

Sunday, March 16, 2025 10:00 A.M.

SECOND 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 Affirming Statement

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 proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ

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

HYMN: Your Canopy of Vigil Lights *(See insert)*

Collect:
Brooding Spirit,
beneath your wings there is creation and life:
accompany us on the difficult path
with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful,
so that we find the way to the city of our peace
where we are all accepted as your beloved;
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. **Amen**.

The First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 27
Reader: Helen Barry
GOD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? GOD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell.
Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in GOD.
One thing have I asked of GOD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of GOD
all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of GOD
and to seek GOD in GOD's temple.
For in the day of trouble GOD shall keep
me safe in their shelter;
GOD shall hide me in the secrecy of their dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
Even now GOD lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to GOD.
Hearken to my voice, O GOD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, GOD, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my parents forsake me,

GOD will sustain me.
Show me your way, O GOD;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
What if I had not believed that I should
see the goodness of GOD
in the land of the living!
O tarry and await GOD's pleasure; be strong, and
GOD shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for GOD.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm Hymn Refrain: The Lord is My Light
(The choir will sing the verses, congregation sings the refrain)

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
of whom should I be afraid,
of whom should I be afraid.

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 31-35
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Prayers of The People: *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 173 Creator of the Earth and Skies *(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: It is indeed right and good… join in their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy God…….. with every breath:

All: We praise you, O God

Celebrant: Generations bless…….. into the future:

All: We bless you, O God

Celebrant: We give you thanks, …….with us now..

All: We thank you, O God

Celebrant: On the night, …….mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: We pray, …….without end.

All: Amen. Amen 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 # 60 I Come With Joy
(Blue Book)

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 # 53 God Who Spread the Boundless Prairies (*Red Book))*

The Dismissal