



# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors*

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 401

*“The God of Abraham praise”*

*Leoni*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

*BCP p. 355*

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison

*Holy Ghost*



Lord, — have mer - cy.



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


Collect of the Day

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The Lessons:

Genesis 15:1–12,17–18 NRSV, p. 11

Psalm 27:1–6 Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all.)*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

*All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.*

Psalm chant:



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

ANTIPHON

Though an army should encamp a-/**gainst me,** \*  
yet my heart shall not be a-/**fraid;**  
And though war should rise up a-/**gainst me,** \*  
yet will I put my / **trust in him.**

ANTIPHON

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;**  
To behold the fair beauty of the / **Lord\***  
and to seek him in his / **temple.**

ANTIPHON

Philippians 3:17–4:1 NRSV, p. 1072

Sequence Hymn 147 *“Now let us all with one accord”* Bourbon

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31–35 NRSV, p. 953

The Sermon The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People: Form VI 392

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

- COMBINED CLASS “THIS IS US” - Great Hall
- This Sunday we are focusing on Educators. The panelists will include Raymond Burt, Michelle Grey, Mandy Hackler and Derrick Miller.

**CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

- PRESCHOOLERS - Preschool Classroom
- ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Yoga Room - Break out into small groups after a fun gathering together!
- 6th - 12th GRADERS - Youth Room - “Confirm not Conform”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**MON.- FRI., MARCH 14-20**

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

- SJDS TEACHER WORKDAY  
No School
- VESTRY MEETING  
5:15 PM | Bishop Wright Rm or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | Great Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

- MEN’S AL ANON  
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- SACRED GROUND

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th Street
- BYOBible STUDY  
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
- CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE  
5:45 PM | Children’s Chapel
- EPISCOPOSSE - WOMEN’S GROUP  
8:15 PM | Zoom

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON  
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM  
9 & 11:15 AM | SJ Website or FB
- FAITH FORMATION  
10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

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 & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Graham.*

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| The Confession of Sin and Absolution | 393 |
| The Peace                            | 360 |

The Holy Communion


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| Offertory Anthem: “Lead gently, Lord” | Clif Cason |
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| Lead gently, Lord, and slow,<br>For oh, my steps are weak,<br>And ever as I go,<br>Some soothing sentence speak;<br><br>That I may turn my face<br>Through doubt’s obscurity<br>toward thine abiding-place,<br>E’en tho’ I cannot see. | For lo, the way is dark;<br>Through mist and cloud I grope,<br>Save for that fitful spark,<br>The little flame of hope.<br><br>Lead gently, Lord, and slow,<br>For fear that I may fall;<br>I know not where to go<br>Unless I hear thy call.<br><br>My fainting soul doth yearn<br>For thy green hills afar;<br>So let thy mercy burn-<br>My greater, guiding star!<br><br><i>Paul Laurence Dunbar</i> |
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| Presentation Hymn 380 (stanza 3) | “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” | Old 100th |
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| <i>Celebrant</i>                                  | <i>People</i> |
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| The— Lord be— with you. And— al - so with you.    |               |
| <i>Celebrant</i>                                  | <i>People</i> |
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| Lift— up your hearts. We lift— them to— the Lord. |               |
| <i>Celebrant</i>                                  |               |
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| Let us give thanks— to the Lord our God.          |               |
| <i>People</i>                                     |               |
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| It is right— to give him thanks and praise.—      |               |

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| Sanctus S-124   | David Hurd  |
| The Lord’s Prayer   | 364         |
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| <div>Cantor Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.<br/><br/>People There - fore let us keep the feast.</div> |             |
| Communion Hymn 571 “All who love and serve your city”   | Charlestown |
| The Post-communion Prayer   | 365         |
| The Blessing  | 366         |
| Closing Hymn 142 “Lord, who throughout these forty days”  | St. Flavian |
| The Dismissal   | 366         |

Postlude:



The Collect

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.**

Genesis 15:1–12,17–18

Commentary:

*Abram had obeyed the Lord’s command to leave his home and travel to a new land. Along with the command, God had promised Abram that he would have many descendants. But now, many years later, Abram was still childless and quite old, so he assumed his heir would be his chief servant, Eliezer. However, God assured Abram that the promised descendants would come through a natural-born son, not an adopted heir. Abram believed God’s promises to give him land and descendants and because of his faith, God declared Abram righteous. God also made a covenant with Abram. The fulfillment of this covenant did not depend on Abram’s obedience, it rested entirely on God’s faithfulness.*

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 Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Commentary:

*Philippians is often considered the most positive and personal of Paul’s epistles, it reflects a joyful spirit. In these verses, Paul urged others to follow his example because he was following Christ. The Philippians needed Paul’s example because they were straying into self-indulgence; Christian liberty was turning into license. Undisciplined self-indulgence stood in sharp contrast to Paul’s example of a Christ-centered life. Paul reminded his readers that it is from the heavenly kingdom that our Savior will return. The prospect of Jesus’ return is motivation for believers in every age to live as citizens of heaven while we are still on earth.*

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.