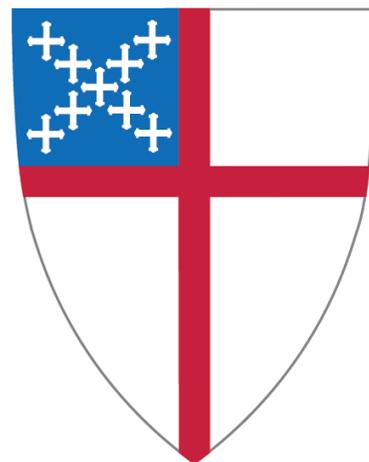


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the**  
**The Second Sunday**  
**in Lent**

**Year A, RCL**

**March 1, 2026**



*(The Old Testament Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

**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..**

***Leader:*           The Word of the Lord.**

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





(Psalm)

## **Psalm 121**

**Let's say it responsively by half verse.**

**I lift up my eyes to the hills; \***

*from where is my help to come?*

**My help comes from the LORD, \***

*the maker of heaven and earth.*

**He will not let your foot be moved \***

*and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.*

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***

*shall neither slumber nor sleep;*

**The LORD himself watches over you; \***

*the LORD is your shade at your right hand,*

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \***

*nor the moon by night.*

**The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \***

*it is he who shall keep you safe.*

**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your  
coming in, \***

*from this time forth for evermore.*



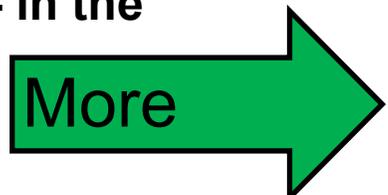
*(The Epistle Reading)*

## **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans**

**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.**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

*(People: Thanks be to God.)*





*Prayers of the People*

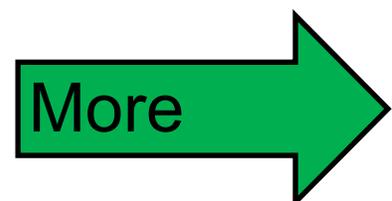
*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

*Celebrant: Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church  
and the world.*

**Intercessor: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy  
holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all  
men: Receive these our prayers which we  
offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching  
thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and  
concord; and grant that all those who do  
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth  
of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly  
love.**

**Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura our bishops, and Fr. Nate, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.**

**And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.**



**We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.**

**Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.**

**And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.**

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

**And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Doug Melody in whose memory the altar flowers are given today, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.**

**Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**



## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it

is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**