



St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

SEEK SERVE SHARE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A

March 1, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant	The Rev. Alyssa Stebbing
Deacon	The Rev. Vicki Knipp
Family Minister	Lyssa Williford, Director
Verger	Scott Cummings
Seminarians	Christina Allen and Casey Clough
Music	Ann Vail, Director of Music
	Michael Davis, Piano
	John Cotten, Guitar
	St. Christopher's Choir

Visitors

Welcome! We are so blessed you've joined us for worship today. Please connect by text, email, phone. **Childcare** is available for Formation and Worship.

Restrooms

Church: near the Nursery. Parish Hall: to the right as you enter.

Fellowship

Follow the crowd after the service for conversation and treats.

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The Connection e-newsletter

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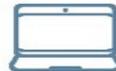
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Worship Schedule (see also The Connection)

Acolyte

Michael W

Altar Guild

Mary Lois and Carol

Bell Ringer

Gabbi

Epistoler

Cathy K

Eucharistic Minister

Michael W

Fellowship

Birthday/Anniversary

Flowers

Cactus

Godly Play

Renee and Lyssa

Lector

Cathy K

Nursery

Athena

Ushers

Dan and Guy

Vestry of the Day

Kathy and Michael

Sunday | 9a Nursery | 9a Adult Form. | 10a Children's Form. | 10a Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11a Fellowship

Monday | 9a Morning Prayer **Wednesday** | noon House of Prayer

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

As the Prelude begins we invite you to you to finish conversations and find a place in the nave to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please kneel as you are able)

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 401

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

(Please kneel, as you are able)

DECALOGUE

BCP, p. 350

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 352

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

ABSOLUTION

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. **Amen.**

During the singing of the Trisagion, children will follow the cross and return at the Peace.

TRISAGION

HYMNAL 1982, # S102

Repeat 3 times



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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

BCP, p. 218

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.**

(Please be seated for the readings)

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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

RESPONSE

Psalm 121

The response is from Psalm 121, please sing in unison.



- 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
- Glory to the Father, and to the | Son, and to the Holy | Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be forever. A | men.

EPISTLE:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the Letter Paul to the Romans.

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.

(Please stand as you are able and join in singing.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 707

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

GOSPEL:

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Instrumental

(Please be seated for the sermon.)

SERMON

The Rev Alyssa Stebbing

(Please stand as you are able)

NICENE CREED

BCP, p 358

Deacon

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, let us proclaim our faith in the words of the 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.

(Please kneel or continue standing as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

God of Wisdom and Mercy, look upon us with compassion; hear and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Call your church to repentance for the ways in which we stray from our Lord's example and give us strength to follow him fearlessly and without reservation.

We pray for the whole Anglican Communion, and for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray for our own church, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Brian, and Hector our bishops, for St. Matthew's, Austin, St. Michael's, Austin, St. Richard's, Round Rock, and for our whole diocese.

We pray for our parish, for Alyssa our priest; Vicki our deacon, Lyssa, our family minister, Casey and Christina, our seminarians, and all our leaders and ministers.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let the way of Jesus be an inspiration for all who hold authority in our nation and around the world, that they might seek justice, practice kindness, and work together to establish peace.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant us an awareness of temptations that turn us away from God and keep us from respecting the dignity of every human being, and empower us to express our faith with courage and commitment.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen us and give us the perseverance and wisdom to care for your creation so that we might ensure a world where future generations might thrive.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant your healing presence to all who suffer and keep us mindful of their needs, that they may know wholeness and healing, resting in the assurance of their beloved-ness.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Take the dead into your loving care, watch over the grieving with tenderness, and bring us, with all the saints in every generation, into your new age.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence

The Deacon concludes with Intercessions

Celebrant

Lord, like your earliest disciples we do not fully understand the mysteries of your love and we sometimes willfully ignore the truth of your word. Empower us to do your will and forgive us and restore us when we fall short. All this we ask through our Lord and redeemer, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always. **Amen**

(Please stand as you are able)

PEACE

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the announcements)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keith Landis

1 God so loved the world that He
Gave His only Son for me!
All who hear Him and believe
Everlasting life receive.

Refrain

Love astounding, rich with grace,
Comes to lift our fallen race!

2 Hear God's message loud and clear,
Words de-signed our hearts to cheer,
God and humankind are one,
Bound together by God's Son!
[Refrain]

(Please stand as you are able)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Hymnal 1982, # 43
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able)

PRAYERS AT OFFERTORY

The Celebrant says and the People respond.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your people for the work of your Church.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

(Please remain standing.)

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface

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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal 1982, # S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God,...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People say together.

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, ...

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.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982, # S 169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

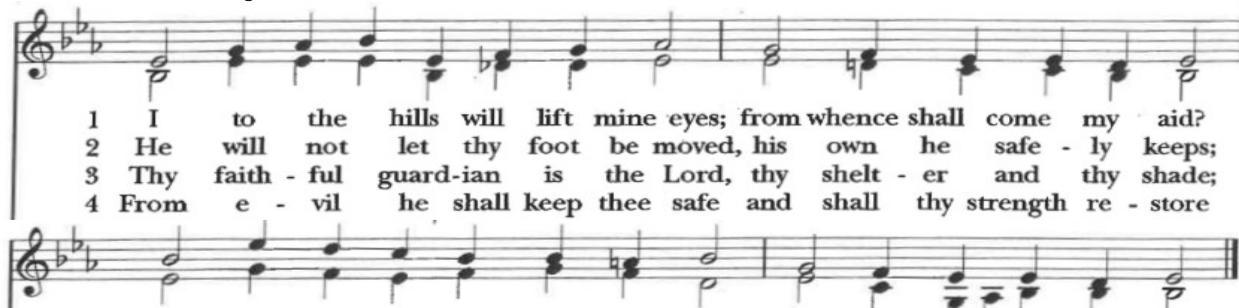
INVITATION

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.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to approach the altar to receive communion. Gluten free wafers available. If you would prefer you may receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer after receiving Holy Communion)

Communion Hymn



1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
3 Thy faith - ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

Communion Praise Song

Taizé

Oh, Lord hear our prayer,
Oh, Lord hear our prayer.
When I call, Answer me.

Oh, Lord hear our prayer,
Oh, Lord hear our prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice, # 216

1 In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.

3 In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord,
be glorified today

Communion Praise Song

You have come among us
as the Word Divine.
You have shared Your life with us
in Bread and in Wine.

You have sent Your Spirit
like a gentle Dove.
You have filled Your people
with Your Love.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 366

Let us pray.

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

(Please stand or continue standing and join in singing)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 1982, # 637

1 How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in his excellent word!
What more can he say
than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

5 “The soul that to Jesus
hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never,
no, never forsake.” Amen

2 “Fear not, I am with thee;
O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God,
and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for joining us in worship today.
Please know that your participation
with us has been a blessing.*

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please help us keep our Prayer List current.

Please send any updates for the Prayer List to the office at office@stchristx.org

Prayers for Healing, Comfort, and Peace: Sally, Mike, Elizabeth, Bob, George, Elena, Paula, Bobby, Mary, Caroline, Alison, Ward, Mary, MJ, Erin, Robert, Pam, Joe, Cheryl, Ray, Michael, Nick, Samuel, Nicholas, Jean, Nate, Shannon, Winn, Diana, June, Linda, Beth, Randa, Andy, Nancy

Prayers for those in Service to Our Country: Kenyon, Daniel, Cale, Joyce

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Pam, Kaitlyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the Connection for ministry schedules and additional announcements or scan the QR code.

Women's Lunch | TODAY @ 12p at Torchy's Tacos

Torchy's Tacos (5900 W Slaughter Austin, TX). Come on down for a lively lunch and fellowship with other women of ages of the parish and bring a friend.

Lenten Series: Poets and Provocateurs | Weds, Feb 25 - Mar 25, 5:30 - 7p

We will be reading Psalms and some Prophets in the context of our Lenten observance. Led by Dr. Steve Bishop, OT Professor at Seminary of the Southwest.

Daughters of the King Meeting | Sat, Mar 7, 9:30 - 11:30a

Daughters, please mark your calendars for a very special DOK Saturday. The Rev. Victoria Mason will be sharing parts of her journey with us.

Family Lenten Retreat | Sun, Mar 8, 11a

Inviting all families to stay after church for a little Lenten program. We will cover the week three family challenge from the "Love Builds Up" booklet.

Migration with Dignity Prayer Vigil and Food Drive |Wed, Mar 11 @ 6:30

Interfaith prayer vigil for refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants at St. David's (301 E 8th). Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. Meal available @ 5:30 for \$10 donation. Parking is free.

Community Iftar Dinner/Gathering | Sun, Mar 15, 6:45 - 8p @ St Alban's

Ramadan is the month when Muslims focus on prayer, charity, and thanking God for God's blessings. Fasting takes place from dawn to sunset, and the fast-breaking is a truly sacred moment. Registration link in the Connection.

