

ST. ALFRED'S
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The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The Second Sunday in Lent
Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Agostino Rivolta, Celebrant
The Reverend Peter Lane, Preacher

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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

The Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This

Dale Wood

The Word of God

Hymn 401

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

A Penitential Order

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Lord, have mercy *Kyrie eleison*

McNeil Robinson

(Organ) Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
7 Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

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 for the First Lesson, Psalm and Epistle.

The First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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*

Plainsong/Kevin Johnson

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

Antiphon



My help comes from the Lord, the ma-ker of hea-ven and earth.

- 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. **[Antiphon]**
- 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; **[Antiphon]**
- 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. **[Antiphon]**
- 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. **[Antiphon]**

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.

Hymn 489

The Great Creator of the Worlds

Tallis' Ordinal

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

Priest 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.”

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 Prayers of the People *The response following each intercession is:*
Leader Lord, bless us,
People So that we may bless others.

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

Thy Matchless Love

Alfred Fedak

1 Let thy blood in mercy poured,
Let thy gracious body broken,
Be to me, O gracious Lord
Of thy boundless love the token,
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to Thee.

3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
By the spear wound and the nailing,
By the pain and death I now claim,
O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to Thee.

2 Thou didst die that I might live;
Blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
All that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to Thee.

4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
Thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
Now I give myself to Thee.

- John Browlie (1859-1925)

(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,
God of po - wer and might, Heav'n 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.

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 Hymn 337 *And now, O Father, Mindful of the Love*

Unde et memores

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.

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. *Amen.*

Hymn 473

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

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

Processional on Lift High the Cross

Donald Busarow

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	John and Lyn	All who serve our country at home and abroad
Cheryl Breland	Diane Linindoll	Healthcare Workers
Beverly Butters	Lauren and Jason Mooney	Victims of violence
Robert Colacicco	Charles and Doreen Sleeme	Victims of all natural disasters
Patrick Dean	The Family of John Still	All places torn by war and violence
Deena	Sheila Suttie	
Cyndy Grey	Walter	
Alex and Diane Hugill	Mission to Jamaica	
Chris Kawolics	Our nation	

Adult Faith Formation begins new Book Study

On Sunday, March 8, 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 Composers Sunday, March 8

Sunday, March 8 has been designated Women Composers 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.

Lenten Choral Evensong, Sunday, March 15

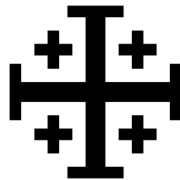
Sunday afternoon, March 15 at 4 p.m. our Choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong. Guest Cellist, Theresa Villani will offer selections for the prelude and join in accompanying the choir on two anthems. The service will include hymns, psalms, prayers, and anthems appropriate to the Lenten season. An offering will be received for the music fund.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 2	12 p.m., Daughters of the King (Library) 7 p.m., Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday, March 4	10 a.m., Communications Meeting (Library) 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church)
Thursday, March 5	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, March 6	10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1 p.m., Lectio Poetica (Library)
Saturday, March 7 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:45 a.m., Men on The Way (Library) 2 p.m., Rice Bagging, Outreach Meeting (Reister Hall) 5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday, March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent	10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12:10 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library and Zoom)



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