

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026 ❖ 8:00 am



Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, March 2

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 3

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, March 5

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, March 6

- 9:30 am Beaders Group
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

Sunday, March 8 — Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring forward 1 hour)

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Altar Guild Meeting (Board Room)

The Processional Hymn: Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

Hymnal #440



Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to hear thee;
 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing,
 let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
 till thy Spi - rit breaks our night with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed;
 o - pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing.
 by thy teach - ings pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 thou a - lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Hear the cry thy Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Liebster Jesu," melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt.; "Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirche-Gesangbuch," 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

A Penitential Order: Rite One.....Book of Common Prayer p. 319

The SupplicationBook of Common Prayer p. 154

The Decalogue.....Book of Common Prayer p. 317

The Collect of the Day: Second Sunday in Lent.....Book of Common Prayer p. 166

The First Lesson.....Genesis 12:1-4a

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.

The Response..... Psalm 121 (Book of Common Prayer p. 779)

The Epistle Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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.

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

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."

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession and Absolution Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333

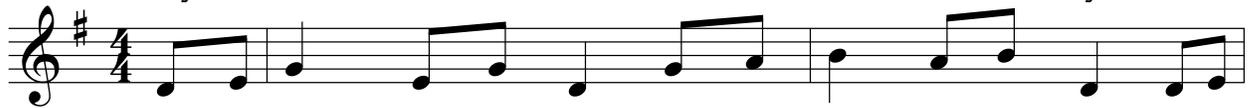
The Prayer of Humble AccessBook of Common Prayer p. 337

The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

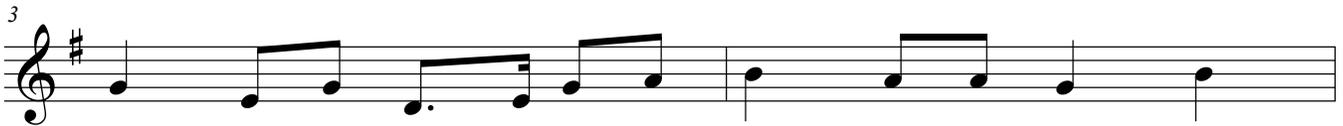
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

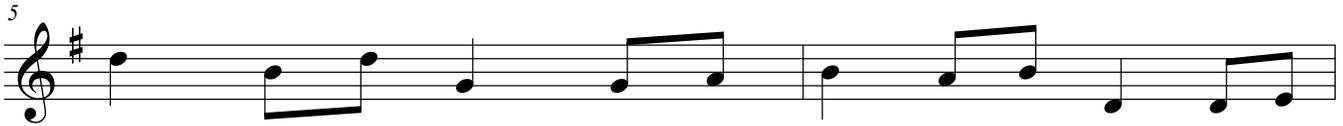
Hymnal #636



How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is —
 "Fear — not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed! For
 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the
 "The — soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I —



laid for your faith — in his ex - cel - lent word! What
 I am thy God, — and will still give thee aid; I'll
 riv - ers of woe — shall not thee o - ver - flow; for
 will not, I will — not de - sert to its foes; that



more can he say than to you he hath said, to —
 strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and —
 soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake, I'll —



you that for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 sanc - ti - fy to — thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's "Selection," 1787. Music: "Foundation,"
 melody from "The Sacred Harp," 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The Postlude

"Choral (Suite Gothique)"

Leon Boellmann

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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