

## The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM + March 13, 2022

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
welcome! Please contact the church office ([aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org](mailto:aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org))  
if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin.  
Children's Church School at 9:45 a.m., visitors are welcome to join at anytime.

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### The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

#### The Word of God

(Hymns are at the end of the bulletin)

**Prelude:** *Fantasia in C Minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Hymn 149:** *Eternal Lord of Love*

Tune: *Old 124th*

**The Penitential Order**

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

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

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

#### Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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.**

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.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -

cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

### Collect for The Second Sunday in Lent

Said in unison

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.

### A Reading from the Book of Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He 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." He 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On 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."

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
**the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
**yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
**yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
**and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
**above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
**have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
**the Lord will sustain me.**
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
**lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.**

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
**in the land of the living!**

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
**wait patiently for the Lord.**

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

**B**rothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He 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. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 142:** *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

*Tune: St. Flavin*

### The Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:31-35

*People Said before the reading*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Said after the reading*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**S**ome Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He 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. Yet 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.' Jerusalem, 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! See, 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.'"

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

**The Nicene Creed**

*Spoken by all, standing.*

**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.

## Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory:** *Our Father (The Lord's Prayer, part 1)*

Tune: *Vater unser im himmelreich*

**The Great Thanksgiving** – *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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*

**Sanctus**

**S-113**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be

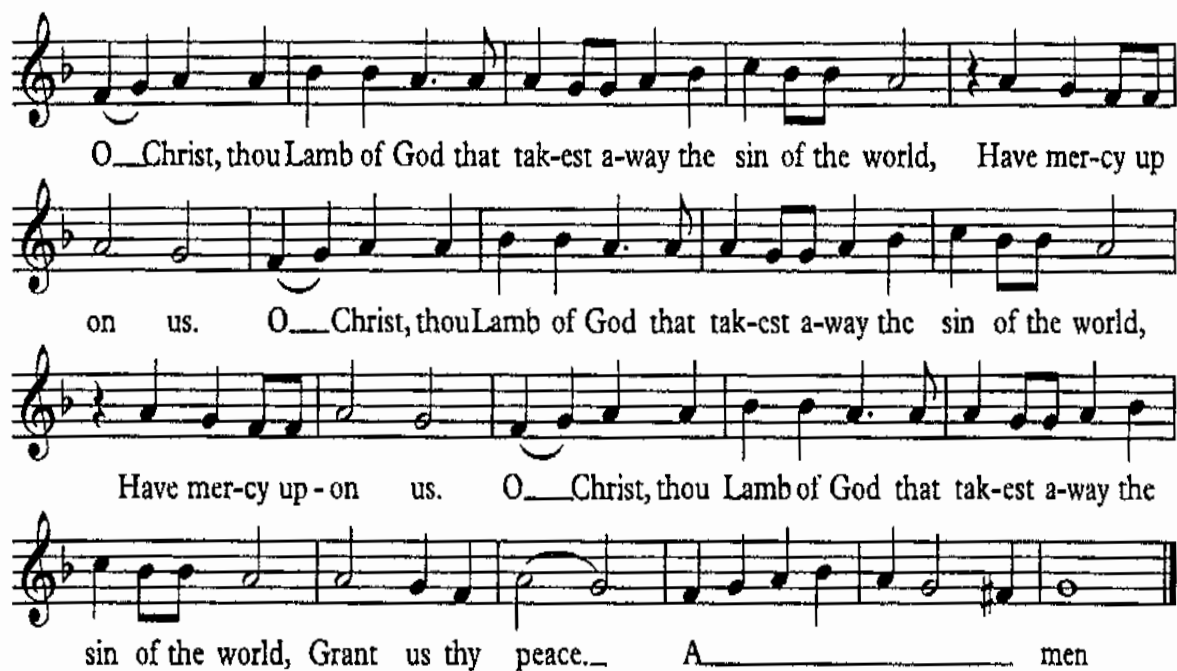
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*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.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, these are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Music:** *Variations on Vater unsrer im himmelreich*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Celebrant* 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**

**Hymn 559:** *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Tune: Dulce Carmen

**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**Thanks be to God**

**Postlude:** *Fugue in C Minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Hymn 149: *Eternal Lord of Love*

Tune: *Old 124th*

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

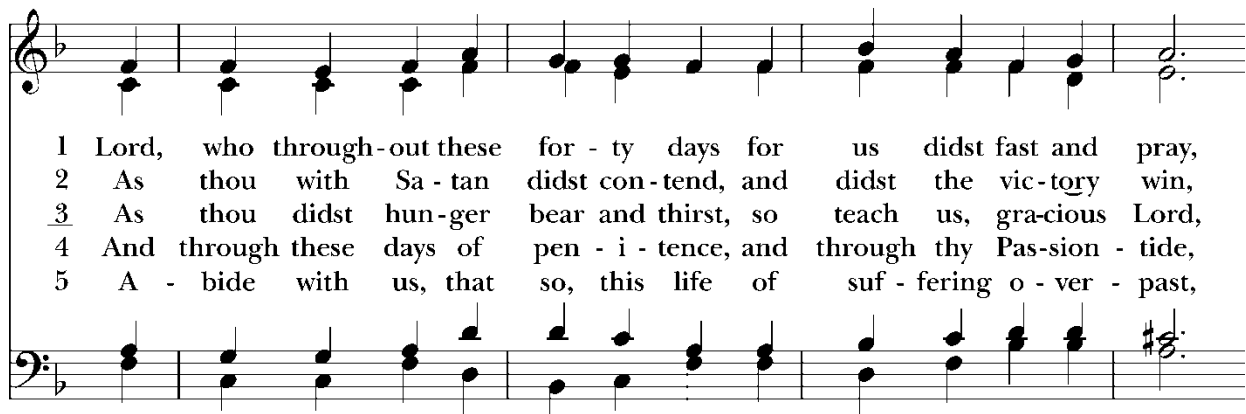
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

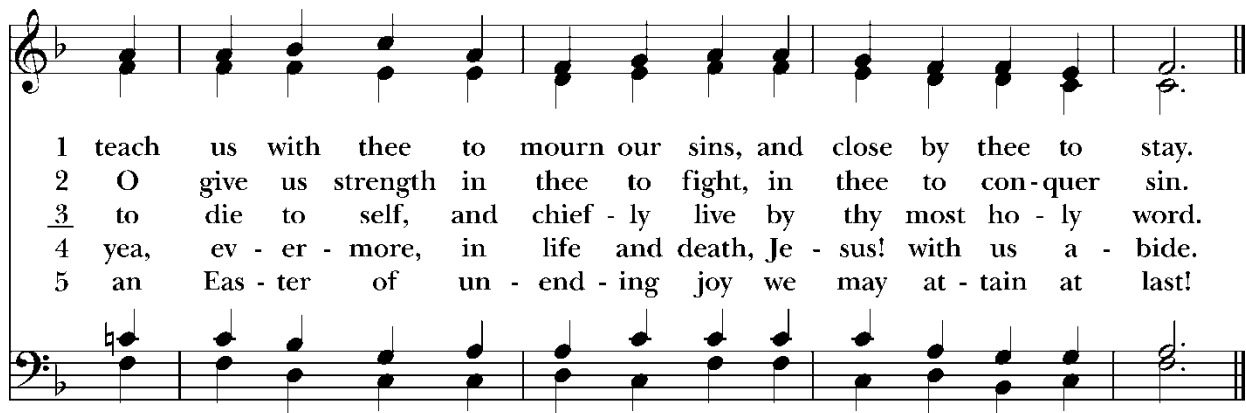
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Hymn 142: *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

Tune: *St. Flavin*



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Hymn 559: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Tune: Dulce Carmen



1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with



pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,



for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,



ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.