

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023

The Processional Hymn

[H] 473

The Collect

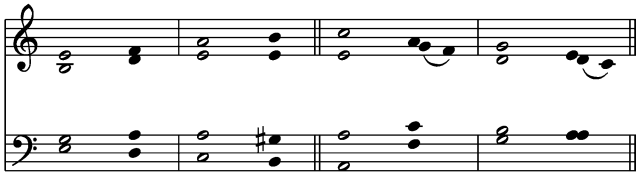
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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.

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



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- 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 a- | sleep.
- 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

[H] 489, stanzas 1-3

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 **[H] 489, stanzas 4-6**

The Sermon **The Rev. Jenny Gettys**

The Offertory Anthem **“Live in Charity”**

Live in charity and steadfast love,
 Live in charity;
 God will dwell with you.

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The Communion Hymns **Hymn 2
 Hymn 4
 Hymn 5
 Hymn 7**

{found on pages 16-20 of your service booklet}

The Processional Hymn **[H] 401**

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Oyster Roast Debrief Meeting
Monday, March 6	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, March 7	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 10:00 Worship Committee 3:00 Sewcialize
Wednesday, March 8	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 6:00 Lenten Supper and Service
Thursday, March 9	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 3:00 Sewcialize
Saturday, March 11	9:00 Daughters of the King
Sunday, March 12	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30 Adult Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesday nights for a simple meal of soup and sandwiches (you can sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to bring all or part of a week's meal). Then at 6:30 we'll move into the church for a hands-on service exploring Jesus' Seven Last Words.

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!!

Adult Education

Starting next Sunday, March 12, we'll gather at 9:30 in the couch room to discuss Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie's devotional book *Good Enough*.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Our self-guided Stations of the Cross is up and ready for you on our grounds. Start at the poster by the entrance to the parking lot and follow the numbered signs through the grounds. At each one, scan the QR code to pull up the video for that station. The videos give you readings, music, and artwork to help you meditate on that station.

Donations

To make an online contribution to Incarnation, go to our web site www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org and click the "Donate Now" button. You can also text "Give" to (833)-537-0569 to donate by text message. To cover the fees associated with either of these ways of giving, check the "cover fees" box. And thank you!

Next Week's Readings

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

THOSE WHO SERVE

	March 5 2 nd Lent 10:30	March 12 3 rd Lent 10:30
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Hope Greene Marty Marett
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	Marty Marett
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Jamie and Hope Greene
Nursery	Carla Winter	Marty Marett
Digital Greet.	Angharad Torres	Morgan Johnson
Camera	Max Hyde	Don Bird
Children's Chapel	Carla Winter Reneé McFalls	Don Bird Patterson Greene
Crucifer	Robin Childers	Angharad Torres
Euch. Min.	Robin Childers	Cynthia Glidden
1st Lector	Scott Glidden	Ben Torres
2nd Lector	John Gelok	Amanda McAllister
Intercessor	Niccie Dearing	Hope Greene
Flowers	Greenery	Greenery
Counters	Ed Hoffman John Gelok	Ben Torres Brad Johnson
Pews	Asher Torres	Hope Greene