

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church:** Bishop's Visitation / First Sunday Of Lent / February 26th

**Prelude:** *Lent Suite: I "Proclamation" / II "Contemplation" - Wayne Seppala*  
**Processional Hymn:** *(The people stand) #390 (1-4), "Praise To The Lord! The Almighty"*

**Opening Salutation**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People:** *His mercy endures for ever.*

**Praise Music** *"Glorify Thy Name" / "How Great Is Our God"*

**Children's Sermon** *(The people may be seated)*

*All children and parents are invited to come forward between the praise songs for a short children's sermon followed by Godly Play.*

**Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People** *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
**Celebrant** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People** *One God and Father of all.*  
**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And also with you.*  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons** *(The people may be seated)*

**The First Reading:** **Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 32**

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**2 *Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.***

3 While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**4 *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.***

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**6 *Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.***

7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**8 *I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.***

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**10 *Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.***

11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** (*The people stand*) #379 (1-3), "Take My Life And Let It Be"

**The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Testimony:** *Bart Newsome*

**The Sermon** (*The people may be seated*) Bishop Susan

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:*

**Parents and Godparents: I present (N.) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer: I do.**

*When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says*

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

**Presenters: I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.**

*The Bishop asks the candidates* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

**Candidate I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation,*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who have renewed their commitment to Christ.]

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

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

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the

water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Consecration of the Chrism**

*The Bishop may then consecrate oil of Chrism, placing a hand on the vessel of oil, and saying*

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

### **For Reception**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer* Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**        *(The people stand)*

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

**People:**         ***And also with you.***

Celebrant:        Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries** *(The people may be seated)*

**Offertory** *(The people may be seated)*

*"The King Is Coming" – The St. Andrews Choir*

**Doxology** *(The people stand and sing)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, you heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (*Eucharistic Prayer A, remain standing*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus (S125: Sung)**

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

(*The people kneel*) Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (*sung*)

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

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy

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Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) *Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing: *(Sung)*

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion** *(The people may be seated)*

*Lent Suite: III "Reflection; "Let There Be Peace On Earth" – Joy Byars*

**Communion Prayer** *(Celebrant and those at home or not receiving)*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come, I embrace You and unite myself with you entirely. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Post Communion Prayer** *(The people kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you this day and forever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** *(The people stand)*

**#203 (1-4), "And Can It Be"**

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude:** *Lent Suite: IV "Triumphant Entry" - Wayne Seppala*