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Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

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**The Congregation will stand in reverence.*



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans,

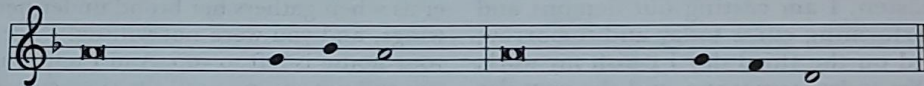
to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On 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."

Psalm

Psalm 27; tone 9



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me
to de-¹vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies,
will stum-¹ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart I will not fear.

Though war rise up against me,
my trust will I not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD;
one I thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house
of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God I in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble
God will I give me shelter,

continued

Psalm, continued

hide me in the hidden places
of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- I on a rock.
⁶Even now my head is lifted up
above my enemies I who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice
in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music
I to the LORD.
⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;
have mercy on me and I answer me.
⁸My heart speaks your message—
I “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
⁹Hide not your face from me,
turn not away from your servant
in anger.

Cast me not away—
you have been my helper;
forsake me not,
O God of I my salvation.
¹⁰Though my father and my mother- I er
forsake me,
the LORD will I take me in.
¹¹Teach me your I way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path,
because of I my oppressors.
¹²Subject me not to the will I of my foes,
for they rise up against me,
false witnesses I breathing violence.
¹³This I believe—that I will see
the goodness I of the LORD
in the land I of the living!
¹⁴Wait for the LORD I and be strong.
Take heart and wait I for the LORD!

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. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are

expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He 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.

⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He 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.’” ³³Yet 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.’” ³⁴Jerusalem, 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! ³⁵See, 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.”

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