

# The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**March 1, 2026**  
**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

*The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

*On Sundays in Lent, we acknowledge this season of penitence and preparation by beginning the service with the Penitential Order. Our corporate confession of sin is moved to the beginning of the service, and the forgiveness we receive in Christ is the context through which our worship proceeds.*

## **Bell Tone Call to Worship**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

## **The Decalogue**

*The people may stand or kneel*

Hear the commandments of God to the 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.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am*  
**Song of Praise S91**

*Lord Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ have mercy upon us.  
 Lord have mercy upon us.**

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.

**Collect of the Day**

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

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.**

**The First Reading**

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

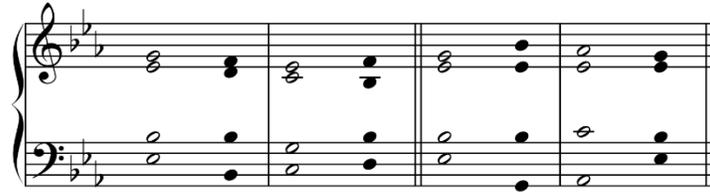
*Reader* This reading is the story of God’s call to Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation. It is an illustration of how God calls individuals to venture forth in faith.

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 ever**more**.

**The Second Reading**

*Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17*

*Reader* In this reading, Paul describes Abraham as an individual who, through faith, found a right relationship with God. The promise given to Abraham and his descendants was not made because of good works or obedience to the law. It rests on grace alone.

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**

*John 3:1-17*

*Presider* 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."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Sandi Albom*

**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 became truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*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, for our nation, and for the world; especially Donald, our president, Maura, our governor, and Michael, our mayor.

**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; especially for Christ Church, Fitchburg; Reconciliation House, Inc., Webster; Education for Ministry; Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers, Inc.; Episcopal News Service.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop-elect; Sandi, our priest; and for all other bishops and ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially remembering The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz, and Cele Hahn, in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp burns, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The priest offers a collect.*

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor, “which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) or scan the QR code located in the pew.*

### Offertory Anthem

*Unto the Hills*

*by Carrie B. Adams*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
Whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord  
Which made heaven and earth  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
Whence cometh my help.  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills  
Unto the hills, unto the hills.

*Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am*

### Presentation Hymn WLP 756

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

### Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Spoken at 8:00 am; sung at 10:00 am

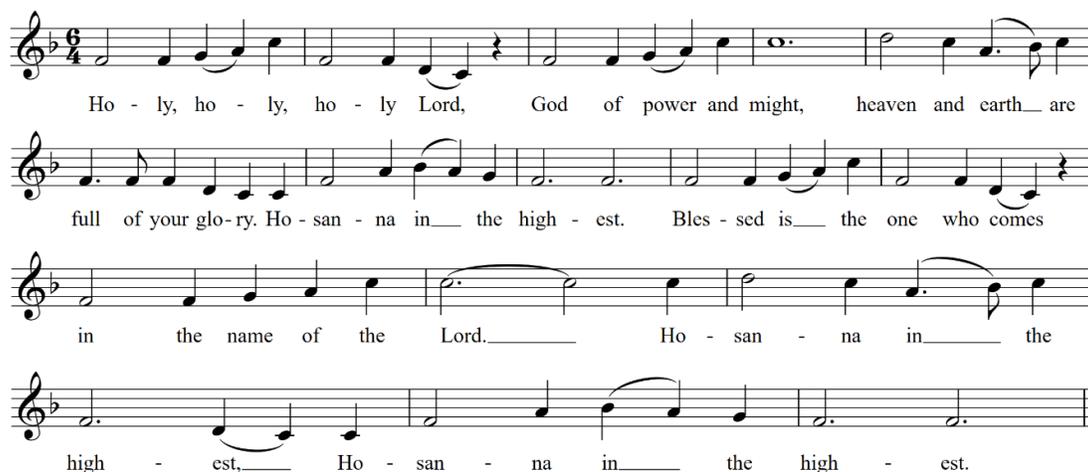
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Sanctus WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Anna Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

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:

**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. 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.**

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

### **Sanctus S164**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. —

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us. — Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re -

deem - er of the world: give us your peace, — give us your peace. —

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. You may now intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.*

## Spiritual Communion

*Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

**O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)**

## Communion Meditation

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider* Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Concluding Hymn 473

*Lift High the Cross*

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### PERMISSIONS

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language; Enriching Our Worship; The Book of Occasional Services; Liturgy for the Whole Church, by Susan K. Bock, and Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare; Hear Our Prayer by Jon White and Lisa Graves (all by Church Publishing). Today's Greeting and Call to Worship are from the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023. The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and Wonder, Love, and Praise (all by Church Publishing) and Songs & Prayers from Taizé, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294.

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<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Mike Ehresman
<b>Opener</b>	Gail Meehan
<b>Linens</b>	Deb Bruno
<b>Sunday School</b>	Judy Harvester
<b>Nursery</b>	Tammy Joseph, coordinator
<b>Counters</b>	Lesley Frazar, Gail Meehan
<b>Office Angels</b>	Kathy DeJean, Alice Ehresman
<b>Closer</b>	Kara Noble

	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lesley Frazar	Tanya Kellogg
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Chris Steger	Rich Howitt
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Kara Noble	Sue Cole
<b>Lector(s)</b>	Sandra Chamberlain	Raymond Brown Sherrie Denison
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Chris Steger	Steve Adams
<b>Stream Team</b>	NA	Deb Curtis

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.  
Contact office administrator at [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461.*

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Theodore Gaetz & Joyce Gaetz; and Cele Hahn.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

**Diocesan Prayer** for Christ Church, Fitchburg; Reconciliation House, Inc., Webster; Education for Ministry; Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers, Inc.; Episcopal News Service.

**For those suffering throughout the world** especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

**For these families and individuals** Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Elaine, Tracey

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

- Sunday March 1** The Second Sunday of Lent  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person | live-streamed  
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
- Monday, March 2**  
4:30 *TOPS (SMGR)*  
5:30 *Girl Scouts*  
8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Tuesday, March 3**  
2:00 pm Online Grief Support Group  
6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*  
6:30 pm *Music Together*  
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, March 4**  
12:15 pm Healing Service  
1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study  
7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*
- Thursday, March 5**  
5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)*  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Friday, March 6**  
4:30 pm Stations of the Cross (*Sanctuary*)  
7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*
- Saturday, March 7**  
9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*  
4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*
- Sunday, March 8** The Third Sunday of Lent  
8:00 am Liturgy of the Word (*in person*)  
10:00 am Liturgy of the Word (*in person | live streamed*)  
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

*SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)*

*"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"*  
*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work  
in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us.  
And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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*Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love*

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop Elect*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

#### The Vestry

Holly Rodriguez, *Sr. Warden* ~ Robert Frazar, *Jr. Warden* ~ Steve Adams, *Treasurer* ~ Deborah Bruno, *Clerk*  
Mike Ehresman, *Asst. Jr. Warden* ~ Sue Cole ~ Gene Giacometti ~ Phil Siska ~ Gail Meehan

# ECOTA Happenings

## March 1, 2026

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Sundays: 8:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person)*

*10:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person & live streamed)*

*Tuesdays: Bridge Fellowship, 7:00 pm | Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm*

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#### **Brown Bag Bible Study: Small Books, Big Meaning - Wednesdays 3/4 1:00-1:30pm**

Some of the shortest books in the New Testament carry some of the biggest questions, encouragements, and challenges for the early church and for us. Join us as we explore several of these brief but powerful letters together. Size does not necessarily mean short on meaning! Come one and all. No preparation required. Our next session will be on March 4 and it will explore hope in difficult times, living in truth and love, and discerning faithfulness in a complicated world in the *1 & 2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude*.

#### **Lent Grief Support Group – Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 @ 2:00pm**

Grief expresses itself in many ways, and during the season of Lent, uncomfortable feelings may arise. As a Certified Grief Educator, Lyn Casey will be facilitating an online support group to provide a safe place to share and witness each other's experiences. These sessions will offer a judgment-free space for sharing, as well as an opportunity to learn new ways to navigate loss. The group will meet on Zoom on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm for the six weeks of Lent running through March 31. For more information or to sign up, contact Lyn at [GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com](mailto:GriefGratitudeAndGrins@gmail.com).

#### **Lenten Talk about Immigration – Thursdays, March 12 & 19 @ 5:00pm**

Lent invites us into prayer, reflection, and courageous conversation about the realities shaping our neighbors' lives. This year let's gather for a four-week Lenten series to learn and talk about immigration history in the United States, how current policies impact families and communities, and what our faithful responses might look like as followers of Christ. Join us for a Simple Supper, prayer, and guided conversation.

#### **Stations of the Cross – Fridays February 27 and March 6, 13, 20, 27 @4:30pm**

During Lent, you are invited to walk the path of Christ's final journey through the ancient devotion known as The Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross. Josh Velez will lead this prayerful service each Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary throughout Lent. This year offers a special opportunity to experience the devotion through our newly installed Salvadoran Stations, whose vivid imagery helps us enter more deeply into the suffering, courage, and love revealed in Jesus' journey to the cross.

#### **Lenten Art Day – Saturday, March 14 ~ 9:00am – 1:00pm**

Join together for a day of art and a retreat from the busyness of life on March 14th from 9:00am-1:00am in the St. Margaret's Guild Room with Rev. Sandi and Nikki Danis. Nikki will guide us through creative time, and we will wrap up the day with lunch. More detail to come. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (Lobby). All are welcome. Bring a friend.

## **Celebrating Bishop Fisher – Three Dates in March & April**

**Sunday, March 8 @ 3:00 pm ~ Trinity Episcopal Church, Lenox**

**Saturday, March 14 @ 3:00 pm ~ St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow**

**Sunday, April 12 @ 2:00 pm ~ St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Worcester**

Join with other members of the diocese to give thanks for Bishop Fisher's 13+ years as our chief pastor and spiritual leader. There are three opportunities ahead to gather, pray and share refreshment with the Bishop and his wife, the Rev. Betsy Fisher: March 8, March 14, & April 12.

## **Games & Pizza – Sunday, March 22 ~ after 10:00am service**

Let's play games again! Join us on March 22 after the 10:00 am service. Bring a game to share, something to drink, and a sweet treat, and we'll provide the pizza. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (lobby)

## **Egg Hunt Candy Donors Needed**

We are seeking donations of wrapped candy to stuff into the eggs for our hunt this year; candy donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex until March 30. **PLEASE: No Candy Including Nuts Or Peanut Butter.** Join us if you can help stuff the eggs on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

## **Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Bunny ~ Saturday, April 4, 11:00am**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church's front lawn on Saturday, April 4. Registration will be between 10:30-10:45 am; **the egg hunt begins at 11:00 am, rain or shine.** And the Bunny will be on hand for photos with the kids!

## **2026 ASH WEDNESDAY & HOLY WEEK**

<b>March 29: Palm Sunday</b>	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist
<b>April 1: Wednesday</b>	7:00pm	Taize Tenebrae
<b>April 2: Maundy Thursday</b>	7:00pm	Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar
<b>April 3 Good Friday</b>	11:00am	Stations of the Cross
	12:00pm	Worship Service
	7:00pm	Worship Service
<b>April 4 Saturday Easter Egg Hunt</b>	11:00am	
<b>April 4 Saturday Great Vigil</b>	7:00pm	Worship with Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Easter Acclamation
<b>April 5: Easter Sunday</b>	8:00am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist