

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to St. Patrick's!

If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a pew card. Thank you for worshipping alongside us.

Children at St. Patrick's

We believe children point to the presence of the Holy Spirit during worship. Therefore, kids are welcome throughout the service. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during this service. We also have Children's Chapel for children aged 4 years through 5th grade beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can drop your children off in the chapel and they will return to you in the sanctuary at the peace. Please ask the ushers if you need directions to the nursery or the chapel.

Hearing/Visually Impaired: Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

St. Patrick's Mission Statement: St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Vision Statement: St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

Prelude *My Song is Love Unknown*, Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Opening Hymn 149 *Eternal Lord of love, behold your church*

The people standing, the Presider says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Presider then says,

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.”

The Deacon or Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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 Presider 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.**

Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

A reading from the book of 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."
- 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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 150 *Forty days and forty nights*

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 *(All stand.)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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,
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,
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, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church
especially Grace Church, Pomeroy;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority
in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially...
who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

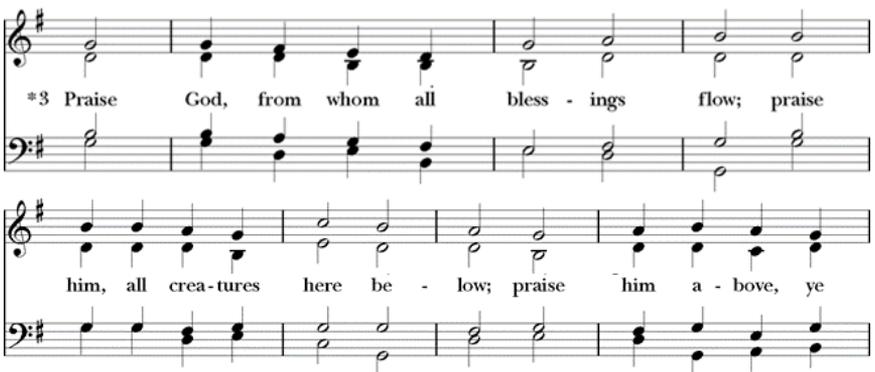
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *The Serpent*, Thomas Pavlechko

The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)

Doxology



*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B with Expansive Language

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says
 Presider God be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Lift up your hearts.
 People **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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. _____

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and

this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

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

People and Presider

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn

Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the

sins of the world, have — mer - cy on us.

Lamb — of God, you take — a - way the

sins of the world, grant — us peace.

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar.

*If you choose to receive communion,
 you may do so in one of the following ways:*

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged, however if you choose to intinct please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion Hymn LEVAS 70 *I want Jesus to walk with me*

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

Eucharistic Visitor Sending *(if needed)*

Presider We send you out in the Name of God to those who
can't be here today bearing the body of Christ so they
may be the body of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 448 vv. 1-3, 6 *O love, how deep, how broad*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Bread of Heaven, Wayne Barlow*

***Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!***

Today's Ministry Team

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Duffy

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson

Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Streaming: Thomas Clark

Lay Reader: Virginia Tuttle

Lectors: Amy Collins, Susan Jones

Crucifer: Zachary Haney

Acolytes: Michael Pittsenbarger, Jack Magee

Ushers: Tom Jones, Bob Butler, Leif Carlson, Steve Pearson

Greeters: Hal & Mary Bradley

Children's Chapel Helper: Wei Mygrant

Coffee Hour: Betsy & Nick Nold, Cindy Doan

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Ann Semans, Dick Gehman

Altar Guild: Becky Stains, Shannon McCarthy, Julie Myers

Counters: Jeff Beuter, Steve Norris

Hospitality Table: Ed & Jo Yuhas

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