

Second Sunday of Lent

Reserved Sacrament

1st March 2026



Collect

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

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Genesis 12: 1-4a**Pauline**

12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

2 “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17**Jacqui**

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴ Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.

⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in

whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

John 3: 1-17

Jeanne

³ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?

¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Processional	Seek ye first	590
Kyrie		962
Gradual	I danced in the morning	305
Offertory	The King of love my shepherd is	649
Communion	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	104
Recessional	All my hope on God is founded	19

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There is a service of compline on Wednesday the 4th March 2026, the Zoom details for which are

Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495

Passcode: 464983

Jumble sale @ St Benedict's

St Benedict's are planning a jumble sale in March. If you have any jumble at home, please let Fr Alex have it.

Tidy up

We need to tidy up the scullery and sacristy, being clinical regarding the stuff we through away. If you are able to offer any help, please let Jeanne or Phil know and we'll coordinate at time to get it back into a pristine state.

Lent Course – Racial justice

If you would like to join the lent course running on Monday mornings during Lent at St Michael & All Angels church, please just come along. Each week starts at 10am for around 60 minutes and will explore issues of racial justice within the Bible.

Lent lunch

We will be holding a simple Lent lunch after the service on Sunday 22nd March. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church on which to indicate what you would be able to bring in to share with others. Soup, rolls and cheese will be provided.

Stations of the cross

Every Sunday during Lent at 6pm there will be a service on Zoom walking through the stations of the cross. The Zoom link will be the same each week..

Meeting ID: 826 5065 9129 Passcode: 856494

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you for the earthly life and witness of those who have gone before us Lord, for all that they gave to building up your church in Hay Mill.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Bless all those who come into the hall during the week merciful Lord. May the space in which they are held inspire and comfort.

St Benedict's church

Thank you, Lord, for enabling the funding to become available through which to look at the feasibility of repurposing the church hall into affordable local housing.

Saint Mary's church

Guide us through your way Lord, that our eyes will be open to see the wonders, our ears to hear your voice and our mouths be ready to profess your love for us all.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman, Kevin, Lauren, Paul, Ken Long, Alan Carter and Pat.

We remember those who have died in faith... Phyllis Macken, Lillian, Clarice Allen, Jayne Carter **and for those whose years mind is in February ...** Amy Butlin, John Horton, Albert Hopkins, Gordon Tamagni, Thomas Goldstone, Winifred Thorpe, Jordan Sargent, Raymond Dalton, Marjorie Morris, Rev Jim Potter, Rev Maureen ALDERTON.