

March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 AM



Mission: A caring presence in the heart of the Aspen Hill Community

**St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church
Wheaton Parish**

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Today we welcome The Rev. Thomas Bauer as Preacher & Celebrant

Music Minister: Samuel Buck

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Welcome, everyone, to St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Today is The First Sunday in Lent and we welcome The Rev. Thomas Bauer as Preacher and Celebrant. We are so glad you have chosen to join us here online and in person as we worship the Lord together. Please join us in worship by following the liturgy in the bulletin.

Please silence all your digital devices during service.

The Restrooms are located in the Undercroft accessible by the stairs off the entryway, or at the office end of the hallway off the front of the nave.

PRELUDE: *Prelude in C*

J.S Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *H-401, The God of Abraham praise*

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 356)

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

Children's Prayer Time and Recess

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹Now 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. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I 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.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 121

Read responsively by half versed.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: H-637, *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*
*Sing the first **THREE** verses*

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

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

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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things

and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sing the last TWO verses of H-637.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Thomas Bauer

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from 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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Deck thyself my soul with gladness*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

[For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[For _____, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

[Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.]

In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

- *Welcoming of guest, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Announcements*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN: H-693, Just as I am

DOXOLOGY: H-380 v3, Praise God from whom all blessings Flow Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

The People 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.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 (BCP p. 362)

Celebrant and People

**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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel or sit as able.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)

The Celebrant continues

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 Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN: H-337, *And now, o Father Mindful of the love*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: H-473, *Lift high the cross*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Saint Anthony Choral*

Joseph Haydn

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Upcoming Events

- **Parochial Report**
- **Palm Sunday**, March 29, 2026 at 10:30am
- **Good Friday Service**, April 3, 2026 at 12noon & **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm
- **Easter Sunday**, April 5, 2026 at 10:30am
 - *We are grateful for one another, and we thank God for helping us with our observance of these 40 Days of Lent. To God be the glory!*
- **The Sacred Ground Initiative/Ministry**
 - **March 10, 2026**, Repeat of Introductory Webinar (evening, online)
 - **March 26, 2026**, How to care for native plants Webinar (evening, online)
 - **May 10, 2026**, Mother's Day Plan Distribution after 10:30am service

We encourage all parishioners to participate in this Initiative & Ministry

St. Mary Magdalene Vestry Leadership 2024-2026

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| ▪ Nora Wellington – Senior Warden | ▪ Marion Marshall – Junior Warden |
| ▪ Johanne Saintime – Secretary | ▪ Michele Glidden – Treasurer |
| ▪ Dawn Bowen – Buildings | ▪ Bruce Rudd – Christian Formation/Education |
| ▪ Pearl Peters – Fellowship | ▪ Bertha Bright-Mark – Grounds & Maintenance |
| ▪ Peaches Andrews – Stewardship | ▪ Eugenia Palmer – Outreach |
| ▪ James Modrick – IT & Communication | |

*The Fellowship Team would like to welcome **EVERYONE** for coffee hour after the service in the undercroft. **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!***

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