



Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 | 10:00am

St. John's Episcopal Church, Honeoye Falls

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CENTERING

OPENING HYMN *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* H 635

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.*

*What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.*

*Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.*

*God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,*

*He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.*

*Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.*

*All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy to our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.*

*Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

TRISAGION

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might-y, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One have

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mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

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mor-tal One have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

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Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT

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.*

FIRST READING

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- 2 *My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.*
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 *Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;*
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 *So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 *The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.*

SECOND READING

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

H 448

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*He sent no angel to our race
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame
Himself, and to this lost world came.*

*For us he was baptized, and bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.*

*For us he prayed, for us he taught,
For us his daily works he wrought,
By words, by signs, and actions, thus
Still seeking not himself, but us.*

*For us to wickedness betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us at length gave up his breath.*

*For us he rose from death again,
For us he went on high to reign,
For us he sent his Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

*To him whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through his Son,
To God the Father, glory be
Both now and through eternity.*

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

REV. JIM TRIMBLE

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence*)

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Kara, our Bishop; Lorraine and Catherine, our Postulants for Holy Orders; and Jim, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's Church, Honeoye Falls; and for the College Congregational Development Mission & CDCP Partnership Committees. We lift up clergy, including Julie Cicora, Winifred Collin, and Padraic Collins-Bohrer. We also pray for families and orphans, and the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially John, Gloria, Alice, Chelsea, Greg, Rob, John, Zeke, Robert, Patrick, Michael, Jan, Christopher, Mark, Taran, Kate, Sharon, Lew, Nora, Lizzie, Joel, Jean, Emile, Cannie, Anne, Sandy, Jim, Brenda, Lorraine, the Siebold family, Cindy, Christine, Audet, and Kevin and those whom you wish to name, either silently aloud. *(silence)* Hear us, Lord; ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(silence)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Julie, Robin, Patricia, Lauren, Giora, Earl, Lynn, Vicki, and Margaret, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(silence)* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; ***Who put their trust in you.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.***

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

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
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might, - Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in - the
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high - est, ho - san - na in - the high - est. Bless - ed is He, bless - ed is
28
He, who comes in the name of the Lord - ho - san - na in - the high -
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est, ho - san - na in - the high - est. *rit.*

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, ...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." : ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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....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, ***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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***therefore let us keep the feast.*** 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 *Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days* H 142

***Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,***

*teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
and close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
in Thee to conquer sin.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by Thy most holy word.*

*And through these days of penitence,
and through Thy passion-tide,
yes, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life
of suff'ring over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.*

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Looks up to Thee

H 691

*My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.*

*May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee*

*pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.*

*While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE