador: Clay Coleman. Chalice Bearers: Miya May & Madeleine Hutchison. Readers: Angela Hinkle & Sarah Tarkus

# Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Prayer

Barbara Coats, Marquerite Byrd, Susan Bell, Joy Van Caster, the Carter Family, Lisa Green, Marie Marshall, Audrey and Robert Westbrook, Benny Kingsley, the people of Cuba

### Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, David Boyer, Donald Gibbons, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman,

Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Matthew Ramirez-Hayes, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Crimauddo, Nicholas Pinkston, Patrick Resler, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Steven Bonello, Taylor Knueven

### Repose of the Soul

Sylvia Lee

**We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.**

### Clergy

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### Vestry

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Ed Austin - Verger

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