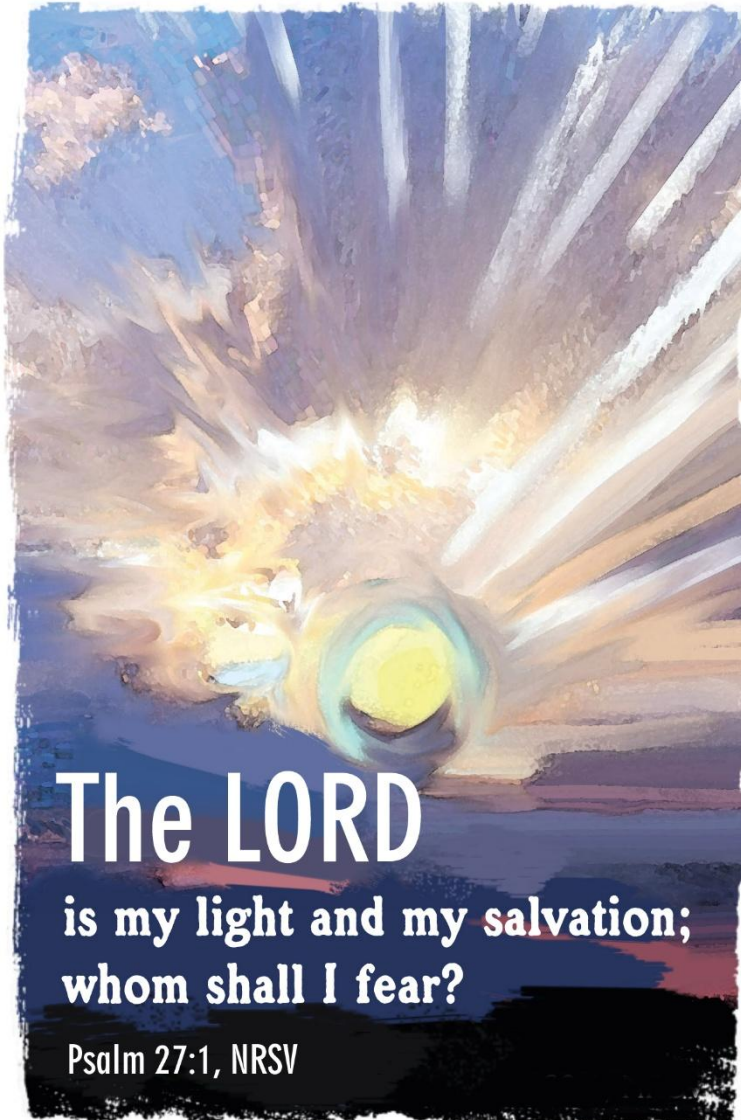


St. Charles Episcopal Church
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary

Ciacona in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Ministers enter in silence, the People stand as they are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn 675

Bourbon

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The people may kneel or sit as they are able.

The Decalogue

The Cantor chants:

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

arranged Mark Downey

A - men, A - men Lord have mer - cy!

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a final double bar line. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men Lord have mer - cy!' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

You shall not make for yourself any idol
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the name of the Lord your God.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen, Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept. The people kneel or stand as they are able.

**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.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Trisagion

Marty Wheeler Burnett (b. 1961)

All Sing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y,
Ho - ly im-mor-tal one, have mer-cy up-on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y,' and the second line is 'Ho - ly im-mor-tal one, have mer-cy up-on us.' The word 'All Sing' is written above the first staff.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The people sit.

First Reading

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.”


Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-9 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

plainsong 2.1

Cantor first, then all. Columba Kelly



The Lord is _____ kind and mer - ci - ful.

The Cantor chants the odd-numbered stanzas; everyone chants the even-numbered stanzas.

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 a-[gainst] me,*
yet my heart shall not [be] afraid;
4. **And though war should rise up a-[gainst] 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 [shel]-ter;*
He shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high u-[pon] 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 [glad]-ness;*
I will sing and make music [to] the Lord.
Repeat Antiphon

Second 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to You

Bernadette Farrell

Praise to you, O Christ our Sav-iour, Word of the Fa-ther,
call-ing us to life; Son of God who leads us to free-dom:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

People: Glory be 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.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Fran Holliday

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able for the reciting of the Nicene Creed.

Nicene Creed

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 (Form II)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Fran, our priest; for Steve, our Deacon; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayer for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those in our community (*names*)

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially (*names*).
Let us pray for those who have died in our community and throughout the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 495

In Bablione

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy S129

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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

He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

**People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

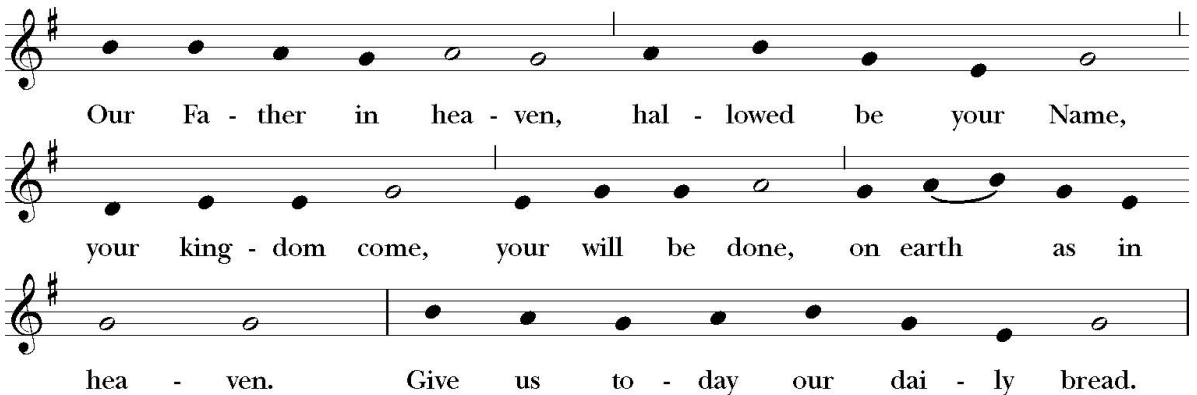
Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S160

Lamb of God

plainsong setting

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate.

Communion Anthem

A Lenten Prayer

by Gerald Near (b. 1942)

O Lord, O Lord we beseech Thee,
we beseech Thee to mercifully hear us:
and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty
to be our defense against all things that may hurt us.
O Lord, O Lord, we beseech Thee to mercifully hear us
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Hymn

Lord, God, You Love Us

Music from the Taizé Community

This is a meditative common song-prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, God, You Love Us". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The vocal line lyrics are: "Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion". The bass line lyrics are: "Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie." The second system continues the vocal and bass lines. The third system shows a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The music is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics.

Home Eucharistic Ministers Prayer

Celebrant: Kathy, Dan, Katie and Laura, we send you out to share
Communion with those members of our community who cannot be
physically present with us here in church today.

**People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this
sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant: May those who receive it from you be strengthened and
encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord
Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding
us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and
Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for
assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living
members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your
eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the
work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as
faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and
to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

The Celebrant will offer a blessing.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Due to their festive nature, the Concluding Voluntary is omitted during Lent.



Upcoming Events 2025:

- ❖ Sunday, March 16 – 11:30 a.m. St. Patty’s Luncheon in Ludtke Hall
(see details on the next page)
- ❖ Stations of the Cross – Noon each Friday during Lent at the church
- ❖ Sunday, March 30 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner
- ❖ Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- ❖ Friday, April 18 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

See *The Pulse* for details on our events. Not receiving *The Pulse* weekly emails?

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