



The Second Sunday in Lent  
25 February 2024  
10:15 a.m.

**Voluntary** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Craig Phillips

Hymn 401

*Leoni*

## The Penitential Order

### Opening Sentences

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

*The presider may say one or more of the following*

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, with 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*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*-Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.**

### Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
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**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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 First Reading**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

*Reader* A reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 22:22-30**

*The psalm is sung by the congregation.*

**Tone II.1**

- 22. Praise the Lord, you that / fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob’s line, / give glory.
- 23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his / face from them;  
but when they cry to him / he hears them.
- 24. My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those / who worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him:  
    “May your heart live / for ever!”
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.
27. For kingship belongs to the / Lord;  
    he rules over / the nations.
28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;  
    all who go down to the dust fall / before him.
29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him;  
    they shall be known as the Lord’s / for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn  
    the saving deeds / that he has done.

## The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

*Reader* A reading from Romans.

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Hymn 605

*Sharpthorne*

## The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*A brief silence follows.*

## **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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The presider introduces the prayers.*

Let us offer our prayers for the Church and for the world. In this season of preparation, let us also remember to be silent and listen for a fresh word from God.

O God, you brought order out of chaos with a word. We pray for the good earth you have given us and ask that you will give us the will to care for it and protect it. Make us ever mindful of our call to be stewards of your creation. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

## *Moment of Silence*

O God, your Son Jesus Christ breathed new life on his disciples and sent them into the world to share the Gospel with all people. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer our Bishop; for the Anglican Church of Tanzania; for St. John's, Crawfordsville; for our companion Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop, Mauricio; for the Diocese of Haiti, and St. Andre's, Mithon; and for all those called to the Church's mission. Send your Holy Spirit to enliven the Church with a sense of urgency and purpose. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

## *Moment of Silence*

O God, your prophets demanded justice and offered your vision of true peace. We pray for peace in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, and all other places of conflicts. We pray for Joe our President, Eric our Governor, Tony and Erin our mayors, and all those in authority. Send your prophets to call us back to the ways of justice, mercy, and humility that all people may share in your kingdom. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

## *Moment of Silence*

O God, in you we live, and move, and have our being. We give you thanks for the many blessings of this life. We give thanks for the work of the LUM Food Pantry at St. John's, Food Finders, and all those who work to address food insecurity. We give thanks for those who find community here including: Catherine & Ken Sandhage, Mark & Jill Scharer, Michelle Schmierer, Alex Schmierer, Ed & Lise Schools. Help us to remember that our common life depends upon one another and upon your never-failing care. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

## *Moment of Silence*

O God, with a word your Son Jesus Christ healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and even raised the dead. We remember before you all who are sick, alone, or in any other need. We remember all who have been commended to our prayers and those we name now either silently or aloud... Have compassion, O God, on those who suffer granting them peace, comfort, and healing. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*Moment of Silence*

O God, you are the God of the living and the dead. We remember all who have died including Nex, June, those buried in the Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud.... Give us hope in the face of death and by your promise bring them and us to the joys of eternal life. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*Moment of Silence*

*The presider continues*

Wise and loving God who sought out those living on the margins; bring us into the light of your presence; focus our hearts on your love and lead us in discernment of your will, that we may stretch out our arms to share your love with our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Then the people greet one another in the name of Christ.*

**Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life**

*Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

Come to this table you who have much faith and you who would have more; Come to this table you have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; Come to this table you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come to this table for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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## Offertory *Ain'-a That Good News*

William Dawson

## The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer D

*Presider*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## The Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

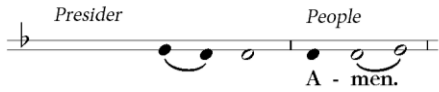
We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation....

... Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ....

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 Agnus Dei**

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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**The Invitation & Communion of the People**

*The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.*

**Music during Communion**

Hymn 675  
 Hymn 328

*Bourbon  
 Song 46*



## The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**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 Lenten Prayer

*The presider continues*

Let us kneel before the Lord.

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. **Amen.**

Hymn 688

*Ein feste Burg*

## The Dismissal

*A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor*

J.S. Bach

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*



## Welcome

**May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.**

**We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags** are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

**St. John's has a Hearing Loop system**, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

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## New To St. John's?

**We're glad you're here.**

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit [stjohns-laf.org/guest](http://stjohns-laf.org/guest) or use the QR code.



## Those Serving

<b>Presider</b>	Jason Fortner
<b>Preacher</b>	Bradley Pace
<b>MC</b>	Kyle Tribbett
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bruce Johnson
<b>Lectors</b>	Danae Redick, Linda Jeffries
<b>LEM</b>	Courtenay Murakowski, Kristine Holtvedt
<b>Ushers</b>	Dorinda Kueberth, Jack Kueberth
<b>Counters</b>	Rachel Shook, Maggie McClure
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carl Taylor, Elizabeth White, Jennifer Chandler, Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander

## Parish Announcements

### **St. John's Offering of Letters 2024—Begins TODAY**

The U.S. Farm Bill is our nation's most important national food system legislation. It is critical to ending hunger and affects each of us. Bread for the World, a non-partisan Christian advocacy organization, calls on Christians from all political parties and denominations to encourage our elected leaders to do all they can to end hunger. Reauthorizing a family-friendly Farm Bill will go a long way to helping those suffering from food insecurity in the U. S. and internationally.

**St. John's will write letters to our Senators and Representative beginning this Sunday and continuing through March 17.** Look for more information in the St. John's Commons. We will again have sample letters and letter templates available. The QR code links to more information to assist with writing your letters. Letters may be mailed directly, delivered to the church, or submitted electronically (using the QR code or <http://tinyurl.com/yckeyhen>). For more information, contact Becky Dick at [beckydick.wl@gmail.com](mailto:beckydick.wl@gmail.com).



### **New Fire: An Ecological Reading of the Easter Vigil Continues TODAY after the 10:15 a.m. service**

“New Fire” will explore the intersections of theology, liturgy, and ecology in the Easter Vigil during the weeks leading up to the service. The hope is that our conversation will help us experience the Vigil in a new and powerful way. We will bring our own experiences to this discussion, and we will also employ the lenses of feminism and queer eco-spirituality as we seek to dive deeper into the meaning of this crucial Episcopal liturgy.

**The class will meet in the church from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through March 10.** We will be engaging with all the liturgical elements of the Vigil, so there will be smells and there will be bells as well as bread, water, and wine. For more information, contact Jason Fortner at [jason@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:jason@stjohns-laf.org).

### **Lenten Book Discussion—Wild Hope-Stories for Lent from the Vanishing Continues this Thursday at 6:15 p.m.**

St. John's will host a discussion of stories from *Wild Hope* by Gayle Boss on Thursdays in Lent with Caleb Redick. This book attempts to orient us towards the brokenness of creation during the season of Lent by presenting short stories and illustrations of endangered creatures. A limited number of copies of the book will be available.

All ages are welcome to participate, however a few of the stories may be disturbing, as they present the reality of pollution, poaching, and sickness of creatures. Please contact Caleb Redick at [calebredick@gmail.com](mailto:calebredick@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Eclectic Celts**

### **Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd**

The Eclectic Celts will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th at Good Shepherd. We will be continuing with a theme of the turning seasons and the bringing of new things to life. Come and set some intentions with us as we join together for liturgy, song, and reflection.

The Eclectic Celts provide an exploration of Celtic Christianity through a monthly contemplative liturgical service.

### **“The Episcopal Awakening” Event at St. John’s**

#### **Friday, March 8, 7 p.m.**

“The Episcopal Awakening”, a short film created by the Indianapolis chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) at our recent Diocesan Convention. The film offers a number of reflections from members of the Diocese along with important local Episcopal history. The film reminds us that it is one thing to think about the distant past or far off places. But when we realize that our own communities and even our own churches share concretely in this history, it has a particularly profound effect. We are not simply correcting for some abstract wrong done to “other people”, we are correcting wrongs done to the people who have sat in the pews with us and maybe still do. At the same time, we also share in stories of resilience and repair that give us examples and models of how to be the Church, the Body of Christ, in its truest form. As the film states toward the end, “Events of the recent past have shown us that there is still much work to do to heal our culture of racism. This journey... remains a work in progress.”

On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., Mother Andrea Arsene, Rector of All Saints, Indianapolis and former Curate at St. John’s, will join us to screen the film and talk about local stories of struggle and resilience, of wrong and repair. Desserts and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Bradley at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## **Sunday Morning Hospitality**

Would you like to help with Sunday morning hospitality (aka "coffee hour") after the 10:15 service? Do you need to know more about what hosting entails or want to be more comfortable navigating the kitchen? Please contact [carla.bowerman@gmail.com](mailto:carla.bowerman@gmail.com) to be added to the rotation list, or if you have questions.

## **Support the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue—Volunteer for Sunday meals!**

The Purdue Campus Ministry is inviting St. John’s folks to help prepare dinner for our students on Sunday nights. The church can pay for the ingredients (save your receipts!). Hilary Cooke, the Episcopal Campus Minister at Purdue, can help navigate recipes to address dietary concerns. For more information, contact Hilary at [hilary@goodshp.org](mailto:hilary@goodshp.org) or sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/mreez3bc>.

## Parish Prayer List

**St. John's Cycle of Prayer**—Catherine & Ken Sandhage, Mark & Jill Scharer, Michelle Schmierer, Alex Schmierer, Ed & Lise Schools

**Parish Prayer List**—John & Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Lawson, Alyce Dressler, Pam Ogorzaly, Paul Roberts, Carol Helgerman, Ginny Hull, John Howland, Sue Eichhorn, Pequita Behrndt, Don Nead, Barbara Hess, Rosemarie Goonewardene, Janet Huber, Carolyn Speer, Kathie Basden, Bill McInerney, Ben, Judy, Jerry, Sandra, Carole, Lynn, Jacob, Nancy, Kirsten, Scott, John, Michael, Bonnie, Johanna, Lowell, and their families.

For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm's way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

**For those who have died**—For all who have died, including Nex, June, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

**The leaders of our Communion**—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

**St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian**—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

**Our Ministry Partners**—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; The Anglican Church of Tanzania, and St. John's, Crawfordsville.

**This nation and all in authority**—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and Erin, our mayors

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