

**Year A**  
**Evensong**  
**on**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

*"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love".*

**The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael and All Angels**  
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**Organ Prelude**

**Introit Anthem ~ *Litany of the Holy Spirit* (Hurford)**

**Versicles and Responses** (*Radcliffe*)

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

**R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.

**R. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

**R. The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Psalm 103** *Benedic, anima mea*

1. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits,
3. Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities,
4. Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness,

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7. He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. He will not always be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12. Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.
13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14. For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.
15. The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
16. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children;

18. Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.
19. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.
20. O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.
21. O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
22. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**Lector: Mr. Victor Small**

### **Office Hymn ~ 113**

Life and strength of all thy servants,  
brightness of the Father's light;  
men with angels, earth with heaven,  
in thy praise their songs unite.

Thousand thousand warrior princes  
in thine angel army stand;  
flames the victor cross before them,  
grasped in Michael's dauntless hand.

Hurling back from heaven the rebels  
with the lifting of his sword,  
in the might of God he tramples  
on the dragon's head abhorred.

Lord of Angels, Christ, we pray thee,  
bid them aid us in our strife,  
chase afar the hosts of evil,  
till we reach the land of life.

God the Father, God immortal,  
God the Son, for us who died,  
God the Comforter, the Spirit,  
evermore be glorified!

*Words: Rabanus Maurus (776-856), from Tibi Christe, Splendor Patris, Latin;  
translation: Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

## **Magnificat**

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed:
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is Name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of

their hearts.

7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the  
rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his  
servant Israel.
10. As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and  
his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy  
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. **Amen.**

**The Second Lesson: Mark 10:13-15**

**Lector: Ms. Mary Haynes, Q.C.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to thy word.
2. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:  
which thou has prepared before the face of all people.
3. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. **Amen**

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

V. The Lord be with you

**R. And with thy spirit**

*All kneel*

V. Let us pray

**R. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in  
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. **Amen**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save our Nation.

**R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people

**R. And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### ***The Collect ~ "The First Sunday in Lent"***

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to  
be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are

assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***The Second Collect, for Peace.***

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen*

***The Third Collect, for aid against all Perils.***

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

**R. Amen**

**The Anthem ~ “Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake”**

*(Hilton)*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Hymn 115

Good it is to keep the fast,  
shadowed forth in ages past,  
which our own Almighty Lord  
hallowed by his deed and word.

Moses, while he fasted, saw  
God who gave by him the law;  
to Elijah angels came,  
steeds of fire and car of flame.

So was Daniel meet to gaze  
on the sight of latter days  
and the Baptist to proclaim  
blessings through the Bridegroom's name.

Grant us, Lord, like them to be  
oft in prayer and fast with thee;  
fill us with thy heavenly might,  
be our joy and true delight.

Father, hear us through thy Son,  
and the Spirit, with thee One,  
whom our thankful hearts adore,  
ever and for evermore.

*Words: Gregory I (540-604), from Clarum decus jejunii, Latin;  
translation: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

**The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**  
**Topic: "The Value of Children in God's Eyes"**

## Offertory Hymn ~ 112

Christian, dost thou see them  
on the holy ground,  
how the troops of Midian  
prowl and prowl around?  
Christian, up and smite them,  
counting gain but loss;  
smite them by the merit  
of the holy cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them,  
how they work within,  
striving, tempting, luring,  
goading into sin?  
Christian, never tremble;  
never be down-cast;  
smite them by the virtue  
of the Lenten fast.

Christian, dost thou hear them,  
how they speak thee fair?  
‘Always fast and vigil?  
Always watch and prayer?’  
Christian, answer boldly,  
‘while I breathe I pray:’  
peace shall follow battle,  
night shall end in day.

‘Well I know thy trouble,  
O my servant true;  
thou art very weary,  
I was weary too;

but that toil shall make thee  
some day all mine own,  
and the end of sorrow  
shall be near my throne.’

*Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

## **Closing Prayer(s) & Blessings**

### **Closing Hymn ~ 114**

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow; earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrow share  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his Vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine:  
holier gladness ours shall be;

round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at th' eternal Eastertide.

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909),  
and George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870)*

### ***Organ Postlude***

## **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

### **Looking Ahead!**

**Today, February 22, 2026**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist**

**9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist**

**6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong- A Five-Part Preaching Series**

***“Embracing the Kingdom’s Future: Welcoming  
Children in Our Midst.”***

**Preacher: The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

**Topic: “The Value of Children in God’s Eyes”**



### **Wednesdays in Lent**

**10:00 A.M. ~ Worship, Reflection and Sacrament.**

Deacons in the Cathedral: A Six-Part Series on “The Wilderness Experience: Challenge and Triumph along the Christian Journey.”

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

**Topic: “Unemployment”**

**Presenter: The Rev’d Reudon A. Eversley**

**Hon. Assistant Curate St. Joseph Parish Church and St.  
Aidan**



**TICKETS:** Members are asked to note that the tickets for Solemn Musick for Good Friday, to be held on **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**, are now available **at \$30.00 each** and can be purchased from the Administrative Office during office hours.



**SELF-DENIAL CARDS:** The faithful are encouraged to participate in this pilgrimage of faith every day in Lent: read about the Wilderness Experience in the Bible; give alms; and offer pray for the ministry of service. Proceeds will go towards The St. Michael Centre for Faith and Action.



## Jeremiah 1:4-10

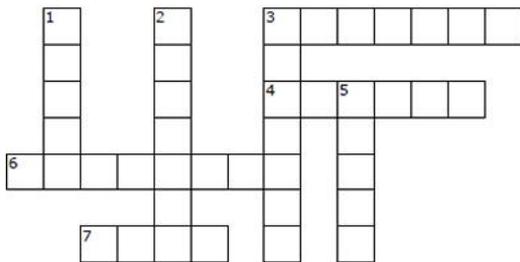
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destroy	nations	prophet	afraid	formed
rescue	uproot	build	child	plant
young	alas	knew	Lord	womb

# Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

## DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

LITTLE  
CHILDREN

TOUCH  
TRUTH

KINGDOM  
BELONGS

BLESSED  
ARMS

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