

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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Welcome to ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PRELUDE Prelude in f minor from WTC I, BWV 857 by Bach

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#401 The God of Abraham Praise (*All stand as you are able. Music can be found on page 7.*)

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

Celebrant will read a sentence of scripture.

GENERAL CONFESSION *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your
sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY The Hymnal 1982—S #96 (*Music can be
found on page 8.*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together, let us pray

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all
who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with
penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the
unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

O shepherding God, **guide the hearts and minds of our Search Committee as we seek to discern the role of Rector for St. Michael's Church. By your light, draw to us those with vision and passion for St. Michael's future. Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor, a dynamic preacher of your Gospel, to shepherd us as your flock, strengthen our ministries, and work with us in building up your kingdom. Amen.**

THE LESSONS & PSALM *Please be seated.*

A reading from the Book of Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*Join in on the chant of Psalm 27 as you are able. Text in **bold** indicate the sections where we modulate.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I **fear**? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be **afraid**?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my **flesh**, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and **fell**.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against **me**, *
yet my heart shall not be **afraid**;
- 4 And though war should rise up against **me**, *
yet will I put my trust in **him**.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I **seek**; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my **life**;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the **Lord** *
and to seek him in his **temple**.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his **shelter**; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a **rock**.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my **head** *
 above my enemies round about **me**.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great **gladness**; *
 I will sing and make music to the **Lord**.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I **call**; *
 have mercy on me and answer **me**.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my **face**." *
 Your face, Lord, will I **seek**.
- 12 Hide not your face from **me**, *
 nor turn away your servant in **displeasure**.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not **away**; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my **salvation**.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake **me**, *
 the Lord will sustain **me**.
- 15 Show me your way, O **Lord**; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my **enemies**.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my **adversaries**, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak **malice**.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the **Lord** *
 in the land of the **living**!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your **heart**; *
 wait patiently for the **Lord**.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#142 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days (*All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL Luke (13:31-35)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Rodney Davis

THE NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Lord God, you gather us to you as your children and bid us this Lent to repent and turn to you. Hear our cries for mercy and turn our hearts of stone toward you as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us a heart for your church, give us ears that hear your call to worship and open our minds to the power of our parish community. Make your church a place of welcome, refuge, and relentless love. We especially pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Andy, Katie, Mike, Rod, and Jesse, our clergy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shed your grace on those who govern and lead in every nation, state, city, and community. Turn those who have authority away from self-interest and toward the imperative of service and mercy. We especially pray for Mary, our head of school, for all the staff, teachers and students at St. Michael's Day School and Starr King TK-8. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the persecuted, comfort the oppressed, inspire those who chafe against injustice and cruelty that we might bring your kingdom goals of justice and mercy into the here and now. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Uphold the ill with your healing grace. Especially we pray for Marilei, Jennifer, Michael, Andrea, Kathy, Chris, Kate, Holly, Frances, Cynthia, Liz, Barbara, Mike, Tina, Mark, Mary, Kay, Hunter, and Billie. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to the departed eternal rest and the joy of your kingdom's light and life, especially Jim Carpenter, Bert Calvert and Gumersindo Leuterio. Secure the grieving in the knowledge of your unending love, and unite us at last when we dwell with you in eternal life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else and whom else shall we pray? (*A time of silence is kept.*) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers and petitions to you, secure in the knowledge of your willingness to hear us and your delight when we do so. Grant our prayers to our benefit and always to your glory. **Amen.**

THE PEACE AND OFFERTORY

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sicut Cervus by Palestrina

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#488 Be Thou My Vision (*All stand as able. Music can be found on page 9.*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(*Enriching our Worship Prayer 2*)

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 our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

THE SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—S#130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Music can be found on page 10 & 11*)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael, your archangel and all angels and saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD and THE INVITATION

The Hymnal 1982—S# 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (*Music can be found on page 11*)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *

Celebrant For those who cannot be here physically to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ let us invite the Lord Jesus through this prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and love Christ, all are invited to come and meet Jesus here. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS—#89 My Jesus, I Love Thee (*Music can be found on page 12*)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Kneel or stand as you are able.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God, who hears when you call; the grace of Christ, who reconciles you; the power of the Holy Spirit, who sustains you; remain with you in these Lenten days and for all your days, and forevermore. **Amen.**

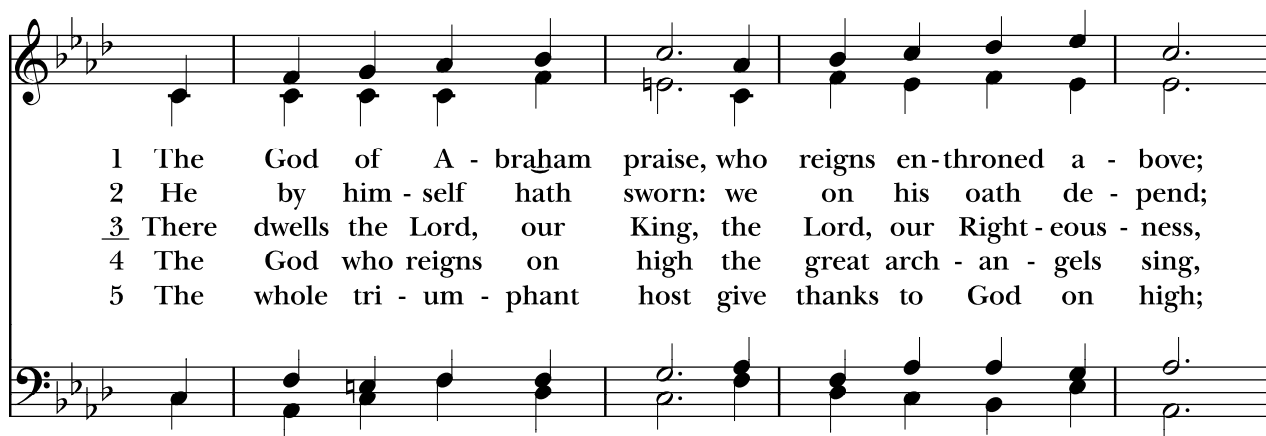
CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#370 I Bind Unto Myself (St. Patrick's Breastplate) (*All stand as able. Music can be found on pages 13—14*)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

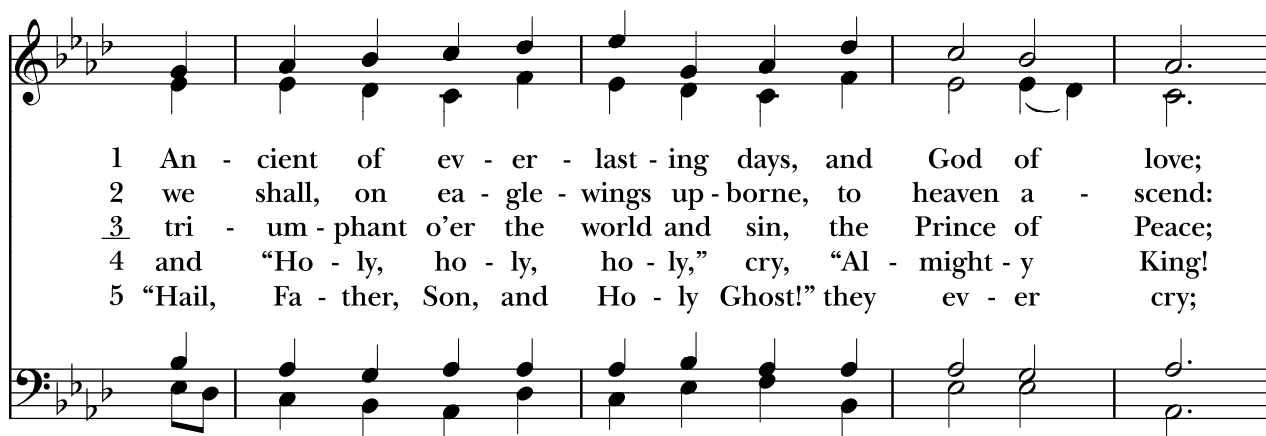
POSTLUDE Prelude in g minor BWV 535a by Bach

**Julian of Norwich Liturgy*

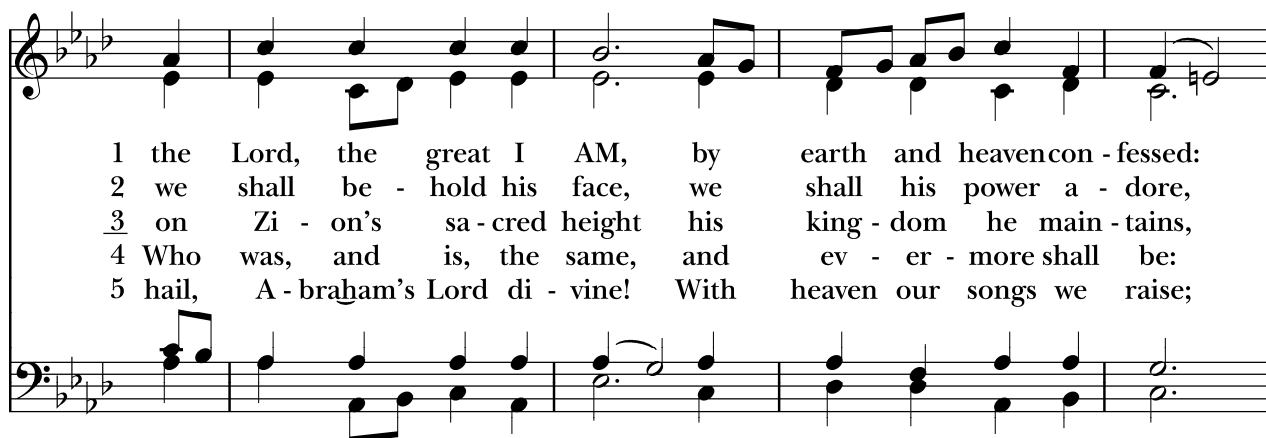
PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#401 The God of Abraham praise



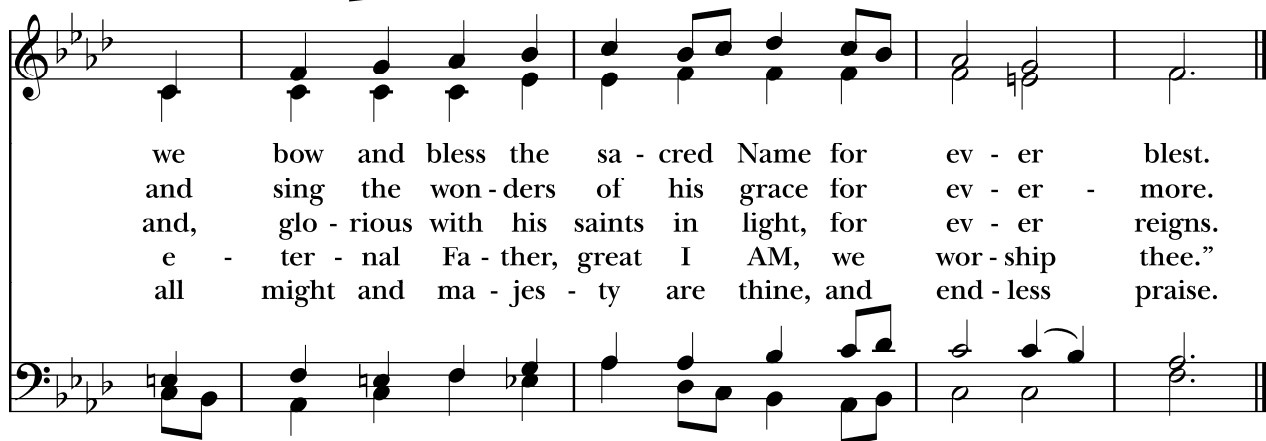
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

LORD HAVE MERCY The Hymnal 1982—S #96

First system of musical notation for 'Lord Have Mercy'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a half note C3. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' with a long dash under 'Lord,' in the second phrase.

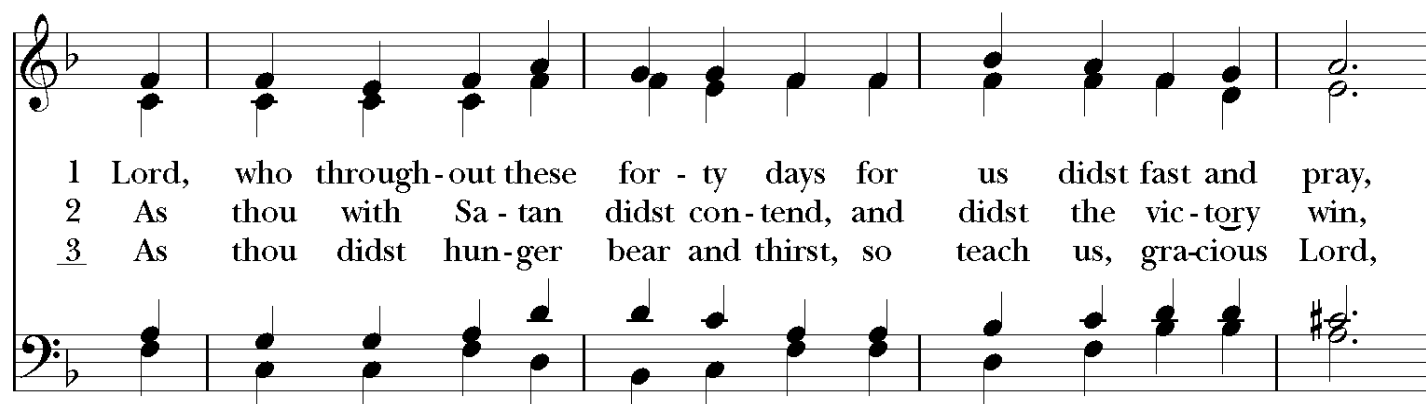
Second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The bass staff continues with a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G3. The lyrics are: 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -' with a long dash under 'Christ,' in the second phrase and 'Lord, -' at the end.

Third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a half note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a half note B5. The bass staff continues with a half note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, -' with a long dash under 'Lord,' in the second phrase and 'Lord, -' at the end.

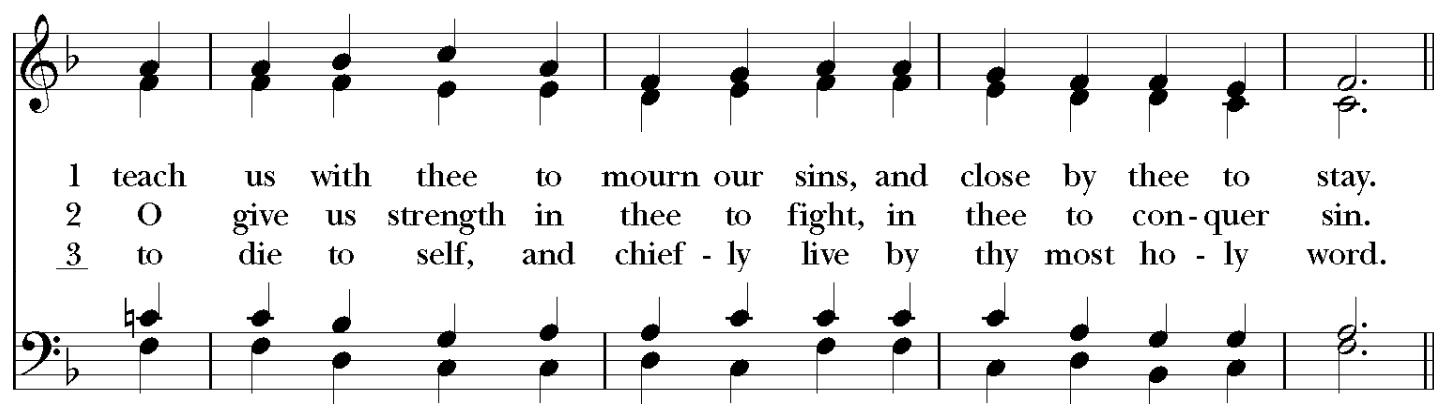
Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues with a half note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a half note B5. The bass staff continues with a half note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.' with a long dash under 'mer' in the second phrase.

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GRADUAL HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#142 Lord, who throughout these forty days



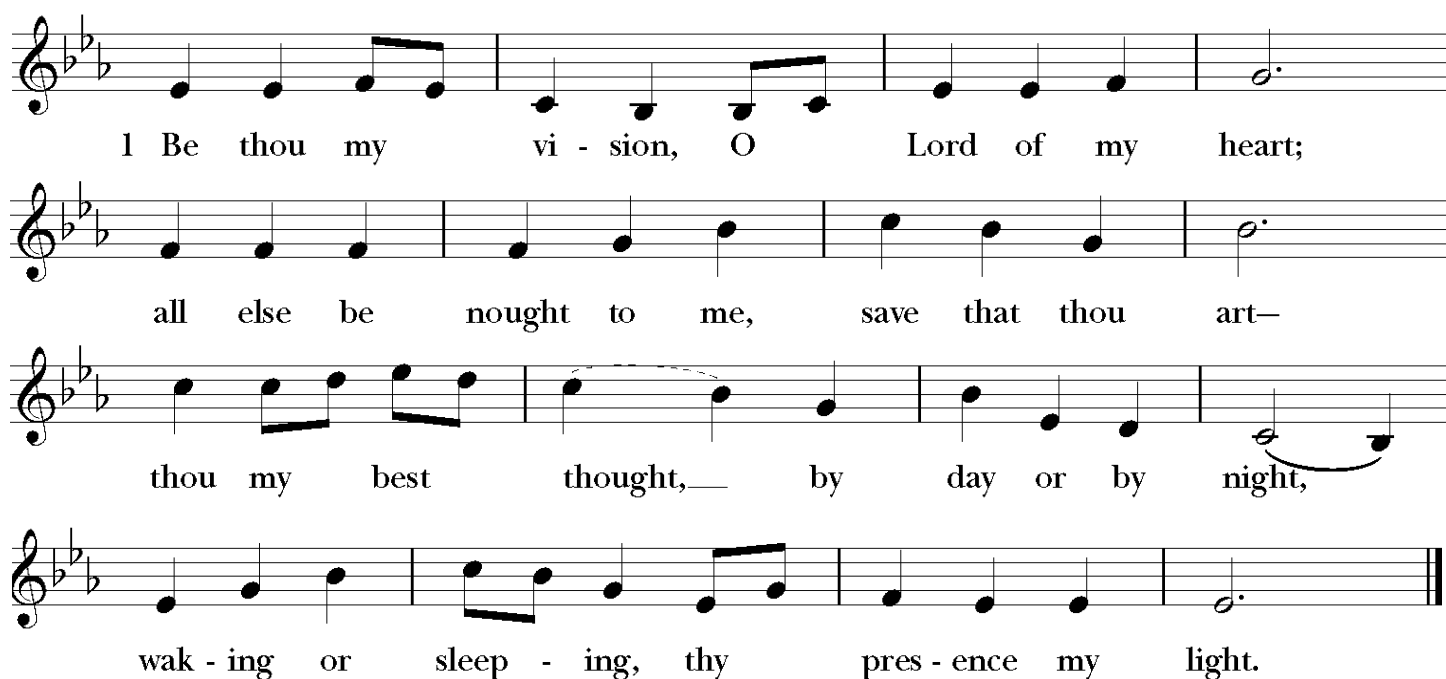
1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

PRESENTATION HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#488 Be Thou My Vision (*Verse 1*)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Copyright © by permission of the Estate of Eleanor Hull and Chatto & Windus Ltd. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adaapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

SANCTUS The Hymnal 1982—S#130 Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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FRACTION ANTHEM The Hymnal 1982—S#164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

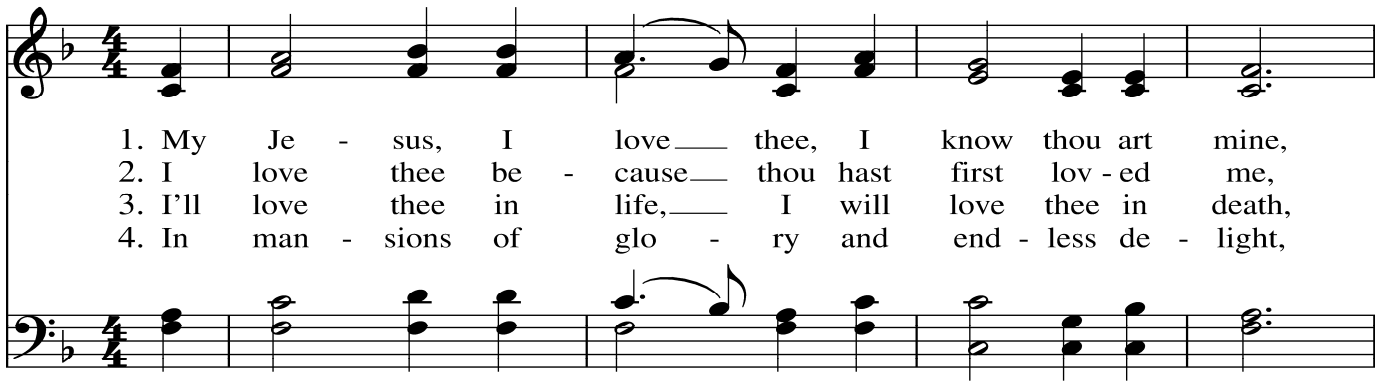
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS—#89 My Jesus, I Love Thee



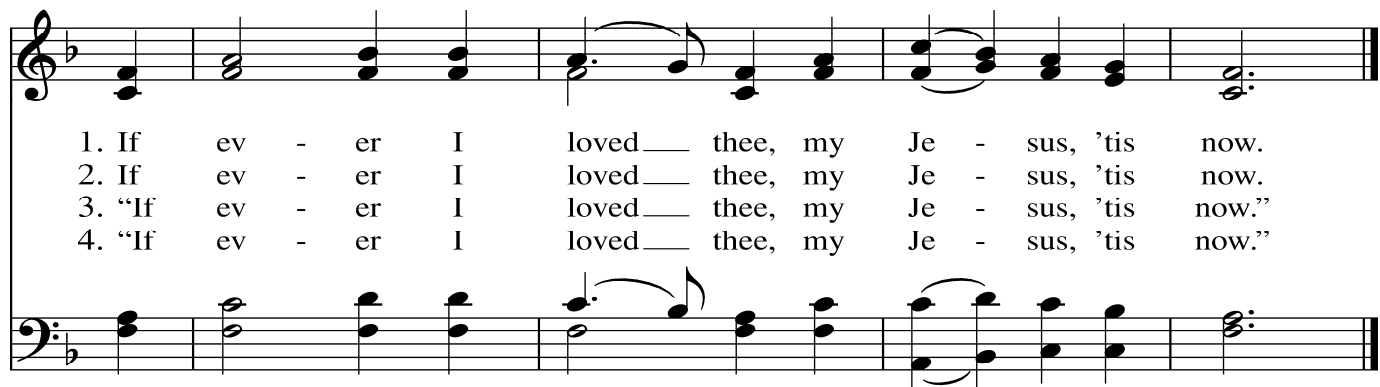
1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
 2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
 3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;



1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:—
 2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:—
 3. And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow,—
 4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,—



1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 4. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

Words: William R. Featherstone (1846-1873). Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895).

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#370 I Bind Unto Myself (St. Patrick's Breastplate) (*cont. on following page*)



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of
*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great
*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues
*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of
faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his
Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;
his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing
con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'
the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to
up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to
day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

CLOSING HYMN The Hymnal 1982—#370 I Bind Unto Myself (St. Patrick's Breastplate) (*continued*)

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, *Deirdre*, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Announcements

Worship

10am Sunday Morning Worship Eucharist & Choir
Nursery & Godly Play available

5pm Sunday Contemplative Service on Zoom

9am Morning Prayer – Zoom, Monday—Thursday

8:30am Friday Morning Contemplative Eucharist

Rite of Reconciliation

Please remember any of the priests can offer the Rite of Reconciliation & Lent is a great time for this. Contact the office 916.488.3550 to schedule a time.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services

We will be having a Celebration of life service for **Peggy Henley** on **April 26, 2025** at 10am with a light reception immediately following.

Giving for Easter Flowers & Music

You can remember your loved ones & celebrate important moments in your life with the gift of flowers and/or music to the church. Check out the Messenger for more info.

Easter Brunch Potluck

Fill out the sign up form online or contact the office if you can bring something and/or help out.

Gethsemane Watch

Sign up for Gethsemane Watch on the board in the Narthex. This begins immediately following Maundy Thursday Service until 8:30am on Good Friday.

Rereading Lent: New Reflections on a Storied Season Sundays through April 6th at 11:45am in Friendship Center (in-person only). Rev. Andy and Marilyn McEntyre will be leading reflections on the purposes and themes of the season, the ways we can reclaim ancient words for our own historical moment, and the question of how to read--and reread-- biblical stories.

Living Compass - Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit
The Living Compass Lenten booklets provide a rich opportunity for self reflection throughout Lent. They are available, free of cost, at the church. We will not have a weekly group this season but there are multiple ways to engage at www.livingcompass.org/lent.

Easter Gift Cards!

We are asking for donations to buy Food Gift Cards to help those in need have a special Easter meal. Please write "Food Gift Card" in check memos. You can also give online or put cash in a pew envelope, mark it with "Food Gift Card" & put it in the plate on Sunday. Please have donations in by **April 6**.

Eyeglass Collection for Ghana

Dorothy Eddings, along with Bishop Wright and 22 others from the Diocese of Atlanta are making a pilgrimage to Ghana & taking eyeglasses due to the prevalence of Glaucoma. Please donate eyeglasses you no longer use to the church by April 13.

Rise Against Hunger—Saturday March 29th

12 - 2pm—Parish & Johnstone Halls

Come pack meal bags that reach hungry people throughout the world. If you have questions or need help please contact the office.

St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt

We will have an egg hunt Easter Morning after the 10am service. We need candy and/or stuffed easter egg donations. We will be stuffing eggs on Palm Sunday April 13th at coffee hour. Please join us!

Theater Camp 2025 registration is filled!

Please see our website to be added to the waitlist.

Additional details on the announcements can be found in this week's Messenger and on our website.

Serving Today

The Rev. Mike Ferrito Celebrant

The Rev. Rodney Davis Preaching

The Rev. Andy Lobban Deacon

Pastor Katie Holeman Assisting Priest

Tammy Murray, Dianne Robbins & Eileen Thomas Altar Guild

Sr. Tina Francesca & Dianne Robbins Acolytes

Jennifer Franz, Sue Davis & Jan West Readers

Dave Decker, Kate Muris & Jan Bowdler Eucharistic Ministers

Rick Larkey & Lennie Silva Ushers

Renée Pierce Greeter

St. Michael's Chancel Choir

John Cozza Music Director

Coffee Hour Hosts Lonny & Don Struble and Marilu Fresquez

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday March 16—The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Godly Play & Nursery 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Rereading Lent 11:45am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

Monday March 17—St. Patrick's Day

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Tuesday March 18

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Staff Meeting 9:30am
EfM 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday March 19

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom

Thursday March 20

Morning Prayer 9am Zoom
Open Bible Study 10am Friendship Center
Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Friday March 21

Morning Eucharist 8:30am

Saturday March 22

Pizza & Mocktails Sign Up Party 12:30pm Parish Hall

Sunday March 23—The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist 10am with Choir & Livestream
Godly Play & Nursery 10am
Coffee Hour 11:15am Parish Hall
Rereading Lent 11:45am Friendship Center
Contemplative Prayer Service 5pm Zoom

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 29th - 12pm Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, April 13th- 10am Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17th - 7pm Maundy Thursday
Dinner at 5:30pm in Parish Hall

Friday, April 18th - Good Friday Services
8:30am & Noon Stations of the Cross
7pm The Passion of Christ

Saturday, April 19th - 8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20th - 10am Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch immediately following

CLERGY, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair Bishop,
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The Rev. Andy Lobban Interim Rector
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The Rev. Jesse Vaughan Associate Priest
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