

2nd Sunday in

LENT

*Welcome to our home!
We would love for you
to join our family!*

March 16, 2025

We Gather for Worship

The ministers enter in silence.

Opening Acclamation

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Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Decalogue

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Opening Sentences

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Officiant: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Officiant: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

People: **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Antiphon for Lent

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Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite: Psalm 95

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Officiant: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Officiant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

People: **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant: For the Lord is a great God,

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

People: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant: The sea is his, for he made it,

People: **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

People: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

People: **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Officiant: Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,

People: **at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

Officiant: They put me to the test,

People: **though they had seen my works.**

Officiant: Forty years long I detested that generation and said,

People: **"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

Officiant: So I swore in my wrath,

People: **"They shall not enter into my rest."**

Antiphon for Lent

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Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 27

Read responsively by half verse.

Reader 1: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

People: **the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Reader 1: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

People: **it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

Reader 1: Though an army should encamp against me,

People: **yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

Reader 1: And though war should rise up against me,

People: **yet will I put my trust in him.**

Reader 1: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

People: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

Reader 1: To behold the fair beauty of the Lord

People: **and to seek him in his temple.**

Reader 1: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

People: **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

Reader 1: Even now he lifts up my head

People: **above my enemies round about me.**

Reader 1: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;

People: **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Reader 1: Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;

People: **have mercy on me and answer me.**

Reader 1: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

People: **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Reader 1: Hide not your face from me,

People: **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

Reader 1: You have been my helper; cast me not away;

People: **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Reader 1: Though my father and my mother forsake me,

People: **the Lord will sustain me.**

Reader 1: Show me your way, O Lord;

People: **lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

Reader 1: Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,

People: **for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

Reader 1: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord

People: **in the land of the living!**

Reader 1: O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;

People: **wait patiently for the Lord.**

Reader 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Please be seated

Reader 1: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 12:2-6

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In Unison

All: **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen .

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Reader 2: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Philippians.

Brothers 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #644

***How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
(v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)***

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some 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.'"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Tom Harrington

Please be seated.

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Suffrages: Set A

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Please be seated

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

Collect for Sundays

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Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Renewal of Life

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Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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Officiant: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

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Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

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Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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Officiant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

People: **Church of the Redeemer, Oklahoma City; Diocese of Virginia; Diocese of Washington; The Church of the Province of Central Africa.**

Reader: 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, especially...

People: **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.** *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

People: **Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor.**

Reader: That we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: 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.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

People: **Martha, Mac, Mary, Terry, Jane, Chandler, Ronda, and Jon.**

Reader: And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

People: **Ronnie, Mike, John, Stuart, Nancy, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Ched, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, Jonathan, D.G., Lester, Mark, Falling family, Joe, Connie, Dorothy, Marlene, Dusty, Larry, Manuel, Sharon those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died,

People: **especially Larry Stick,**

Reader: that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

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Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

For a Birthday

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Officiant: Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: #645

The King of Love my shepherd is

Remain seated.

We Go Out To Do Our Work

General Thanksgiving

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All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #685

Rock of ages cleft for me

Please stand and sing.

Sending

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Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14



Confirmation and Reception

Bishop Poulson

will visit Grace Muskogee on

Sunday, June 8th.

Youth and adults wishing to be

Confirmed or Received

are invited to do so during this visit.

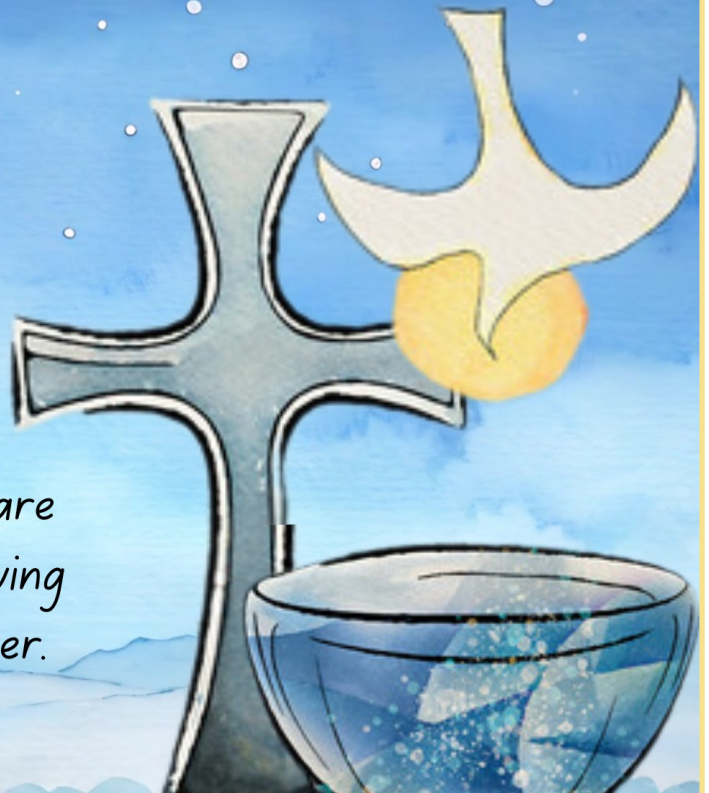
Classes will begin **April 16th**

Please let Katherine or Nancy
know if you are interested
or have any questions.



*It's time for a
Baptism
Easter Sunday,
April 20th*

*Please see Nancy or Pam if you are
interested in being baptized or having
your child(ren) baptized this Easter.*



LILIES FOR THE 2025 EASTER ALTAR

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your Easter Lilies today!**

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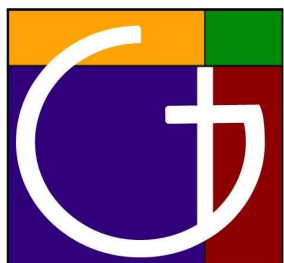
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