

THE WORD OF GOD**Voluntary *Meditation*, Healey Willan****Processional Hymn, *Leoni*****Hymnal 401****A Penitential Order****Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351*****Kyrie (H. Willan)*****BCP p. 356 / S 91****Collect of the Day**

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

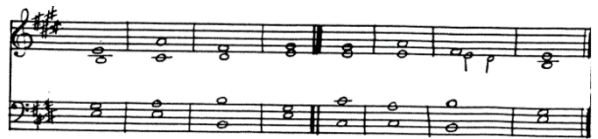
Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

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.

The Psalter: Psalm 121

- 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.



Epistle: 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.

Gospel Acclamation *Unde et memores*

Hymnal 337

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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.”

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, *Form III*

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For the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Southeast Asia; Chapel of St. John the Divine, Champaign, The Rev. Sean D. Ferrell, Rector; Kaliua Parish, Tanzania; The Mission of St. Mary, District of Ventanilla, Callao, Peru

For the sick and those in need: Little Bobby, Deane, Margaret, Lance, JoAnn, Sue, Earl, Dennis, Christa, Ken, Mike, Abbi, Owen, Cindy, and the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

For those celebrating birthdays: Mary (3/3), Declan (3/3)

The Peace

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus (H. Willan)

BCP p. 362 / Hymnal S 114

The Lord’s Prayer

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Agnus Dei (H. Willan)

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The Communion - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. To receive, come forward to the Altar rail. Those unable to may remain in their seats or come to the step at the end of the line and the elements will be brought to them. Communicants may receive the blessed host in the hand, held out right on top of left. The chalice follows. To drink, use the base of the chalice to guide it to the lips. To intinct, leave the host in the hand. The Minister will dip the host and return it to your palm. **Self-intinction is not permitted.** Reception in one kind is sufficient to fully participate in the Sacrament. Arms crossed indicates reception of a blessing instead of Communion.*

Communion Hymn *Olivet*

Hymnal 691

Postcommunion Prayer, Blessing, & Dismissal

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Announcements

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 5 – MARCH 12, 2023

Sun., 3/5	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Prayer and Conversation (Pearson Hall)
	10 a.m.	Church School
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Coffee Hour following
Wed., 3/8	11:30 a.m.	Charlie’s Lunch Bunch, Sugos
Fri., 3/10	7 a.m.	AA Meeting
Sun., 3/12	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Prayer and Conversation (Pearson Hall)
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Coffee Hour following

Morning and Evening Prayer are read Monday through Friday at 8:00 and 5:30 p.m. respectively, in the side Chapel.

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Thanks: We thank the Rev. Kip Ashmore for being our celebrant for services this Sunday.

General Information:

- Restrooms are located on the main level at the entrance to Pearson Hall and on the lower level.
- Changing tables and a rocking chair are available in the nursery (lower level).
- Childcare is available in the nursery (lower level) on Sundays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- A guest book for visitors is located in the Narthex.
- Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance to the Nave before or after the service.
- Vestry contact info may be found in the Parish Directory and on the hallway bulletin board.
- To receive the weekly newsletter and announcements send your contact information to info@standrews-edwardsville.com

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