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Holy Eucharist, Rite I
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary	“Ciacona in F Minor”	Johann Pachelbel
Introit	“Be of good courage”	Psalm 27
Processional Hymn (<i>standing</i>)	“Now let us all with one accord”	Hymn 147
<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;	BCP 319
<i>People</i>	His mercy endureth for ever.	

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison *Sung, standing*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The people sit

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

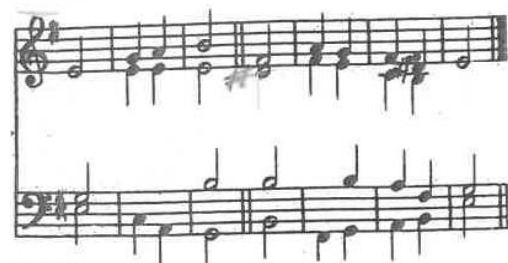
The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, 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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio

- 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 a/fraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat /up my /flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, /who
stumbled and /fell.

S 214 Ray Francis Brown
(1897-1965)



- 3 Though an army should encamp /against /me, *
yet my /heart shall not be a/fraid;
- 4 And though war should rise /up a/gainst 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 a/bout 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 dis/pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me /not a/way; *
do not forsake me, O /God of my sal/vation.
- 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, be/cause of my ene/mies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my /adver/saries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and al/so 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 liv/ing!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall /comfort your/ heart; *
wait patiently /for the /Lord.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi (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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*standing*) "Forty days and forty nights" Hymn 150

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (13:31-35).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon *Seated* The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *Standing* BCP 327

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the
Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Standing or kneeling

BCP 328

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Donald, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Betty, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Jennifer, Lucia, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Tina, James, Ralphie, Bill, Page, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Wayne, and Tom*; and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

"Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"

arr. Ronald Turner

The Doxology (*standing*) (text below)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I

Standing

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus Sung

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 334 - 336

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant and people

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.*

Agnus Dei Sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant “What shall one give in exchange” Matthew 16, Psalm 34

Communion Music “Sarabande” George Friedrich Handel

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people Kneeling or standing BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.

Recessional Hymn “Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth” Hymn 598

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary “Fail Me Not, O Holy Christ” Samuel Scheidt

No flowers during Lent

Pray today for the Bishop’s Visitation to Christ Church, Blacksburg. Pray for the people of Christ Church, Blacksburg, their curate, The Rev. Sarah Lusk, and their rector, The Rev. Scott West. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Lenten Study: Explorations in Christian Ethics

On the Mondays of Lent (**March 10 - April 7**), we will gather in the Undercroft for a light supper and program. Fr. John will lead us in discussions of Christian ethics, as we consider how we think about and apply Jesus’ teachings to the moral problems we encounter in our daily lives. This takes the place of the usual Monday Bible Study, which will resume after Easter. Supper begins at 6:00 pm, with the discussion concluding by 7:30.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

The churches of Martinsville are again coming together to offer lunch and a brief devotion at Noon on the Thursdays of Lent. All are invited to attend any or all of these lunches; the devotions will conclude by 1:00 pm. The schedule is:

March 20 - First Baptist (23 Starling Ave.)

March 27 - Calvary Christian (515 Mulberry Rd.)

April 3 - First Presbyterian (1901 Patrick Henry Ave.)

April 10 - First Baptist East (1043 E. Church St.)

Book Reading

On **Tuesday, March 25, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Undercroft**, we will offer a special adult education program with Naomi Hodge-Muse, who will be discussing and reading from her book *Tales of Koehler Hollow: An African American Family in Rural Appalachia*. This is an opportunity for us to participate in Becoming Beloved Community (the Episcopal Church's initiative for healing and reconciliation of social and racial injustice) by learning about the cultural history of Martinsville and Henry County.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **March: Pork & Beans 15 oz. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Bob Bushnell

Chalicer: Hank Long, Jay Dickens

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Michael Hodges, Rives Coleman

Acolyte:

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Butch Hamlet, Pat Russell

Altar Guild: Team #5 - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens, Amy Joyce,
Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2025 Christ Church Vestry

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