

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**1 MARCH 2026 | 10:30 AM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshipping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.*

## *Our Guests*

*We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book in the narthex.*

## *Name Badge*

*Everyone is encouraged to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.*

## *Prepare for Worship*

*It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

*The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.*



*Celebrant* The Lord be with You.

*People:* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*The People are seated.*

## THE CHILDREN'S MINUTE

*The people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

### ***Genesis 12:1-9***

### Bible 8

Now 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. <sup>2</sup>And 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. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.*

THE PSALTER VERSES

*Psalm 33:12-21*

BCP 308

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, \*

**and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.**

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of men; \*

**from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell on the earth.**

<sup>14</sup>He fashions all the hearts of them \*

**and understands all their works.**

<sup>15</sup>There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; \*

**neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.**

<sup>16</sup>A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; \*

**neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.**

<sup>17</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*

**and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,**

<sup>18</sup>To deliver their soul from death, \*

**and to feed them in the time of famine.**

<sup>19</sup>Our soul has patiently waited for the LORD, \*

**for he is our help and our shield.**

<sup>20</sup>Our heart shall rejoice in him, \*

**because we have hoped in his holy Name.**

<sup>21</sup>Let your merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*

**as we have put our trust in you.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*Romans 4:1-17*

Bible 941

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before

God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to

him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift

but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the

ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing

of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those

whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against

whom the Lord will not count his sin." <sup>9</sup>Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or

also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as

righteousness. <sup>10</sup>How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been

circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup>He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup>and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>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 People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*** (Stanzas 1&2)   WRH 506

*Deacon*           The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

***John 3:1-16***

Bible 887

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it

is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (Stanza 3)        WRH 506

THE SERMON        The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson

THE NICENE CREED        BCP 127

*All Standing, Celebrant and People say*

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 110

*All Kneeling*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President, and Josh, our Governor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servant, Steve, to Julian, our Provincial Dean, to Foley and Frank, our Bishops, to Marc, our Interim Priest-in-Charge and to Nick, our Assistant Priest that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation and to Christ Anglican Church in Atlanta, Georgia that with reverent and obedient hearts we

may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom, throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially persecuted Christians in Mauritania, Central African Republic, Morocco, Cuba, and all those on our parish prayer list. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

We remember before you all your servants, who have departed this life in your faith and fear that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and say*

***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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 130

*The Celebrant says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt.11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

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

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

## THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

All stand and sing

## THE DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, praise Him all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a-bove ye heaven-ly host, praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

All Remain Standing

## HOLY COMMUNION

### THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People Say*

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and

Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

*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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People* ***have mercy on us.***

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People* ***have mercy on us.***

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

*People* ***grant us your peace.***

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar.*

*To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

*All are encouraged to sing the hymn.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMN

*As the Deer*

WRH 471

*The People stand.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 137

*Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

### THE RETIRING PROCESSION *Blessed Assurance*

WRH

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson  
*Celebrant*

The Rev'd Nick McGee  
*Preacher*

Kevin McGinnis  
*Acolyte and Old Testament Lector*

Bryan Gruskowski  
*Usher and Greeter*

Betty Morris  
*New Testament Lector & Prayers of the People*

Beth Acker & Deneece Harrell  
*Altar Guild & Flowers*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU!** Almost \$800 was given to Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry through the Ash Wednesday Special Offering. Thank you for making a difference in Cashiers as we live out being the hands and feet of Christ to our community.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Our Lenten Christian Formation will focus on the First Epistle of John. This powerful epistle introduces us to the “tests of life,” whereby Christians are invited to examine themselves in light of the Gospel. You are invited to this powerful engagement with Scripture. Christian Formation begins at 9:15

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** During Lent, we will be investigating the classic Christian disciplines. Come learn about the great Christian exercises that shape and nurture the soul.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Women's Bible Study has started again. We are meeting each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Melisa Loudermilch, 338 Saratay Falls Drive, Cashiers. We are studying *Becoming a Woman of Prayer* by Cynthia Heald, available on Amazon, Christian Books and Thriftbooks. All women are welcome.

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

**Sundays 9:00 AM** – Coffee, Treats, and Fellowship! Enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ before Christian Formation time.

**Sundays 9:15 AM** – Adult Christian Formation.

**Sundays 10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesdays 5:00 PM** – Bible Study in the Parish Hall

**Thursdays 10:30 AM** – Women’s Bible Study at the home of Melisa Loudermilch, 338 Saratay Falls Drive, Cashiers.

**Fridays 9:45 AM** – Moms in Prayer Contact: Lisa Fore [lisafore21@gmail.com](mailto:lisafore21@gmail.com)

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*Christ caring for people through people*

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