Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025 * 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Mar. 16 — Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30 am Antique Show planning meeting (Board Room)

Monday, Mar. 17

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Mar. 18

- 6:00 pm Finance meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 19

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist service of healing and reconciliation
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief meeting
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper, "Theology of the Book of Common Prayer"

Thursday, Mar. 20

• 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, Mar. 21

• 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast prep

Saturday, Mar. 15

• 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast

Sunday, Mar. 23 — Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Setting: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 166
The First Lesson......Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹The 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

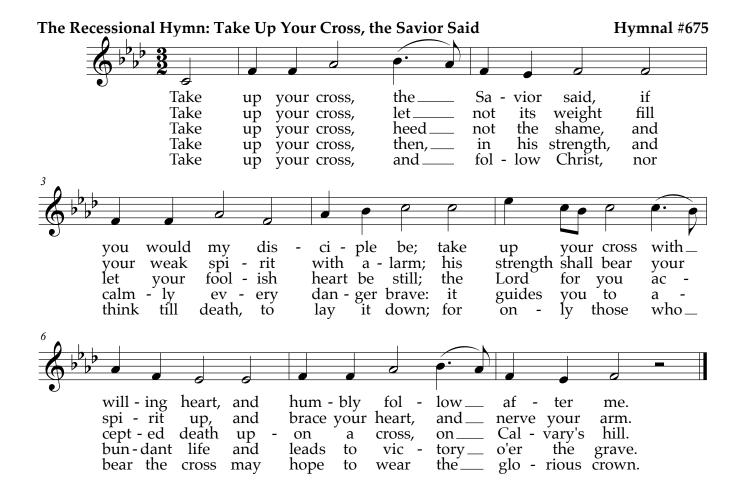
Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, 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.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On 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."

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He 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. ⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Holy GospelLuke 13:31-35
³¹ Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."
32He 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. 33Yet 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.' 34 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! 35See, 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.'"
The SermonThe Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328
The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331
The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332
The Welcome and Announcements
Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:
Watch over your child(ren), 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 the peace which passes all understanding abide all
the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion PrayerBook of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending ForthBook of Common Prayer p. 339



Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: "Bourbon," melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

The Postlude

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling. Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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