

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025



“Turn our hearts around.
Flood our souls completely.
Wash us in your love.”

—From “Turn Our Hearts Around,” Lenten Sunday Gospel Hymn

LENT IS A SEASON SET APART . . .

A Rule of Life is a commitment to a core set of practices that support growth in a Jesus-Centered life. The Episcopal Church names its Rule of Life *The Way of Love*.

The Way of Love offers seven practices for a Jesus-centered life. One of them is TURN. During Lent 2025, St. Francis' liturgy and Lenten offerings will focus on this practice. When we TURN, we pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus. With God's help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again.

The *Book of Common Prayer* offers an ancient pastoral rite which can help us to turn to the way of truth, love and hope; it is called the Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP, p. 447). In this sacramental rite, a person confesses their sins to God in the presence of a priest and receives the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. In other traditions, this rite is also called penance or confession. We invite you to take part in this powerful experience of naming and releasing those things that separate us from God to make new space for grace, restoration, and fullness of life, on Wednesday evenings in Lent from 5pm-7pm. See the newsletter link or email Laurie+ to set an appointment.

Liturgy: There are several significant liturgical changes. We open with the Great Litany. This emphasizes that Lent is a time for turning and re-turning to God. There is no Gloria and no speaking of the word "alleluia!" in Lent. We will hear these words on Easter Day! Finally, after the Post-communion prayer, the priest will offer a Solemn Prayer, instead of the usual blessing. This prayer changes with each week of Lent.

Colors: We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent.

Seating: Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to the Lent as a season of penitence. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

Baptismal Font: The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

Please be seated and silent for the prelude as it prepares our minds and souls for the worship to come.

PRELUDE 10:30am only

NEAR THE CROSS

JOEL RANEY

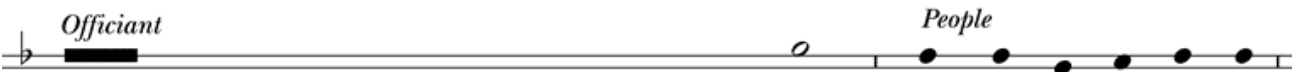
THE GREAT LITANY *Stand.*

At 8am, spoken.

The significance of The Great Litany is deep: It is our oldest original English language rite, it is all-encompassing and focuses our prayers for ourselves and for the world, and it is the strongest way to begin "keeping a Holy Lent." It creates structured contemplation within Liturgy. It provides a space for pausing and listening which are essential to the practice of Turning.

Officiant

People



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant

People



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant

People



O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant

People



O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant



Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People




preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

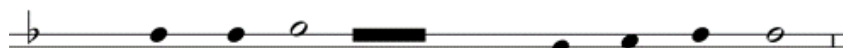
(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)



Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

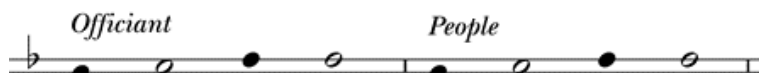


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

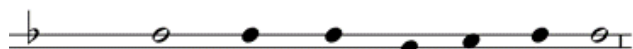
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from the Book of 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

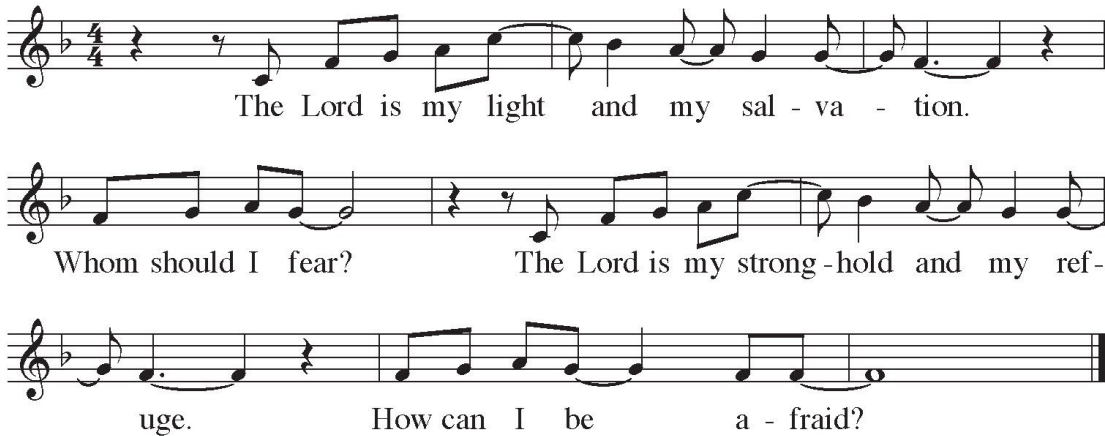
People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY *At 8am, spoken.* 27

The congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Verses

1. There is one thing I ask: to live with you, Lord,
all of my days, (all of my days,) and all of my life.
2. And he keeps me secure in times of great fear.
He shelters my soul, (shelters my soul,) and lifts me high.
3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of my God
in the land of the living, in the land of the living.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand*

TURN OUR HEARTS AROUND

At 10:30am, we sing verse 1.

Refrain



Turn our hearts a - round.

Turn our hearts a - round.



Flood our souls com-plete - ly,

wash us in your love.



Turn our hearts a - round.

Turn our hearts a - round.



Hold us in your mer - cy,

change us with your love.

Verses



1. We cry out

for you to heal

and to

2. We have wan - dered

and lost our way

in life's



set us free.

wil - der - ness.

Bring us back.

Turn our hearts a - round.

D.C.

THE GOSPEL

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

13:31-35

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

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.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

URNS OUR HEARTS AROUND

At 10:30am, sing verse 2. Music on previous page.

SERMON

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

Deacon We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People **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 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. 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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

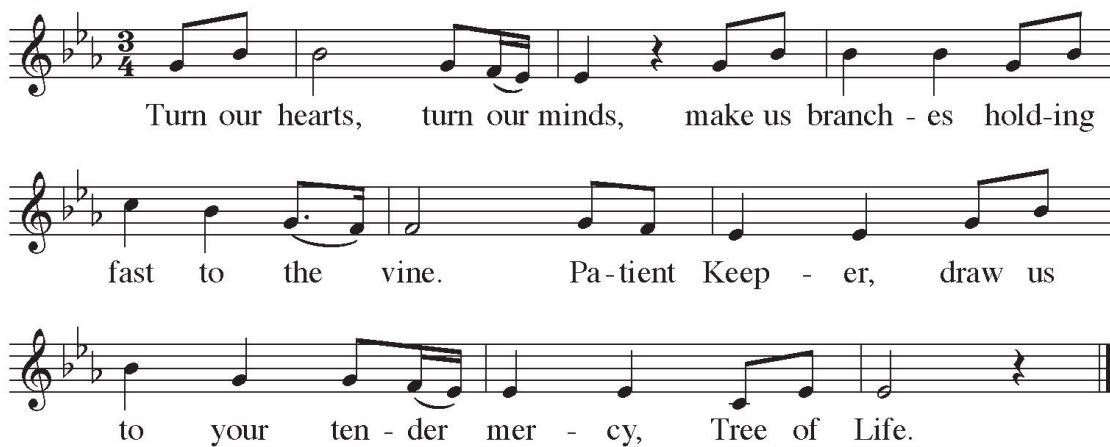
We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated*

THE OFFERTORY 10:30am only

TREE OF LIFE

Refrain



Verses

1. We remember we are mortal, breath of God but of the earth.
Through the desert we must travel, tasting hunger, knowing thirst.
2. We are sinful, we are prideful. We have all gone astray.
Deep within us we are needful of a clean heart day by day.
3. As we travel on our journey take our hearts and make them new.
Jesus walked this road before us as our God, but human, too.
Jesus walked this road before us as our God, but human, too.

At 10:30, as the ushers bring forth the offering, all stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord 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.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves

alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Say at 8am:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."


Say at 8am.

Priest:




Let us pro-claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

All



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

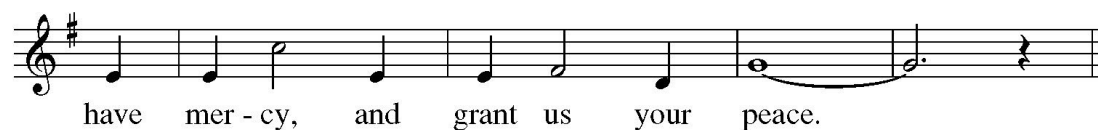
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

At 8am, spoken.

All **O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

At 10:30am, sung.



Presider God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE GREAT SILENCE

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared, the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

Presider Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while." Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept. At a signal from the Presider, the silence is broken.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

After the Great Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Presider prays over the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.

Deacon Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.

The Presider offers the prayer over the people.

SENDING HYMN

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

H 448

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**