

ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The First Sunday in Lent
Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Dr. Doris Buchanan Johnson, Celebrant
The Reverend Peter Lane, Preacher

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The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Doris Buchanan Johnson, Celebrant
The Reverend Peter Lane, Preacher

The Chiming of the Hour (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

The Prelude

Solemn Prelude

Charles Callahan

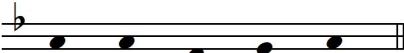
The Word of God

The Great Litany

Plainsong

The Great Litany, composed by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1544, became a cornerstone of Anglican worship as the Church's identity took shape during the Reformation. In fact, the Great Litany predates the publication and use of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. Its beauty is in part the way it connects us to our deepest Anglican roots. But in greater part, its beauty is in the way it connects us to our deepest need for God's mercy. It is a brilliant summary of the entire Psalter, exploring the full range of human experience and the ways that those experiences draw us closer to God and our need for God's love and forgiveness. As we enter this holy season of Lent, the Great Litany puts us in just the right frame of mind and heart to discover fully the beauty and blessing of this season.

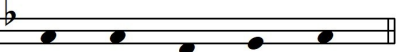
Litanist Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People 
Have mer - cy on us.

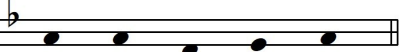
Litanist Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People 
Have mer - cy on us.


Litanist Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People 
Have mer - cy on us.

Litanist Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

People 
Have mer - cy on us.

Litanist From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

People 
Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.


Litanist By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People Sa - vior, de - liv - er us.

Litanist Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

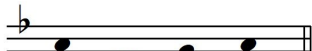
Litanist Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially _____) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

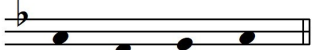
Litanist Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Ronald the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

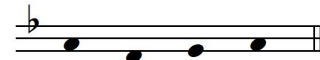
Litanist Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

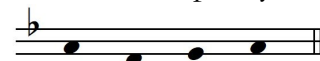
Litanist Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

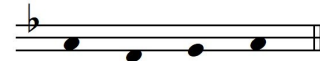
Litanist Bless and keep all your people,

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

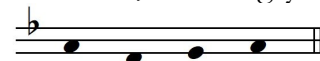
Litanist Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved (especially _____) and the oppressed.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Keep in safety those who travel (especially _____) and all who are in peril.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially _____) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees,
and all who are in trouble.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.


Litanist Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially _____) and grant
us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People 
Hear us, O Christ.

Litanist Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and
our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our
lives according to your word.

People 
Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and Migh-ty, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal one, Have mer-cy on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the First Lesson and the Psalm.

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but

of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Remain seated for the singing of the Psalm.)

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum*

Plainsong/Kevin Johnson

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **[Antiphon]**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt. **[Antiphon]**

Antiphon



Happy are they whose trans-gres-sions are for - giv-en and whose sin is _ put a - way.

- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. [Antiphon]
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." [Antiphon]
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. [Antiphon]

The Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 150

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Peter Lane

(A moment for reflection.)

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 Peace

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Ronald A. Nelson

I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

- Traditional Spiritual

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 380, Stanza 3

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Celebrant, faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.

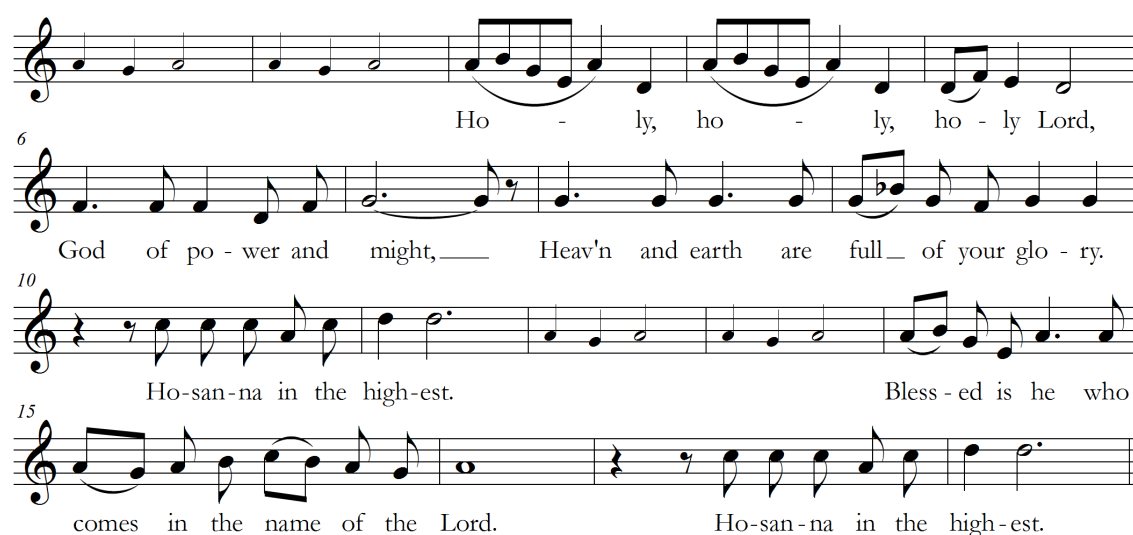
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Sanctus

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
6 God of po - wer and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
10 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who
15 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

William Mathias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Voluntary

Deep River

Calvin Taylor

Steal Away to Jesus

Calvin Taylor

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by All)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 688

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ein feste Burg

The Dismissal

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The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude

Prelude on Ein feste Burg

Johann Pachelbel

Coffee Hour

Please join us in Reister Hall for coffee immediately following the service.
Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

Prayer List

Please pray for

Judy Barratt
Cheryl Breland
Beverly Butters
Robert Colacicco
Debi Conlon
Keith Crank
Patrick Dean
Alex and Diane Hugill

John and Lyn
Diane Linindoll
Maria and Susan
Lauren and Jason Mooney
Charles and Doreen Sleeme
Sheila Suttie
Mission to Jamaica
Our nation

All who serve our
country at home and
abroad
Healthcare Workers
Victims of violence
Victims of all natural
disasters
All places torn by war
and violence

Lenten Organ Recital, Tuesday, February 24

Shawn Thomas, Organist at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo will offer a half-hour program of music here at St. Alfred's on Tuesday, February 24 at Noon. These recitals are sponsored by The Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Come enjoy some time for quiet reflection and lovely music.

Adult Faith Formation begins new Book Study, Sunday, March 1

On Sunday, March 1, the Adult Faith Formation group will begin study of the book, *Life after Doom* by Brian McLaren. The Adult Faith Formation group meets at 12:10 p.m. in the Library which is located in the Parish Center. All are invited. Come join us!

Women Composer Sunday, March 8

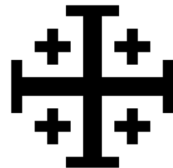
Sunday, March 8 has been designated Women Composer Sunday by the American Guild of Organists. For many centuries women were not encouraged to become musicians or compose music. This nation-wide celebration seeks to recognize and celebrate the important contributions of women composers past and present to church music. All of the organ and choral music at the 10 a.m. Eucharist on March 8 will be by women composers.

To make a donation to St. Alfred's Episcopal Church,
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 23	7 p.m., Bible Study (Library)
Tuesday, February 24	12 p.m., Lenten Organ Recital (Library) Shawn Thomas, Organist
Wednesday, February 25	2 p.m., Finance Meeting (Library) 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church)
Thursday, February 26	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, February 27	10 a.m., GriefShare (Library)
Saturday, February 28	8:30 a.m., Growers Group
2nd Sunday in Lent	5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday, March 1	10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
2nd Sunday in Lent	11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library and Zoom)



Solemn Prelude - Charles Callahan, MorningStar Music Publishers
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Spiritual, arranged by Ronald A. Nelson, GIA Publications
Deep River - Calvin Taylor, Calvin Taylor Publishing
Steal Away to Jesus - Calvin Taylor, Calvin Taylor Publishing
Prelude on Ein feste Burg - Johann Pachelbel, Oliver Ditson
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