

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
March 13, 2022 Year C  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

*Due to COVID, please sing all hymns silently in your heart rather than out loud.*

**Prelude**    Toccata on *Leoni* Gordon Young, 1980

**\*Hymn**    The God of Abraham praise (*Leoni*) **Hymnal #401**

**\*Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

**\*Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**\*Kyrie**

**Hymnal #S-91**

**\*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 Lesson**

**Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat  
up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my  
adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.  
3 Though an army should encamp against  
me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
4 And though war should rise up against  
me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.  
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep  
me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his  
dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.  
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an  
oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to  
the Lord.

### *Dominus illuminatio*

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I  
call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek  
my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in  
displeasure.  
13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my  
salvation.  
14 Though my father and my mother  
forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.  
15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of  
my enemies.  
16 Deliver me not into the hand of my  
adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up  
against me,  
and also those who speak malice.  
17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of  
the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!  
18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your  
heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

**The Epistle Reading****Philippians 3:17–4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading****Luke 13:31–34**

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

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon****The Rev. Megan Castellan****The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

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.

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**

O gracious and compassionate God, help us to stand firm in the faith, despite our sins and weaknesses, and to pray in hope despite our fears, as we offer up to you the deepest needs of the world, responding, "Lord, have mercy."

+ For the Church, the people of God, that we may not fear the voice of the prophet, the one who makes us uncomfortable, who shakes us up in order to turn us to God; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

+ That the leaders of the nations may fear injustice more than any adversary, may see through the lies that keep our sisters and brothers in bondage, not heeding the liars, may respond to the cries of hungry children, not the voices of the powerful; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

+ That we may follow the ways and words of Jesus, dispelling the false promises of this world, to embrace our citizenship in heaven; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

+ That we may care for the young adults in our church, calling them by name, honoring their intelligence, sitting down and listening to their concerns and ideas; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

+ For those preparing for rites of initiation, and those who are sponsoring them, may they take seriously the promises and vows that they will make, and experience Jesus' constant love on their journey of faith; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

+ For those who have died with the love of Christ on their hearts, that eternal life may be their reward; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

The Lord is our light and our salvation; in his strength we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Dave	Wes	Joan	Tina	Jon	Cece
Amelia	Jean	Laurie	Carl	James	Dean
Mary	Vivian	Theodore	Jennifer	Jonathan	Bridget
Tom	Sarah	Margaret	Ovie	Paula	Maura
Giovanni	Felice	Pat	Stanley	Carol	The Shea
Cindy	Edith	Heather	Carol	Lorraine	family
Dan	Elaine	Judy	Sara	George	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:  
Charles Ciccone, Christopher Henry

### Confession of Sin

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.*

### \*The Peace

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

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

### Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Anthem:** *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* Richard Farrant (c. 1530–1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

[Words from John Bull's *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*, 1568, based on a 4th C. Latin Hymn]

**\*Presentation Hymn** Now let us all with one accord (*Bourbon*)

**Hymnal #147 vs. 1, 4 & 5**

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

**Expanded Language Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** 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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-114

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem      **Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal #S-158

## The Communion of the People

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

## **Blessing**

**\*Hymn** Forty days and forty nights (*Aus Der Tiefe rufe ich*)

**Hymnal #150**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Wer nur den lieben Gott laßt walten* (If thou but trust in God to guide thee), BWV 642  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Jennifer Dodwell, Gwen Freeman, Sally Clayton

**Virtual Vergers:** Matthew Sanaker, Virginia McGhee

*Choral Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir*

The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are Given to the Glory of God in memory of Edith N. Arlin and Irene T. Noss by Mary Arlin.

## Hymns

### **The God of Abraham Praise (*Leoni*) Hymnal #401 vs. 1, 2 & 4**

1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:  
we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

4 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee."

### **Now let us all with one accord (*Bourbon*) Hymnal #147 vs. 1, 4 & 5**

1 Now let us all with one accord,  
in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord  
in his temptation and his fast.

4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be,  
in your own image were we made;

help us, lest in anxiety,  
we cause your name to be betrayed

5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord forgive;  
so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you forever live,  
in love and unity and peace.

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### **Forty days and forty nights (*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*) Hymnal #150**

1. Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Should not we thy sorrow share  
and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?

3. Then if Satan on us press,  
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint or fall!

4. So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.





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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/>. Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

**Cyber Choir** welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang after the service or contact her through the church office.

### Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour resumes today in the Parish Hall. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

*Forward Day by Day* for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**2022 PLEDGE ENVELOPES**, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or [office@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:office@stjohnsithaca.org).

**NEWCOMERS:** We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers, and do stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service. **LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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