

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edgartown, Massachusetts



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## The Second Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
March 1, 2026

Welcome! Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Andrew's and are grateful for your presence with us this morning. If you would like more information from us, please leave us with your contact information by filling out a card available in your pew. We hope to see you again soon!

## Liturgical Notes

**I**N THE CHURCH'S ANCIENT RHYTHM OF PRAYER, certain words are set aside from time to time, so that when we hear them again, they may touch our hearts more deeply. These words are not lost to us — they are lovingly kept and stewarded. Among them is the ancient acclamation *Alleluia*, a word that overflows with praise and joy, and which the Church has long cherished as a song for festal seasons.

During Lent, the Book of Common Prayer invites us to refrain from its use and to await its return at Eastertide. This practice is a way of shaping our communal prayer so that we may enter more fully into the spirit of the season.

Lent is given to us as a holy time of reflection and renewal: a season for self-examination and repentance; for prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy; and for quiet attentiveness to God's Word. Our worship takes on a simpler and more restrained character to create space — space for honesty, healing, and grace. In laying aside the Church's most exuberant cry of praise, we make room for a deeper longing for the joy that is to come.

This custom reaches back to the early centuries of Christian prayer. Believers silenced the *Alleluia* during Lent as a sign that we walk with Christ in the wilderness and, in time, toward the cross. Like fasting before a feast, its absence heightens our awareness and prepares our hearts. When at last the *Alleluia* returns at Eastertide, it returns as a newly voiced proclamation bearing all the joy and radiance of the Resurrection.

So, in these forty days, we trust that even in quieter worship, God is at work within us. And we wait with hopeful hearts for the great song to rise again: *Alleluia. Christ is risen.*

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## The Word of God

*It is our tradition to maintain a holy silence upon entering the church.*

**Prelude**      Orgelsalmen: Der 121 Psalm      Heinz Werner Zimmermann  
*I lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?*      (1930–2022)

**Hymn 401**      *The God of Abraham praise*      *Please stand*

**The Penitential Order**      *Please kneel*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant* If we say that 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.

Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

*People* Amen.

Kyrie eleison *Please stand*

Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

*Please be seated*

The Old Testament Lesson

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**      *Read responsively*

- 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 Gospel**

John 3:1–17

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

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.”

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

The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard

*A period of silence follows the Sermon***The Nicene Creed***Please stand**Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

## Intercessions and Thanksgiving

*Please kneel*

*Adapted from the Book of Common  
Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

*Intercessor* Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In this confidence we ask you to accept the prayers we make.

Let us pray for the church.

*Silence*

Faithful God, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy, that they might proclaim your salvation to all. Strengthen those whom you choose today, that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for creation.

*Silence*

Creator of all, you entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its peace with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging creation, that coming generations may inherit lands brimming with life.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the world.

*Silence*

Sovereign God, you hold both the history of nations and the humble life of villages in your care. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants, heal them of disease, and protect them in time of upheaval and disaster, that all may enter the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for peace.

*Silence*

Judge of the nations, you created humanity for salvation, not destruction, and sent your Son to guide us into the way of peace. Enable people of every race and nation to accept each other as sisters and brothers, your children, on whom you lavish honor and favor.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for those who govern us.

*Silence*

God Most High, in Jesus of Nazareth you show us the authority that pleases you: ruling not by power or might, but serving in obedience to your will. We pray for all in authority over us: Deliver them from vain ambitions that they may govern in wisdom and justice.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial.

*Silence*

Compassionate God, you give rest to those weary with heavy burdens. Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit. Lift up the depressed. Befriend those who grieve. Comfort the anxious. Stand with all victims of abuse and other crime. Awaken those who damage themselves and others. Fill all people with your Holy Spirit that they may bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now rest in God.

*Silence*

Eternal God, whose love is stronger than death, and whose passion is more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation, gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We pray also for those on our parish prayer list . . .

*Prayers are offered for those on the parish prayer list*

*Silence*

*Then the Celebrant says the following concluding Prayer*

*Celebrant* God of glory, all creation awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for good for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

**The Peace** *Please stand*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

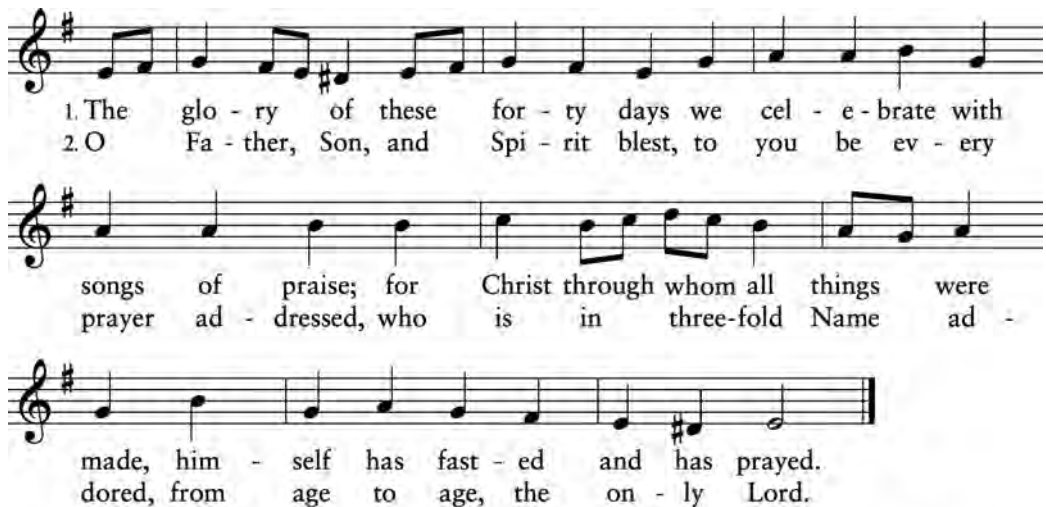
*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## Announcements and Prayer for the Transition

*The Prayer for the Transition may be found on the inside back cover of this bulletin*

# The Holy Communion

## Hymn at the Presentation



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with  
2. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to you be ev - ery  
songs of praise; for Christ through whom all things were  
prayer ad - dressed, who is in three-fold Name ad -  
made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*Words:* Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.

*Music:* ERHALT UNS, HERR, melody from Geistliche Leider, 1543

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.

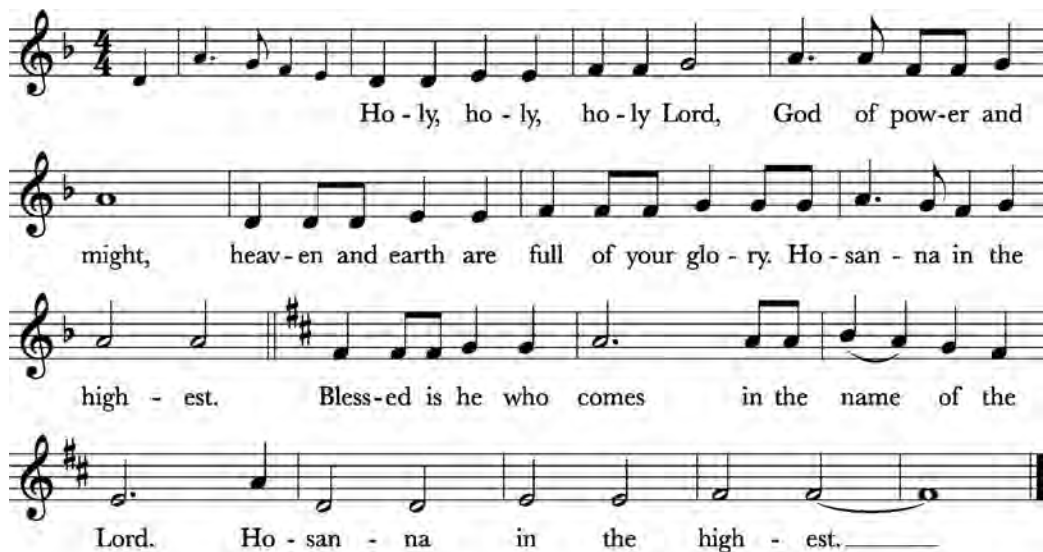
*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit



The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite

love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

*People* **AMEN.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world; grant us — peace.

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The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



## LENTEN CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

This evening, March 1

Sunday, March 15

4:00 PM

On these two Sunday afternoons, we will offer a quiet, contemplative service of Lenten Candlelight Vespers. Drawn from ancient liturgical sources, these services, lasting about 30 minutes, have been adapted for our use and provide an opportunity for calm and peace, capturing the spiritual resonance of the Lenten season and drawing the community into the self-reflection and repentance of Lent. Please join us!

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE

#### Community Suppers

Community Suppers continue at St. Andrew's on Monday evenings. We are looking for at least two cooks per Monday, as well as a helper to serve and clean up. We also need volunteers to deliver the 15+ to-go meals to Harbor Homes at the winter shelter, 111 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs. Please sign up if you are available, or reach out to Sara at [parishlife@standrewsmv.org](mailto:parishlife@standrewsmv.org).

#### Lenten Calendar

Hard copies of our Forgiveness Lenten Calendar with a quote, a thought, or something simple and easy to do about forgiveness are available in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall for anyone who wishes to utilize this Lenten practice.

#### St. Andrew's Congregation Special Historic Walking Tour of Edgartown with the Vineyard Preservation Trust

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Led by Sissy Biggers, Community Engagement and Special Projects Director at the Vineyard Preservation Trust

Meet at Carnegie Heritage Center, 58 N. Water Street, Edgartown

This 60-minute guided walking tour offers an engaging, insider's look at Edgartown's rich history. Designed especially for members of St. Andrew's, the tour brings the town's past to life through architecture, anecdotes, and Island lore. The walk begins with an exploration of the treasures inside the Carnegie Heritage Center before winding through

## Search Prayer for the Parish

Almighty God, Giver of every good gift,  
Look with favor upon this selection committee.  
Guide our minds as we work to choose a new rector for this parish.  
Grant us wisdom, discernment, and a clear sense of your will,  
as we seek a faithful pastor who will care for your people  
and equip our ministries.  
We pray that the Holy Spirit will be present throughout this process,  
guiding the search committee, the vestry and all potential candidates.  
May we be united in our desire to find the person you have chosen for us.  
May our new rector be a beacon of love, hope and faith in our community.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Edgartown Village and the historic waterfront. Along the way, guests visit the Norton Boat House, pass historic whaling captains' homes, and discover other storied landmarks that shaped this seafaring town. Exclusive access inside Vineyard Preservation Trust properties, including the Daniel Fisher House, the Vincent House, and the iconic Old Whaling Church, a Greek Revival masterpiece known for its celebrated trompe-l'oeil interiors.

Families and history lovers of all ages are welcome. Please note: the walking route includes uneven sidewalks and a few steps.

The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Provide your name and email for confirmation and updates! Limited to 16 for headsets! Another date can be added if interest exceeds capacity.

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