

Sunday, February 22, 2026 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

***(Congregational participation in** BOLD)*

Greeting and Land Acknowledgment

HYMN # 172 Now Let Us All with One Accord *(Blue Book)*

Silence/Gong

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you
And also with you

Bless the One who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

Confession and Absolution
Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us keep silence before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.
And most especially,
let us remember the covenant of our baptism
and test our hearts and conscience
to know how faithfully
we have persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into
sin, have repented and returned to the Lord.

Silence

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Grant us the wisdom to know ourselves,
The courage to admit our sins,
And the grace to receive
God's never-failing mercy and forgiveness.
Amen

Kyrie
Choir: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord
All: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Choir: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, For the unity of all, let us pray to the…
All: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Choir: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, For the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the…
All: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Choir: Help, save, and defend us, O God.
All: A-men

Collect:
God of the wildness,
you claim us and embrace us in love: we are yours.
When we face uncertainties and temptations
that cause us to question your provision,
doubt our belovedness, or exploit our faith for worldly gain, lead us back, again and again,
to words of scripture, and to the living Word, Jesus Christ. May we hold fast in faith
and serve you with our whole hearts,
this day and always. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7
Reader: Carol Gardiner
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 32
Reader: Carol Gardiner
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom GOD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to GOD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
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."
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in GOD.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in GOD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
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Psalm Hymn # 95 How Deep the Peace
(*Red Book)*

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11
Reader: Deacon Lynne Smith
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Prayers of the People: *Corinne MacLean*

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Offertory # 65 When We are Tested (*Red Book) (Tune 505 Blue book)*

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with You
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you gracious God
… join in their unending hymn.

Sanctus:
Holy, holy, holy are You,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over
... mystery of faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death,…
... now and forever.

All: Amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: Create Within Me a Clean Heart O God
(See Insert)

The Communion

HYMN # Fill Us with Your Feast *(See insert)*

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN # 174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church (*Blue Book))*

The Dismissal