

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Sykesville, Maryland
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise
Verses 1-3 and 5

Leoni

1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2. He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

5. The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Words of Welcome

The Word of God

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

The Opening Acclamation

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue (*please kneel as you are able*)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.*

Kyrie S-91

Healy Willan

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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.*

The Lessons

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.
2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

All stand for the Gospel reading

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell

you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Timothy H. Grayson

The Nicene Creed

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

Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing and adoring our everliving God, *saying:*
In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, who spoke through the prophets and who lives in the only begotten one, show to your church all things. Make us hear your purpose and receive your grace; confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially bishops and clergy, theologians and teachers, mystics and martyrs, *saying:* ***In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lord of promise and deliverance, we thank you for birthing us in the waters of baptism and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you, *saying:* ***In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule in the earth. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace. Assist all who work for reconciliation in the streets and for reformation in prisons, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

O Holy One with the pierced limbs and side, bind us to all who suffer. Keep us mindful of all innocent victims, all the oppressed, all the dying. Reveal to us those who are despised, the outcast, the alien, the forlorn. Look upon the sick. Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

Please join with me in praying for those on our Parish prayer list.

Immediate Concerns: Barbara Barrett, Carter Good, Lois Graham, Jim LeBaron, Sarah Shultz, and Susan Williams

For those with ongoing concerns: Fred Antonelli, Sadler Bernstein, Charles Bittorie, Jr., John Bittorie, Jakisha Blackwell, Ron and Roxann Bledsoe, Martin and Susan Bonura, Donna Brothy, Rich Caudill, Andrew Ceacatura, Karen Jean Chappell, Kay Chappell, Michael Cross, Joel Dewey, Ella DiGiulio, Brendan and Jessica Duke, Aaron Ellis, Jackie Fenner, Judson Foit, David Foxwell, John Foxwell, Barbara Fuston, Sandra Gaines, Nancy Gerace, Mary Kate Goldsborough, Reese Gourley, Beth Harwood, Fr. Gary Hawkins, Melissa Hawkins-Holt, Inayat Jain, Aften Johnson, Amanda Lehew, Joshua Love, Mike McGregor, Raxley McGrew, Mike McNeley, Michelle McTaggart, Debra Miller, Dan Moyer, John Picco, Marc Preis, Marge Prior, Andrew Pruzinsky, Julie Pugh, Andrew Reier, Barbara Reynolds, Ollie Rivera, Rebecca Robinson, Bobbi Schneider, Douglas Seely, John Simms, Chris Smith, the Stafford family, Tom Stang, Jenn Thatcher, Tym Thatcher, Mark Voyce, Carey Wargo, and Helen Wilkerson, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have died, especially Betty Gettier and Kim Grimm, that they may be at peace; let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the victims of gun violence and mass shootings, and for the families and friends of those killed, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for these churches, priests, and deacons in our diocese: Grace, Elkridge; Holy Apostles & St. Stephen; and St. Andrew's, Glenwood; and for Frances Cox, Anne Weatherholt, January Hamill, and Heyward Macdonald, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our bishop, Carrie, and our priest, Tim, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the residents, staff, and volunteers at Copper Ridge and the Night-by-Night Shelter, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Homework Club at the Historic Colored Schoolhouse – the volunteer teachers, the students, and their parents, let us pray to the Lord, *saying: **In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

Birthday Prayer – Barbara Bittorie

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant Barbara as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us now offer our own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, silently or aloud. **(Pause)**

Celebrant: We lift these prayers to you, O God, that they may be acceptable in your sight. Help us to answer your call to discipleship this day and every day, and to walk lovingly alongside our neighbors in Christ's name. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Sanctuary Choir

The Doxology

Hymn 380, Verse 3

Old 100th

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.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus S-114

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Healey Willan

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.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

People and Celebrant:

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 celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Fraction Anthem S-158

O Lamb of God

Healey Willan

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.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn 337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde de memores

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
2. Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward,
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
4. And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Solemn Prayer *(please kneel as you are able)*

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. **[Refrain]**
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **[Refrain]**
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. **[Refrain]**
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. **[Refrain]**

The Dismissal

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The FLOWERS on the Altar are to the Glory of God.

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Parish Ministries

(Please call the office for phone numbers or consult the parish directory)

Acolytes, Crucifers and Greeters – Mary Eleanor Grauel

Altar Guild – Shari Hodges

Blanket Ministry – Chris Gunther

Choir – Julia Colonna, Music Director

Copper Ridge Spiritual Companions – Fr. Tim

E.S.C.A.P.E. Ministries – Jill Singleton

Homework Club at HCS – Pam Jacobs

Hospitality – Leader(s) Needed!

Livestreaming – Lisa Thomas

Night-by-Night Shelter – Wayne Pugh

Pantry Project – Jill Singleton

“People Helping People” Project – Fr. Tim

Prayer Bead Ministry – Lisa Thomas

Readers – Mary Eleanor Grauel

Thrift Shop – Pat Reier

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