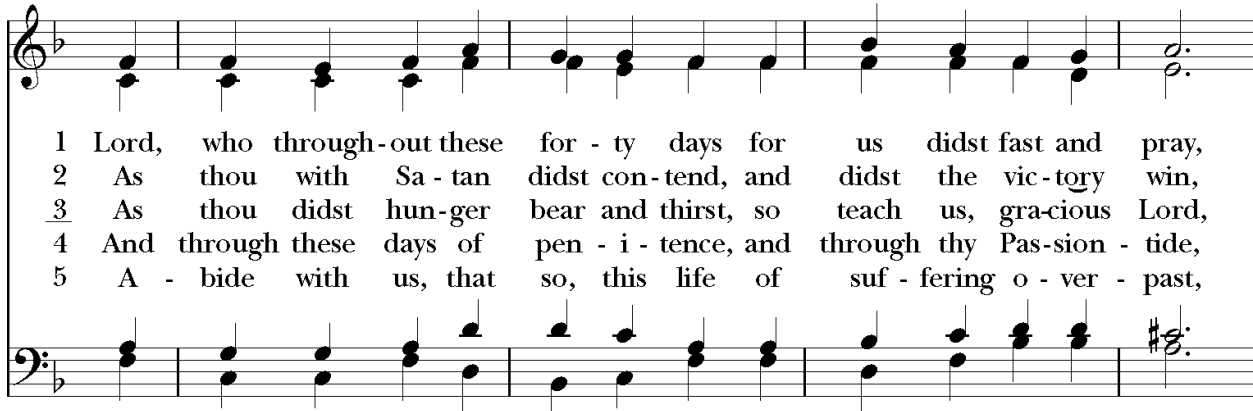


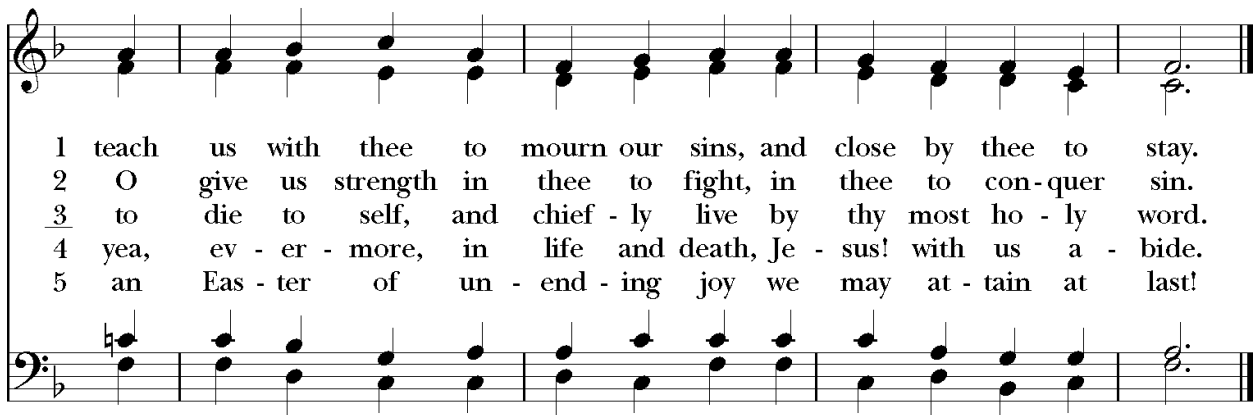
Sunday, February 18, 2024  
The First Sunday in Lent

Morning Prayer Rite II

Processional Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #142 Lord, who throughout these forty days



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!

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. *I John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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.

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your 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.*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand as able.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Officiant and People*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*Then follows,*

***Psalm 25:1-9***

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
 remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### The Lessons

#### *A Reading from the Book of Genesis (9:8-17)*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

*People:           Thanks be to God.*

#### **Canticle #14     A Song of Penitence**

**BCP pg. 90**

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:  
 You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
 with all their vast array.  
 All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
 they tremble because of your power.  
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
 O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
 You hold back your hand; \*  
 you do not punish as we deserve.  
 In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

***A Reading from the first letter of Peter (3:18-22)***

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle # 19 The Song of the Redeemed BCP pg. 94**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages. Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
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.

***A Reading from Mark 1:9-15***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #143 – The glory of these forty days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
 \*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

**Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise Him all creatures here below.  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing as 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.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel as able*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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 B**

V.    Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R.    Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V.    Day by day we bless you;

R.    We praise your name for ever.

V.    Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R.    Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V.    Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R.    For we put our trust in you.

V.    In you, Lord, is our hope;

R.    And we shall never hope in vain.

*Collect for the First Sunday of Lent*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

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.*

*A Collect for Grace*

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.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

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.*

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings are offered at this time*

*Then, the prayer for mission is added*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

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 ourselves 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*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### Sending Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #150 – Forty days and forty nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

*The Officiant concludes with the following,*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13*

**Our Thanks go out today to:**

*Presider: Ms. Jackie Skinner*

*Lector: Charlotte Rakich*

*Organist: Mr. Josh Howell*

*Internet: Doug Goolsby*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

***Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need***

Josh & Beverly Howell, Lotta Westlund, Susan Nye, Barb Austin, Marilyn Walraven, Kathy Blom, Gerry & Marirose Rehagen, Patti Moore, Boughner Family, Truax Family, Brad & Maureen Derenzy, Bill Skinner, Richard Williams, Katie Coppernoll, Carol Greene, Michael Coonan, Samantha Hines, Mary Stafford, Linda Lucas, David Doyen, Laura Morris, Myra Morris, Donald Polla & Family, Darin Polla & Family, Kevin Underwood, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen Thompson, Wendy McCallum, Ramona Skinner, Jim Reinhardt, Dani K., Thelma, Debbie Castele, Steve Ames, Danielle Lawrence, Mary Stafford, Kathryn Rakich, Derek P., Leslie & Merhdad, Anthony Santini, Stephen Skinner, Joan Lee, Patricia K., Samantha & Ken P., Sally & Keith Bird, Vicki Rigney, Irving Family, Becky Spencer

All who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.

Peace throughout the world.

The Victims of gun violence.

***Pray for our Church***

The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop  
Julia Ayala Harris - President of the House of Deputies  
Rt. Rev. Skip Adams, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz - Priest-in-charge  
The Vestry and Lay leaders of the Parish  
Our Parish Family

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

Holy Family, Midland - Debbie Roth, Sr. Warden  
St. Paul's, St. Joseph – Karen Kelly, Interim Rector

***Pray for our Country***

President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris  
Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist  
Our National and State Congresses  
Our Military men and women throughout the world



**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS***

Rev. Pam will be holding a reading of the Stations of the Cross **every Friday during Lent at 10:00 am.**  
The service will last about 20 minutes.

***PROPOSED DIOCESAN JUNCTURE***

The convention to decide juncture will be held on Saturday, March 16. Rev. Pam will be holding a meeting about this on **Sunday, February 25** during coffee hour. Everyone is invited to stay and join the conversation.

***SIMPLY GIVE DOUBLE MATCH DAYS AT MEIJER***

Meijer is matching all donations made through the Simply Give program on **March 2 and March 23.** For every dollar you give Meijer will match it and give it to the Food Pantry.

***BIBLE STUDY***

We will resume our Bible Study on **February 28 at 12:00 Noon.** We begin with Noonday Prayers, followed by a brown bag lunch, and then begin our study.

***AUSABLE INCLUSION CENTER WORKDAY***

The Inclusion Center is housed in the building that previously was St. Bartholomew's Church. They are having a clean-up day on **Saturday, March 2 beginning at 9:00 am.** Everyone is invited to come and help and enjoy some fellowship together.

***VESTRY MEETING ON MARCH 10 FOLLOWING THE SERVICE***

***FOOD PANTRY***

Our next turn to serve is **Tuesday, March 12.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Hewitt Hall.

Patriot Place Sunday is the second Sunday of the month.  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund Sunday is the last Sunday of the month.

### **Welcome to St. Andrew!**

We are glad you are with us today. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us with your presence. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

### **St. Andrew's Mission Statement**

St. Andrews provides a loving Christian environment, welcoming all people. We embrace one another in our daily quest to accept God's love, and with joyful hearts do God's work in the world, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **St. Andrew Leadership**

Ministers – The Congregation  
Priest-in-Charge - The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz  
Administrative Assistants – Susan Nye & Joan Goolsby  
Sr. Warden - Josh Howell  
Jr. Warden - Doug Goolsby  
Clerk – Joan Goolsby  
Treasurer/Vestry Member – Jackie Skinner  
Vestry Member – Barb Austin  
Vestry Member - Beverly Howell  
Vestry Member – Sandy Whitmire

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