

*The presider prays a concluding collect:*

O God, you so loved the world that you gave your only-begotten Son to reconcile earth with heaven: Grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may be cleansed from sin and born again to continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer is Eucharistic Prayer 1 from the supplemental resource, *Enriching Our Worship*. Responses can be found in the insert.

## The Communion of the People

*All who are baptized, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free Host by holding out your hands together palms-down. At this service, the practice of intinction is discouraged.*

*Stand.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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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.**

## The Solemn Prayer Over the People

Bow down before the Lord.

*Please kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
**Transfiguration**

SEEKING AND SERVING CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2017

5:30 p.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

*Stand at the ringing of the sacring bell. The procession enters in silence.*

### A Penitential Order

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*Presider* ✠ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*Please kneel.*

### The Decalogue

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### Confession of Sin

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### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* 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. **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

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

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. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I 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." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual Psalm 121

*Recited in unison*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## The Second Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For 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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For 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, as 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 Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## The Gospel John 3:1-17

✠✠✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He 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." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus 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?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The 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." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 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. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 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 Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Be seated.*

## The Sermon

*Stand.*

## The Nicene Creed

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## The Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation, and offers on the altar the prayers printed in the Parish Intercession Book.*

*Each petition concludes:*

*Presider* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.