



**St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
Second Sunday in Lent – March 16, 2025**

(Silent Procession)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His Mercy Endures forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Trisagion – #S-102

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

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Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Liturgy of the Word

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*

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 27

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 Harken 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.**

**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.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (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*

Gospel Hymn #401

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*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.*

*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.

*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.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Luke (13:31-35)

All: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Response

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me a sinner.

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The Sermon

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

Reader: That we might become the story we tell, trusting in God's steadfast love, and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered, let us pray to the Lord as we say, "Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all followers of Christ, praying this day with the Body of Christ throughout the world, That in our words, worship, and work we will honour the covenant made with God in baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Richard, Gerardo and Barry, our Priests, and for all clergy; That they may be faithful pastors during this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For the nations and peoples of the earth, especially Donald our President, Ronald our governor and all those who govern; And that we may be led by the Spirit to serve as a sign and instrument of the Kingdom that has come near, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who will commit and recommit their lives to Christ this Easter in the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation, and for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal. That may become living proclamations of the good news, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: For all who have no choice but to fast every day, for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters. For the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation and to God alone. That our Lenten fasting may make our thoughts more aware of them, our hearts and hands more generous toward them, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: Let us remember the dead, (*especially...*), and that God's Spirit will bear up all who mourn, let us pray to the Lord:

All: *Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

All: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We pray for peace throughout the world, and for our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe. We pray especially for those in service who are

members of our congregation, and their families: Trent Polinsky, Skyler Ellis, Danny Taylor, Ryan Cesa, Zack Pierce, Matt Jacoby, Cale Eggart, Joanne Frioli, Caden Watson, Daniel Watson, Courtney Austin, Christopher Austin, James Dunlap, Luke Gibson, Kelley Fairchild and Shaye Dunlap.

We pray for all Doctors, Nurses, and healthcare workers.

We pray for Christians everywhere who face persecution.

We pray for our parish, the body of Christ throughout the world, united in worship here in our sanctuary and at home.

We pray for the members of our parish in need of your healing: the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, Dante Balzano, Pat Goodin, Deb Carlisle, and Irmgard Colter.

We pray for our friends and family in need of your healing.

Are there others for whom we need to pray?

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you;" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister & 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.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: *And also with you.***

Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Song BB31 "*Spirit of the Living God*"

*Spirit of the living God,
fall fresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God,
fall fresh on me.*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

*Spirit of the living God,
fall fresh on me.*

*Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.*

*Soul of heaven, heart of God,
wash over me.*

*Cleanse me, teach me,
hold me, reach me.*

Spirit of the living God, wash over me.

*Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.*

*Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.*

*Shield me, free me,
call me, lead me.*

*Holy presence, love divine,
cast out my fear.*

Presentation Hymn #149 "*Eternal Lord of Love*"

Eternal Lord of love,
behold your Church
walking once more the
pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day,
by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

All: *And of thy own have we given thee.*

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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:

Sanctus - #S-129

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

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

All together Say: 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 Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Have mercy on us.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,

People: *Grant us your peace.*

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.

Communion Song BB40

"Come Expecting Jesus"

I come expecting Jesus

to meet me in this place;

I come expecting to receive

His mercy and His grace;

When I eat the bread and drink the wine,

*it will be a holy moment in time;
I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place.*

*I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place;
I come expecting to receive
His mercy and His grace;
When I eat the bread and drink the wine,
it will be a holy moment in time;
I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place.*

*Before us the table is spread;
Here waits the wine,
and here waits the bread;
This passage of hope,
the bread and the cup;
Here where our souls are fed.*

*I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place;
I come expecting to receive
His mercy and His grace;
When I eat the bread and drink the wine,
it will be a holy moment in time;
I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place.*

*Remember the price that He paid,
this beautiful gift that He gave;
Come and receive
the healing He freely gives,
here where His love awaits.*

*I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place;
I come expecting to receive
His mercy and His grace;
When I eat the bread and drink the wine,
it will be a holy moment in time;
I come expecting Jesus
to meet me in this place.*

*I come expecting Jesus to meet me in this place,
I come expecting Jesus to meet me in this place.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

(silence)

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn #495

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.*

*Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.*

*Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.*

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***