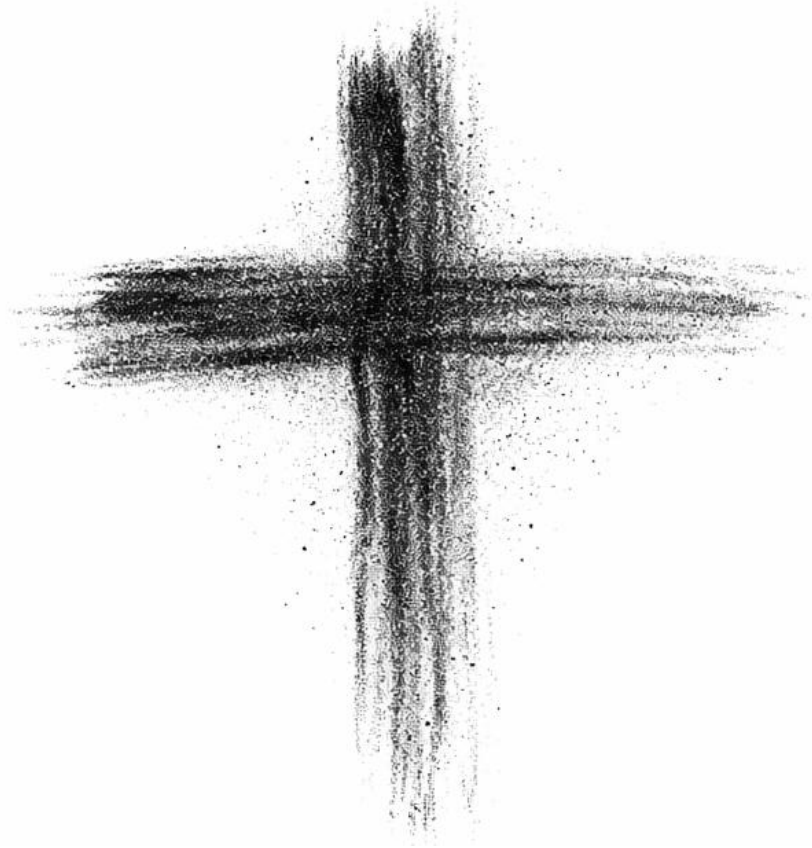


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Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 | 8:00AM

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church | Marion, Massachusetts

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The Word of God

Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

DECALOGUE (BCP p. 317)

All together, the People kneeling

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Honor thy father and thy mother.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt do no murder.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not steal.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not covet.

***Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW (BCP p. 319)

The Celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 320)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

KYRIE BCP (p. 324)

The following is sung, all standing

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹Now 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. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 121

Remain seated.

¹I 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.

³He 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;***

⁵The 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.***

⁷The 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 forevermore.***

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.***

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

All stand.

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

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷“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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Fredrickson

THE CREED (BCP P. 326)

All stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men and women: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sean our presiding Bishop and Julia our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President, members of Congress and our state and local elected officials that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially David Titus and Hanna Milhench in whose memory the peace lilies have been given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Gabriel and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP p. 333)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

SANCTUS (BCP p. 334)

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

People and Celebrant

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP P. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

The People may join in saying this prayer

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER GOD'S PEOPLE

The priest blesses the people, saying

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

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

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and David Titus by Men's Group*

Weekly Reminder

Tues 3 rd	9:00 a.m.	Garden Club
Wed 4 th	12:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers
	6:30 p.m.	Lectio Divina
Thurs 5 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun 8 th	8:00 a.m.	Rite I Chapel Service
	10:00 a.m.	Rite II Church Service

Announcements

- ❖ Lenten Book Study with Deacon Kris – Thursdays at 12:30 pm in the Parish Library.
- ❖ Lectio Divina will be offered during Lent on Wednesday evenings following Vespers in the library – The first meeting will be Feb 25th.
- ❖ Country Western Fundraiser – Saturday, March 28th 6 – 8pm

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