

March 9, 2025 - First Sunday in Lent
 St. Andrew's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
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Come as you are!

First Sunday of Lent, All Ages Service

Welcome

Gathering Song:

Led by the Spirit



1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and pray
 2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to face,
 3. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God the Trin - i - ty:



with Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his pas - chal way.
 And know full well we must re - ly on God's re - deem - ing grace.
 The Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to set us free,



"Rend not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me."
 On bread a - lone we can - not live, but nour - ished by the Word
 The Spir - it blow - ing where it will to make us friends of God:



Thus says our kind and gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
 We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.
 This mys - 'try far be - yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

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The Collect of the Day

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

When you finally get to the place God has given you and settle down there, harvest some grain, put some in a basket and take it to God's house. Give it to the priest there and tell him that God has brought you to your ancestor's land. The priest will set it before the altar. Then tell him your story. "My great-grandfather was a wanderer. He went to Egypt as an immigrant, and stayed there for generations. His family grew and grew, and the Egyptians treated them like slaves. When we cried out for help, God brought us out of Egypt, into this place, which is beautiful and flowing with milk and honey. So now, I offer to God the best of what God has given me." Then throw a party in honor of God, and invite your neighbors who are immigrants to your land and the priests as well. Be thankful and mindful of all that God has given you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



"Stardust" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

Psalm 91

The cantor sings the refrain first, then all join in.

Refrain



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be
with me, Lord, I pray.

Verses

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord: "My refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust."
2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for the angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life.
3. Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God's love,
lifted high, those who trust in God's name,
call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.
God will bring you salvation and joy.

Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 14-15; Marty Haugen

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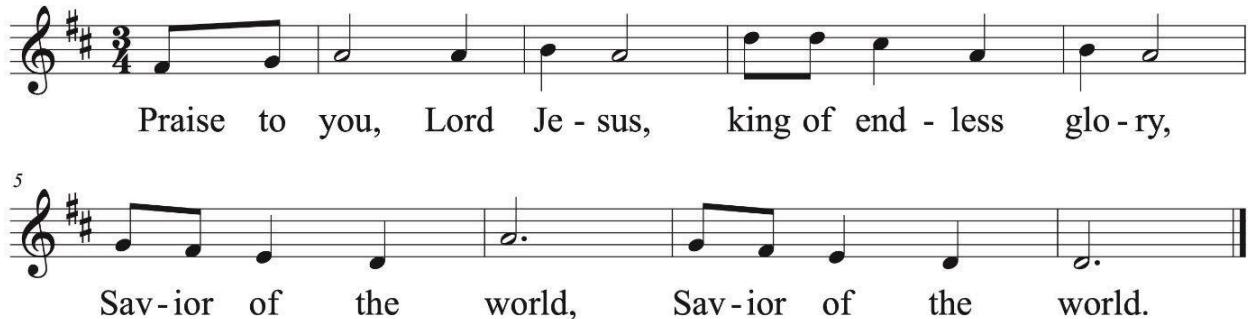
A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Moses said, "The Word is so close to you, it's on your lips and inside your heart." He meant the word of faith. By saying out loud that Jesus is Lord, and believing it in your heart- you're saved. Make those words real in your life. Welcome God's work in your heart and your life and God will be there for you, making your life new. God promises that God will be there for you, making your life new. God promises that God will be there for everyone who wants God in their life. It doesn't matter who you are. You ask God into your heart, you ask God to save you; you're already made right with God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus, king of end - less glo - ry,
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Sav - ior of the world, Sav - ior of the world.

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The Gospel

Please rise in body or in spirit.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After he was baptized, Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led him out into the wilderness, where he spent forty days to learn some lessons before he began his ministry. He didn't eat anything during that time, and after forty days he was really, really hungry. The devil started talking to him: "You could turn this rock into some bread if you were really the Son of God, you know." Jesus told him, "The scriptures tell me that bread is not the only thing that'll keep me going." That stumped the devil. Then the devil showed him all the kingdoms in the entire world. He said, "I'll give you all the riches and power in the world, if you worship me instead of God. Everything you see will be yours." Jesus thought about it, when suddenly the devil and Jesus were in Jerusalem at the temple. The devil dared Jesus to jump off the top of the temple, because scripture says, "God will send angels to protect you and catch you when you fall." Jesus had had enough. "Scripture also says, don't push God. Don't make God pass your test."

That was it for the devil. He had no more tests in him. So he left Jesus alone, for now.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Cyndi Jones

The Creed

A “creed” is a statement of belief. This song is a rewriting of an ancient creed, the Nicene Creed, written by Christians in 325 AD. We don’t see these as things everyone must believe in order to belong to this church community. Rather, they are the framework for our curiosity, and the claims that ground our faith.



1. We be-lieve in God al-might-y, au - thor of all things that be,
2. We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fer'd, scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;
3. We be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in,



mak - er of the earth and heav-ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied True life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - 'lic, one church ho - ly, where for-give-ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was rais'd up from the grave,
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break-ing of death's chain



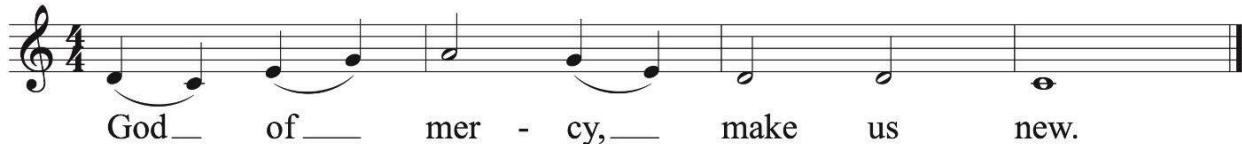
of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then as-cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claim'd.

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The Prayers of the People

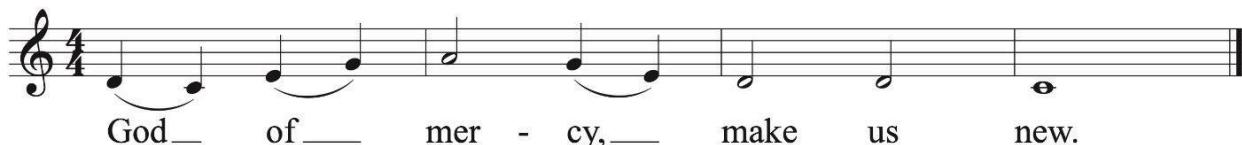
From "Liturgy for the Whole Church," by Susan K. Bock

We pray for the church. May she drink deeply from living springs, and travel the deserts in trust and hope.



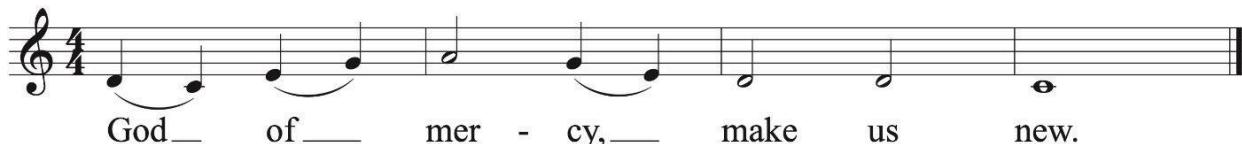
God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war.



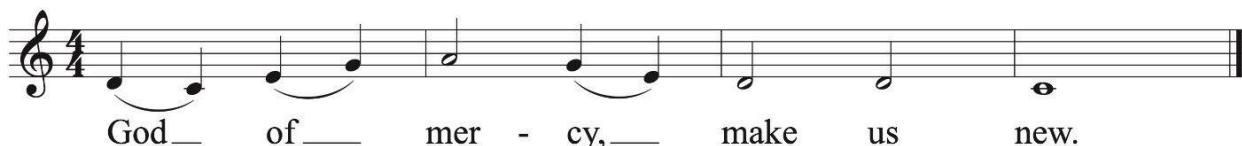
God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for this nation. May we be healed of racism, and shine like a lamp on a hill.



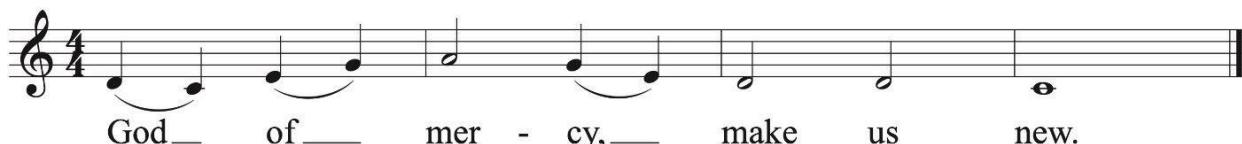
God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for our community. May our children be safe, our leaders be wise, and our lives be peaceful and just.



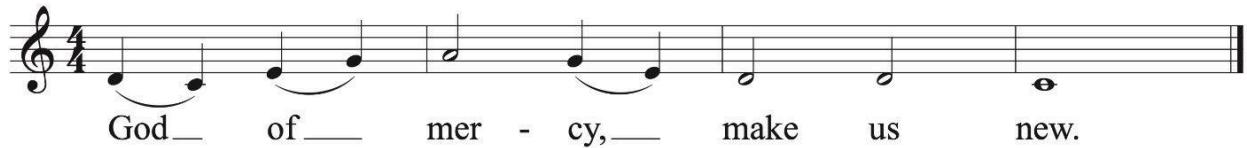
God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for all the afflicted, especially those in Palestine, and every war-torn place in the world. We pray for our neighbors who sleep on sidewalks every night, and for those seeking asylum at our border. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer.



God of mer - cy, make us new.

We pray for the departed. May they ever grow in faith and love, and may we always remember them by name.



The Confession

God of Mercy,
We have hurt our neighbor,
your planet,
ourselves.
And people have hurt us.
Take our anger,
our hurt,
and our wrongs.
Wash us clean.
Give us a new heart.
Amen.

God of Mercy,
We have hurt our neighbor,
your planet,
ourselves.
And people have hurt us.
Take our anger,
our hurt,
and our wrongs.
Wash us clean.
Give us a new heart.
Amen.

God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Community Announcements

The Offertory

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



When the offering basket comes to you, please take it and pass it on. If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews. Thank you!

Offertory Hymn

I Will Wait

Mumford & Sons

VERSES:

1. Now I come home like a stone And I fall heav -
 2. So break my step and re - lent You for - gave -
 3. Now I'll be bold as well as strong Use my head -

- y in - to your arms These days of dust which we've and I won't for - get Know what we've seen and them with a - long-side my heart So take my flesh and fix my

known will blow a - way with this new sun
 less now in some way, shake the ex - cess
 eyes that te - thered - mind free from the lies

And I'll kneel down wait for now And

I'll kneel down know my ground And

REFRAIN:

(to verses)

I will wait, I will wait for you. And I will wait, I will wait for you.

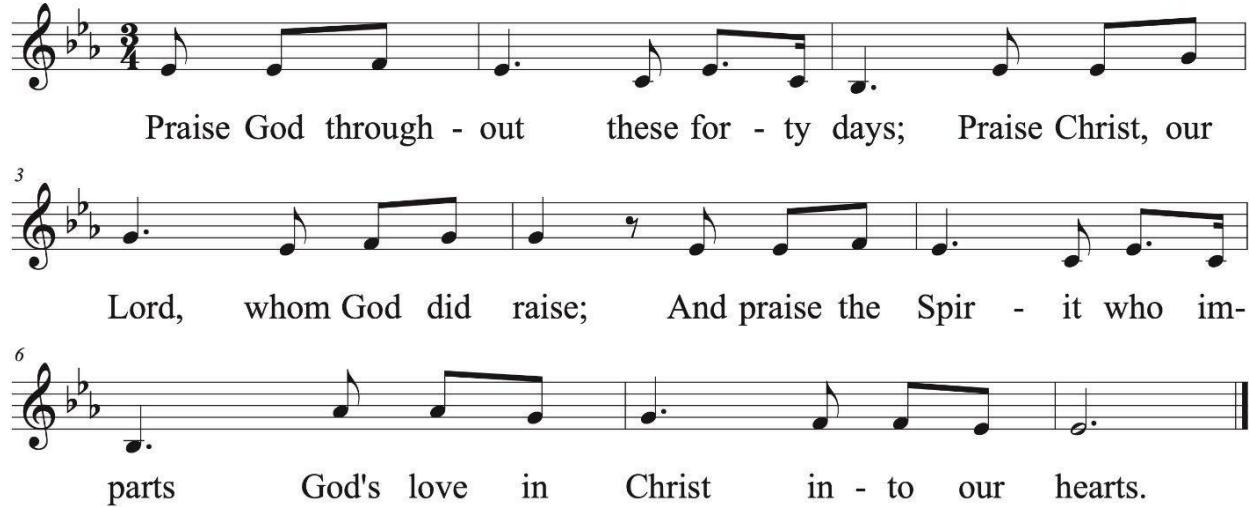
BRIDGE:

Raise my hands Paint my spir - it gold And

bow my head Keep my heart slow And

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When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:



Praise God through - out these for - ty days; Praise Christ, our
Lord, whom God did raise; And praise the Spir - it who im-
parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

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The Eucharist

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to 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:

O_ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, O_ God of time and space,
 5 All earth and sea and sky a - bove bear wit-ness to your grace.
 10 Ho - san - na in_ the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise,
 15 And bless - ed is_ the one who comes and bears your name al - ways.

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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:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

**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 forever. Amen**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of

world: Mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

the world: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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Invitation to Communion

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Please come forward to receive communion. Both stations will offer bread and wine - the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands.

If you need gluten-free wafers, please say “gluten free” to the person distributing bread.

If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say “bread only.”

If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today.

Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat.



The Rev'd Sarah West | visiolectio.com

Communion Music

Tree of Life

REFRAIN

All

Turn our hearts, turn our minds, make us branch-es hold-ing
fast to the vine. Pa-tient Keep - er, draw us
to your ten- der mer - cy, Tree of Life.

VERSES

Cantor

1. We re - mem - ber we are mor - tal, breath of
2. We are sin - ful, we are pride - ful. We have
3. As we trav - - el on our jour - ney take our

1. God but of the earth. Through the des - ert we must
2. all - gone a - stray. Deep with - in us we are
3. hearts and make them new. Je - sus walked this road be -

To Refrain

1. trav - el, tast - ing hun - ger, know-ing thirst.
2. need - ful of a clean heart day by day.
3. fore us as our God, but hu - man, too.

Aaron Thompson

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Communion Music

Gracious God

Verbs

1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the
 2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of
 3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing
 4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or

1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,
 2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber
 3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,
 4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,

1, 4

1: to Verse 2

2, 3

2: to Refrain

1. for we long to see your face.
 2. that you lead us in - to life.
 3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
 4. it is you, O let us see.

Refrain

Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -

1

2

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ing Love, you give your life a-way.
 ing love, we give our lives a-way.

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Blessings and Celebrations

If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Joanna Harader

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.
And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Living God
be with you today and always. **Amen.**



The Sending Song:

Turn! Turn! Turn!

The Byrds

Refrain:

To everything turn, turn, turn
There is a season turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep (*to Refrain*)

A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together (*to Refrain*)

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rain, a time of sow
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Community Announcements

Lenten Soup Series

Join us during Lent, on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm for Soup and Sanctuary.

We will begin with a simple meal of soup and whatever people bring, followed by discussion and a simple service of prayer. We need volunteers to bring soup and other simple fare for sharing.