

# **Liturgy of the Word**

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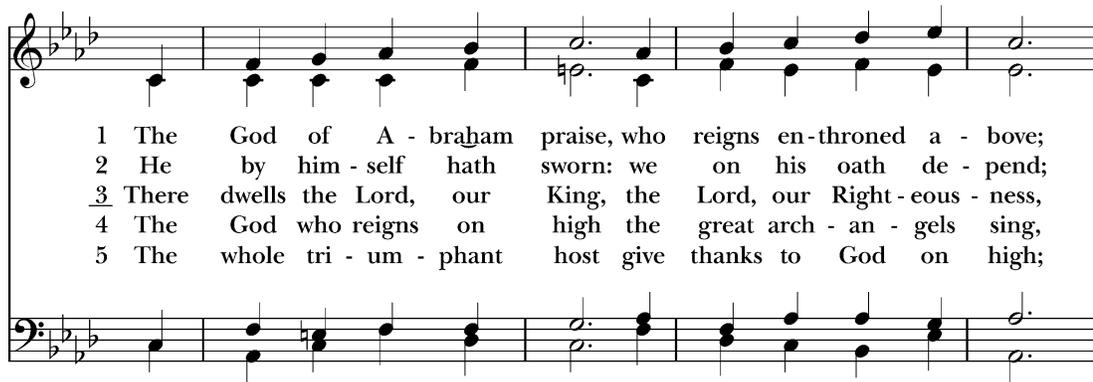
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Liturgy of the Word**  
**March 1, 2026**

**Carol Ann Chidlaw, Officiant**

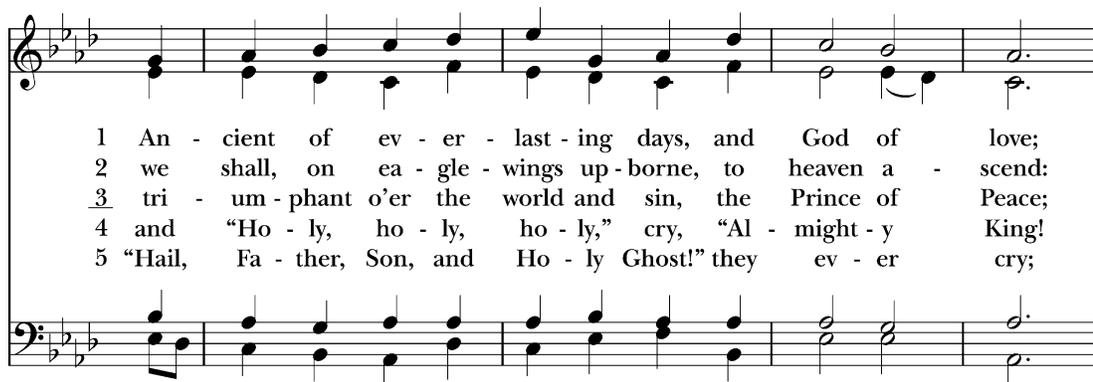
# The Word of God

## Opening Hymn

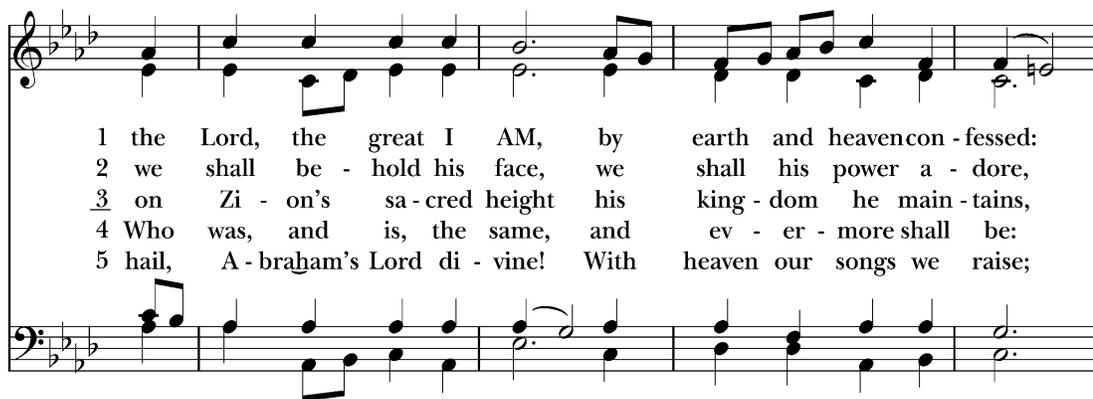
The God of Abraham praise 401



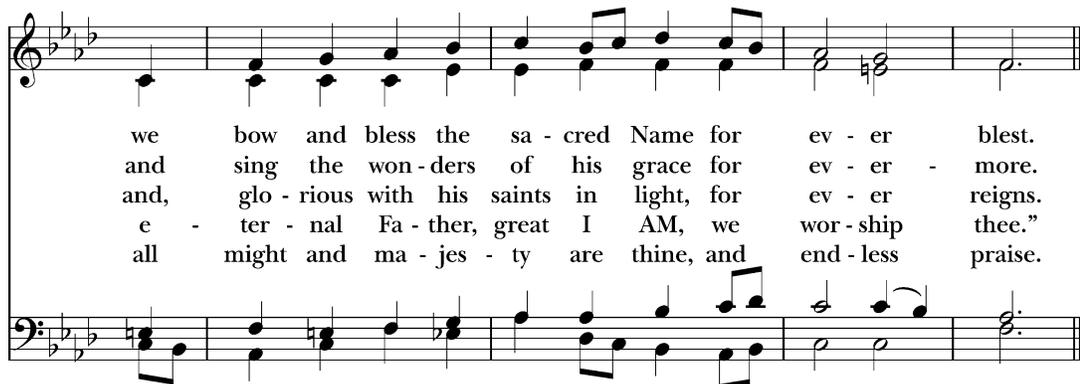
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

*People* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
His mercy endures for ever.

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says the following,*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
Silence may be kept.

*Officiant and People*

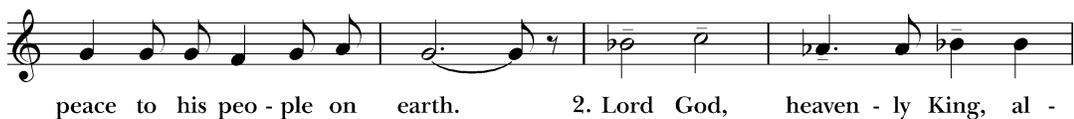
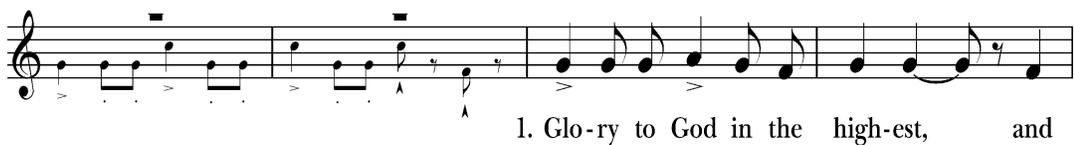
Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake 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 Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## Gloria

*Hymnal S-280*



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

The Officiant says 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.*

## First Lesson

## Genesis 12:1-4a

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.

*After the reading, the lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 121**

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.

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;

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.

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.

### **Second Lesson**

**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.

*After the reading, the lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee* 635

*Vs. 1, Gospel, vs. 2*

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Gospel Lesson**

**John 3:1-17**

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.”

*After the Gospel, the Deacon or Celebrant says*

                  The Gospel of the Lord.  
People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon – Sermons that Work**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us stand as able and say the Nicene Creed together.

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.

## **Prayers of the People VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our bishops, for our  
supply priests, for our candidate Sheila, and for all bishops and other ministers,  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (including the birthdays of [\_\_\_\_\_] and the anniversaries of [\_\_\_\_\_].)

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Officiant says this or some other Collect*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Offertory**

*The Officiant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Officiant says*

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

*People and Officiant*

*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 Peace

All stand. The Officiant 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.

## The Announcements

Sunday, 3/1 **Liturgy of the Word**  
**Undesignated Offering to Discretionary Fund**  
9:45a Adult Lectionary Discussion  
Children's Sunday School on request

Monday, 3/2 6:30p **Book Club**

Wednesday, 3/4 12:00p **Lenten Healing Service**  
12:30p **Lenten Luncheon – Soup by DOK**  
**No Bible Study during Lent**  
7:00p Choir Practice

Thursday, 3/5 2:00p **Grief Support Group – Moved for Lent**  
5:30p Handbell Practice

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 3/8 **Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward**  
9:45a Adult Lectionary Discussion  
Children's Sunday School on request

Wednesday, 3/11 12:00p **Lenten Healing Service**  
12:30p **Lenten Luncheon – Soup by DOK**  
**No Bible Study during Lent**  
7:00p Choir Practice

Thursday, 3/12 2:00p **Grief Support Group – Moved for Lent**  
5:30p Handbell Practice

Friday, 3/13 1:30p **Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives**  
**Visit Islamic Center on Hwy 64**

Saturday, 3/14 9:00a **DOK Meeting**  
6:00p **Serendipity Dinner in Parish Hall - Tacos**

### SAVE THE DATE

Weds thru 4/1 12:00p **Lenten Healing Service**  
12:30p **Lenten Luncheon – Soup by DOK**

Sunday, 3/15 **Liturgy of the Word**

Monday, 3/16 6:30p **Book Club**

Tuesday, 3/17 11:30a **Out-to-Lunch Bunch at Panera Bread**  
6:30p Vestry Meeting

Saturday, 3/21 6:00p **Thrive**

Saturday, 4/4 10:00a **Easter Egg Hunt**

### Prayer for a New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on St. Francis and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for your ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer 51. For a Birthday

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Prayer for St. Francis

Heavenly Father, we come to you at this time, seeking your perfect plan for St. Francis. We seek your wisdom, discernment, and guidance as to how we may serve you best and to your glory. Make us a church where your Son, Jesus, is lifted up as Lord and Savior and where the healing power and presence of the Holy Spirit is known. Even as your people trusted in you to bring them to the Promised Land, we look to you as God and Father to lead us in all things. We trust you to bring to us the people and resources to help us accomplish your work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

*Lift high the cross* 473

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is a descant, followed by a refrain. The second system continues the refrain. The third system is the main body of the hymn, with a bass line below the vocal line.

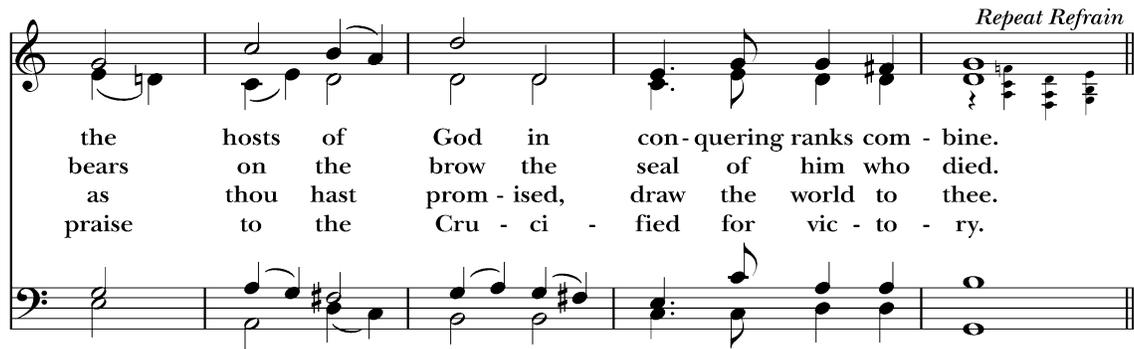
*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.  
till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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*The Officiant dismisses them with these words*

*People*            Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
                           *Thanks be to God.*