

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
The Second Sunday in Lent

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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

### Hymn 22 The Lord's my light and saving health, (Psalm 27)

- 1 The Lord's my light and saving health,  
who shall make me dismayed ?  
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom  
then shall I be afraid ?
- 2 One thing I of the Lord desired,  
and will seek to obtain,  
that all days of my life I may  
within God's house remain ;
- 3 That I the beauty of the Lord  
behold may and admire,  
and that I in his holy place  
may reverently enquire.
- 4 Wait on the Lord, and be thou strong,  
and he shall strength afford  
unto thine heart ; yea, do thou wait,  
I say, upon the Lord.

Psalm 27, verses 1, 4, 14, The Scottish Psalter, 1929  
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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

### Hymn 426 All heaven declares

- 1 All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever He will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship Him alone.
- 2 I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile the world to God.  
Forever You will be  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship You alone.

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### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things 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.' <sup>2</sup> 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?'<sup>[a]</sup><sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup> 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.' <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD<sup>[b]</sup> reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' <sup>8</sup> But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am

I to know that I shall possess it?' <sup>9</sup> He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> 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,

### Anthem

St. Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, [a] "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup> 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! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when [b] you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

### Hymn 134 Bring many names, beautiful and good,

- 1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory,  
living, loving God:  
Hail and Hosanna!  
Bring many names!

- 2 Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation,  
genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
strong mother God!
- 3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving  
till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
warm father God!
- 4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises,  
wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
old, aching God!
- 5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice,  
giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
young, growing God!
- 6 Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing,  
everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna,  
great, living God!

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### Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Hymn 463 Fairest Lord Jesus

1        Fairest Lord Jesus,  
          ruler of all nature,  
      O thou of God and Man the Son;  
          thee will I cherish,  
          thee will I honour,  
      thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2        Fair are the meadows,  
          fairer still the woodlands,  
      robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.  
          Jesus is fairer,  
          Jesus is purer,  
      he makes the saddest heart to sing.

3        Fair is the sunshine,  
          fairer still the moonlight,  
      and fair the twinkling starry host;  
          Jesus shines brighter,  
          Jesus shines purer  
      than all the stars that heaven can boast.

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Benediction

Choral Amen