



# The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 am  
March 23, 2025

Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

## A Penitential Order: Rite II

BCP 351

### Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 148

*"Creator of Earth and Skies.... "*

1. Creator of the earth and skies,  
To whom all truth and power belong,  
Grant us your truth to make us wise;  
Grant us your power to make us strong.

2. We have not known you: to the skies  
Our monuments of folly soar,  
And all our self-wrought miseries  
Have made us trust ourselves the more.

3. We have not loved you: far and wide  
The wreckage of our hatred spreads,  
And evils wrought by human pride  
Recoil on unrepentant heads.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

### The Decalogue

*It is customary to kneel (or stand if you are unable to kneel) for the Decalogue and to remain kneeling (or standing) through the Collect of the Day.*

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon or Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Kyrie**

**Hymnal S-89**

Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites,

'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 63:1-8** *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

## Second Reading

## I Corinthians 10:1-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 648

*"Go down Moses ..."*

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
Let my people go,  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let my people go.

*Refrain:*

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.

2 The Lord told Moses what to do,  
Let my people go,  
to lead the Hebrew children through,  
Let my people go. *[Refrain]*

3 They journeyed on at his command,  
Let my people go,  
and came at length to Canaan's land,  
Let my people go. *[Refrain]*

4 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,  
Let my people go,  
And let us all in Christ be free,  
Let my people go. *[Refrain]*

## Holy Gospel

**Luke 13:1-9**

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think



that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:*

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**The Rev. John Heidel**

**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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Holy One, you sustain us in the wilderness. Guide us through this season of Lent, so that we may return to you in faith, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. *Amen.*

*Reader:* We offer our prayers for our bishop, our diocese, and the church throughout the world. We pray for this congregation here present, who walk together to feed your hungry people. Gracious God, through Christ,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for of our nation and every nation, that there be peace and goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Gracious God, through Christ,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We pray for our community, and give us a reverence for the land on which we stand; we pray for seasonable weather, for all flora, and creatures of the land and sea. Gracious God, through Christ,  
*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home, help us to welcome them and call them by name, as you do, and help us to respect the dignity of every human being. Let us serve those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of your healing touch, so they may live and grow in faith; sharing your love with others. Gracious God, through Christ,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Holy God, we pray for all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for the sick and the distressed, the widows and orphans, those in need, and the dearly departed. We pray for (*Read prayer list here*). Gracious God, through Christ,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:** *Failin McCord*  
(3/27)

### **Holy Communion**

## Offertory Anthem

*"Behold Our God..."*

1 Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Chorus:*

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

2 Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? [*Chorus*]

3 Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign [*Chorus*]

*Bridge*

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth) [*Repeat*]

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill) [*Chorus*]

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## Doxology

Hymnal 380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him 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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

*Celebrant and 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-161**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace..

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 439**

*"What Wonderful Love is this ..."*

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.



*Celebrant and 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***

### **Solemn Prayer Over the People**

*The Celebrant says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Presider says the following prayer:*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Recessional**

*"Your grace is enough..."*

1 Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

*Pre-Chorus*

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

*Chorus 1*

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

2 Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

*Chorus 2*

Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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## **Dismissal**

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** and **THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of Rev Neal Hubbard

**TODAY'S SERVERS:**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

**8:00** Lector: Kate Hitchcock and Prayers: Emma Green; Acolyte: Kathleen Cocuzza

**10:00** Lector and Prayers: Dotty Schenk; LEM & Acolyte: Ann Stoltz; Ushers: Mary Maloney, Nancy Donnelly

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**Lent & Easter at Epiphany**

**Today:** Vestry meeting, 11:45 a.m., Parish Hall

**April 13:** Palm Sunday

**April 17:** Maundy Thursday

- 7 p.m. service at Grace Episcopal Church, 1405 Kentucky Street, Fairfield.
- Watch Night at Epiphany, 9 p.m. Thursday-noon Good Friday. Sign up in the Narthex.

**April 18:** Good Friday services at noon and 6:30 p.m.

**April 19:** Great Vigil of Easter begins at 6:30 p.m.

**April 20:** Easter Sunday, one service at 10 a.m.

**April 27:** Once service at 10 a.m. will include a special Parish Meeting.



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