



**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I: Penitential Order  
MARCH 1, 2026**

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## A READING FROM 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 121 *Responsively by whole verse*

*Levavi oculos*

- 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 evermore.**

## A READING FROM 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

**JOHN 3:1-17**

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People:* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.”

*Clergy:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

# OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY

*Rector:* The Rev. Katie Leuba

*Associate Priest:* The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko

*Assisting Deacon:* The Rev. Bill Holder

*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Jerry Chapman

*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Seth Deleery

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*Wardens:* Doug Webster & Pat Naeve

*Vestry of the Month:* Allison Talarcek & Jim Fryer

Contact information can be found on our website, [www.stmattsaustrin.org](http://www.stmattsaustrin.org), or by calling the church office.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** - See the Weekly Word for more details on these, and other parish events!

- The 2026 Bible Challenge continues! see <https://stmattsaustrin.org/st-matts-2026-bible-challenge/>
- Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am, Newcomers Luncheon; Huffman Hall
- Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm, Austin Philharmonic Orchestra Concert; Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm, Lenten Concert Series II; Josephine Chow, piano; Sanctuary
- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Evening Prayer Service at the Labyrinth; Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm, Lenten Concert Series III; Jean Farris Fuller, organ; Sanctuary



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Contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more, at: (318) 415-8131, or [abenko@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:abenko@stmattsaustrin.org)

## OFFICE HOURS

**Church office hours are M - F, 9:00am - 4:00pm.** Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Contact [office@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:office@stmattsaustrin.org) or (512) 345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, contact the staff member directly. Your clergy typically take Friday as their sabbath. During office hours, the receptionist can assist you in an emergency: (512) 345-8314. For after-hours pastoral emergencies, call or text the Rev. Katie Leuba directly: (440) 985-8982.

## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sunday:** 8:00am, Traditional Holy Eucharist (Rite I), Sanctuary  
10:30am, Holy Eucharist with Music (Rite II), Sanctuary
- Wednesday:** 12:00pm, A Service of Public Healing with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- Every Evening:** 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087>)



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