

# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

**Processional Hymn 147:**

*Now let us all with one accord*

**Opening Sentence** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 76

*The Officiant begins the service with this sentence of Scripture*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

**Confession of Sin**

BCP 79

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

*The Layreader remains kneeling and says*

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

***Amen.***

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

BCP 80

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Psalm 95**

Hymn S36, BCP 724

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Harden not your hearts,**

**as your forebears did in the wilderness, \***

**at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,**

**when they tempted me**

**They put me to the test, \***

**though they had seen my works.**

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”

So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

## The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

**Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio*

BCP 617

- 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.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*The people sit. The lesson is read by the Lector.*

### **First Lesson**

**Genesis 15:1-12,17-18**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and recite the canticle*

**14** **A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator*

*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15* Hymn S237, BCP 90

**O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \***  
**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,**  
**and of all their righteous offspring:**  
**You made the heavens and the earth, \***  
**with all their vast array.**  
**All things quake with fear at your presence; \***  
**they tremble because of your power.**  
**But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \***  
**it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.**  
**O Lord, you are full of compassion, \***  
**long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.**  
**You hold back your hand; \***  
**you do not punish as we deserve.**  
**In your great goodness, Lord,**  
**you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \***  
**that they may repent of their sin and be saved.**  
**And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \***  
**and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.**  
**I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \***  
**and I know my wickedness only too well.**  
**Therefore I make this prayer to you: \***  
**Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.**  
**Do not let me perish in my sin, \***  
**nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.**

**For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

*The people sit. The lesson is read by the Lector.*

## **Second Lesson**

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand and recite the canticle*

## **16** **The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Hymn S248, BCP 92

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***  
    **he has come to his people and set them free.**  
**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
    **born of the house of his servant David.**  
**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**  
**that he would save us from our enemies, \***  
    **from the hands of all who hate us.**  
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
    **and to remember his holy covenant.**  
**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \***  
    **to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
**Free to worship him without fear, \***  
    **holy and righteous in his sight**  
    **all the days of our life.**  
**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***  
    **for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**  
**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***  
    **by the forgiveness of their sins.**  
**In the tender compassion of our God \***  
    **the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the**  
    **shadow of death, \***  
    **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

*Like the others, this lesson is read by the Lector from the lectern.*

*There is no procession.*

## **Third Lesson**

**Luke 13:31-35**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

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.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

read by Sarah Harmon

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# The Prayers

BCP 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel*

**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.**

## Suffrages B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Collect of the Day*

BCP 218

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.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Additional Collects may be added from pages 99-100 and/or 810-841 in the BCP*

*A Collect for the selection of a Rector*

BCP 818

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## *A Prayer for Mission*

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*(Insert the prayers in thanksgiving for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries and prayers for those who have died, those for whom our prayers have been requested.)*

## **Announcements**

by a member of the vestry

## **Offertory**

*The Officiant begins the Offertory with the following, or one of the sentences on page 376 in the BCP.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

**Offertory Anthem** *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Adoniram Gordon

## **Doxology and Presentation of Alms** Hymn 380, v. 3

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of money or other gifts to the Officiant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**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. Amen.**

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

*The General Thanksgiving*

BCP 101

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Hymn 149** *Eternal Lord of love*

*The Officiant may conclude with the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

## *Upcoming Events & News*

**Re: Adult Sunday School:** "*Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws*" is the title of our upcoming Lenten Study beginning this week. The book, written by Adam Hamilton, is available to read on Kindle or paperback from Amazon. Class starts at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. Come see what it's all about!!

**Lenten Lunches 2025 Schedule:** *Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a worship with a short devotional followed by a soup lunch. Worship begins at noon.*

- March 19<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church with Chaplain Maggie Alsup
- March 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's with Father Jon Miskin
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Katie Goss Pierce
- April 9<sup>th</sup> at Lyon College with Rev. Jim Freeman

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am
- **Mahjongg Lessons:** Every Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:30 am in the Parish Hall
- **The Chosen Discussion Group:** Every Monday from 5:30-7 pm. During the waiting period for Season 5 of *The Chosen* to become available, we will be using our Tuesday 3-4:30 pm meeting time to put together a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Jesus and the apostles. We invite anyone who likes such puzzles to join us each Tuesday afternoon for comradery starting January 7, 2025.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Episcopal Men's Weekend:** '*Pray Tell; Pray, Tell*' is the theme for this year's Men's Weekend with The Rt. Rev. John Harmon & The Rev. Lowell Grisham. It will take place April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; register at [campmitchell.org](http://campmitchell.org) and for more questions or information, email [hedges3@gmail.com](mailto:hedges3@gmail.com).

**Blessing Box:** Looking for ideas about what to donate for the Blessing Box? Rice Krispie treats, pop tarts, ramen noodles, fruit snacks, granola bars or chips work! These items will go in the Blessing Box, and will also

be shared with our Lyon College students when the Care Team makes “snack bags” to pass out monthly. Thank you! 😊

### ***St. Paul’s Prayer List:***

*Prayer requests will stay on the Parish Prayer List for four weeks with the exception of parishioners with ongoing needs. If you wish a prayer request to remain on the list, please call the office to renew the request.*

**Intercessions:** Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Tammy Kipfer, Ann Stephenson, the Healey family, and Cameron Gillespie.

**Intercessions for Family & Friends:** Jim Wilson, Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mark & Jennifer, Susan, Jody Gayle, Tara Nance, David Smith, Lucy Harris, Adam M, Keith Perkins, Jim & Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Counts, Walker, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, Kathy Kleveno, Mike & Brandy Wyatt, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Christina, Peggy Comer, Kristin, Marilyn Townsend, Georgina Mosser, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Neva Miles Hector, Diarmund (Dar Mood), Sarah, Cody, & Brady, Q, Vicki Bettis, Vani Jo Geroy, Lulu Freeman, Gina Layne, the family of Gabriel Fields, Lois Work, Jeff Owens, Marci Ward, and Tammy Itzla.

**Birthdays:** Rhonda Mundy (3/17), Susan Dempsey (3/17), and Laura Hance (3/19).

### **Lay Ministers Serving this Sunday**

Officiant: Sarah Harmon

Lector: Pam Baxter

Acolyte: Paul Hance

Ushers: Brenda & Nikki Bittle

Technical Support: Jon Healey

Coffee Hour: Beverly Grigsby

Altar Guild: Brenda & Nikki Bittle

Community Meal (3/19/2025): Team Kipfer