



# THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## **The First Sunday in Lent**

March 9, 2025      10:00 am

### **The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist**

☞ *The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist  
found on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer*

☞ *The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the  
Communion Service in D of Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)*

#### **Organ Voluntary**

Organ Sonata no. 2

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

II. Ruhig bewegt

☞ *All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter*

#### **The Great Litany**

☞ *The Penitential Procession, beginning and concluding at the Altar, dates from the very earliest days of Christian worship. The use of the liturgical procession was widely developed in the Middle Ages in the Sarum Use – the worship of the English Church in Salisbury, England. Today's Procession, during the singing of The Great Litany, is symbolic of the journey of the Israelites through the desert and, because it is penitential in nature, the Procession always turns to the left – the Biblical side of weakness – signifying our human frailty. Through this Procession, we join Christians who have gone before us, those today, and those in times to come, who seek to repent of sin and encounter the saving embrace of Christ.*

*Litanist* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People*

Have mer - cy up - on us.

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*Litanist* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*People* Have mercy upon us.

♩ *The Procession begins*

*Litanist* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*People*

Spare us, good Lord.

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*Litanist* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People*

Good Lord, de - liver us.

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*Litanist* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*People* Good Lord, deliver us.

*Litanist* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People*

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and peace,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*People* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*Litanist* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mer-cy up - on us.

*People*

Have mer-cy up - on us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

*People*

Grant us thy peace.

*Litanist* O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

*People*

O Christ, hear us.

*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*Litanist* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*Litanist* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**lmighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ♪ *People* Amen.

♪ *Then all are seated*

# The Word of God

## The Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**W**hen you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "I declare this day to the Lord your God that I have come into the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us." Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand, and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. Then we cried to the Lord the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O Lord, hast given me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God; and you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

¶ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

Chant in G minor

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

¶ *Sung by the Choir*

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, \*  
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; \*  
my God, in him will I trust.

For thou, Lord, art my hope; \*  
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, \*



neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, \*  
to keep thee in all thy ways.  
They shall bear thee in their hands, \*  
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.  
Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: \*  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.  
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; \*  
yea, I am with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.  
With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

## The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

**T**he word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, “every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

‡ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

## Hymn at the Sequence - 142

## The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**esus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours.” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, ‘He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Kincaid

*¶ Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
    came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
    to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
    and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,†  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

¶ *Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord;*

## Announcements

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# The Holy Communion

## Anthem at the Offertory

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

*Words: John 3:16*

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)*

¶ *Then, as the Ushers come forward, all stand and make the following response*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord

*People* And of thine own have we given thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord God of  
Hosts, Heav'n and earth are full — of thy glo - ry:  
Glo - ry be to — thee, O Lord Most High.  
Bless - ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

¶ *The People kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed

passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled ✠ with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ¶ *All* **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

*g* The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung

## Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a -  
way the - sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a - way the - sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that tak - est a - way the - sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access *g* Said by all

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

☞ *All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

☞ *Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.*

## Anthem at Holy Communion

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;  
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,  
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,  
to fall from thee. Amen.

*Words: Book of Common Prayer  
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)*

## Hymn at Holy Communion - 658

### The Postcommunion Prayer      ☞ *Said by all kneeling*

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



**The Lenten Blessing** ✠      ¶ *The Celebrant blesses the People*

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. ¶ *People Amen.*

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. ¶ *People Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. ¶ *People Amen.*

The blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

**The Dismissal**      ¶ *The People are dismissed with these words*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn at the Retiring Procession - 150**

**Organ Voluntary**

Prelude in G, Opus 37

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## **This Morning's Liturgy**

† **John Stainer** (1840-1901) was a hugely influential composer of the Victoria era. He was organist at Magdalen College Oxford until his appointment to St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1872. His music is seldom heard today, with the exception of his oratorio 'The Crucifixion.' 'The Crucifixion' employs poetry by English priest Sparrow Simpson that is interspersed with scripture from the King James Bible. "God so loved the world" (John 3:16-17) is the most famous anthem extracted from Stainer's oratorio.

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from the liturgical colors worn in England before the Reformation and they change according to the seasons of the Church year and the ceremonial tasks at hand. Lent marks a significant shift in the pattern of our liturgical year, with a much more muted celebration of the Eucharist and a church stripped of its decoration. The bare altar and somber, unbleached linen vestments worn by the clergy during the season of Lent suggest repentance and solemnity.





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