

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1st, 2026

The Processional Hymn

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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.*

The 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.

The Psalm

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

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 Children's Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Gradual Hymn

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The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

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 Sermon Hymn

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The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

"God So Loved the World"

God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,
everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world.
God so loved the world.
God so loved the world.

Music: from *The Crucifixion*, John Stainer (1840-1901). Words: John 3: 16-17.

The Communion Hymns

1, 5, and 7

(communion hymns begin on page 19 of your service booklet)

The Processional Hymn

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Pot-luck Breakfast 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II
Tuesday, March 3	11:30 Education for Ministry
Wednesday, March 4	9:00 Worship Committee 8:00pm Compline on Facebook
Sunday, March 8	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time Change

Next weekend, don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed Saturday. I'd hate for you to miss church!!

The Bishop Reads

The Bishop has a new challenge for us this year – in each quarter of the year we'll read and discuss a book together. The Bishop will be reading along with us, and will share his thoughts in his EDUSC podcast, Coffee with the Bishop and in his regular diocesan communication, Notes Along the Way. This week we'll study chapters 10-12 of John.

Wednesday Nights in Lent

Join us at 8:00 each Wednesday in Lent for Compline, a quiet service of prayers and scripture to end the day. Services will be livestreamed to Facebook so you can worship with us from your home.

Baby Registry

For a year now Jenny+ has been working with a trainer, Brian Paysour, at a gym. He got her in shape to do the Camino and has continued to strengthen her. He and his fiancée are 22. He works the line at Freightliner and she is a nursing student aiming to work in a nursing home. They barely scrape by and are expecting a baby girl, the first grandchild in either of their families, in May. Despite their need for the money Brian makes training folks, when Miles died they told Jenny+ they wouldn't accept payment for sessions through the end of the year so Jenny+ could have a time that was focused just on taking care of her. They're really great people. Daughters of the King wants to help them and their parents get ready for a precious little girl. Are you a grandparent with an attic full of gently used baby gear you won't need again? They could use it! Just love buying baby things? They'd love it! They're registered on Amazon's baby registry under her name, Chasidy Webber. Here's a link to the registry:

[Amazon: Baby Registry](#)

You can go to the web page, open today's bulletin insert on the Worship page, and click on the link. And thank you for helping this generous young family welcome their little one!

Next Week's Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

Livestream in Progress

Today's 10:30 service is being livestreamed to our Facebook page with the camera facing forward. If you'd rather not be seen, tell the greeters you'd like to have communion brought to your seat.

Donations

To make an online contribution to Incarnation, go to our web site www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org and go to “Giving” under the “About” tab. Or scan the QR code to the right. To cover the fees associated with either of these ways of giving, check the “cover fees” box. And thank you!



THOSE WHO SERVE

	March 1 2 nd Lent 10:30	March 8 3 rd Lent 10:30
Altar Guild	Sudie Gelok	Marty Marett
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	Marty Marett
Godly Play	None	Cora Torres Jasmine Dorsett
Greeters	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann	Ed and Lynne Harkins
Verger	Ellie Bird	Angharad Torres
Digital Greeter	Ben Torres	Ellie Bird
Camera	Max Hyde	Morgan Johnson
Nursery	Angharad Torres	Marty Marett
Children's Chapel	Angharad Torres	Jasmine Dorsett
Eucharistic Minister	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing
Crucifer	Angharad Torres	Asher Torres
1 st Lector	Bobbi Albert	Jasmine Dorsett
2 nd Lector	Ellie Bird	John Gelok
Intercessor	Gena Poovey	Joette Johnson
Counters	Cynthia Glidden Ed Hoffman	Ellie Bird Marilou Dutra
Flowers	None	None
Pew Racks	Mimi McCully	Julia Johnson