



# St. Edward's Episcopal Church

**The First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026 + 8:00 AM  
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1**

**The Great Litany**

**BCP 148  
THE WORD OF GOD**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson:**                   **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.

**Psalm 32**

**BCP 624**

**The Second Lesson:**

**Romans 5:12-19**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type 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 free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion 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 by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards 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 splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

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**Rev. Mark Lafler****The Nicene Creed****BCP 327****The Peace****BCP 332****Welcome and Announcements****THE HOLY COMMUNION****The Offertory****Eucharistic Prayer 2****BCP 340****The Lord's Prayer****BCP 336****The Communion**

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**Healing Prayers****The Post Communion Prayer****BCP 339****The Blessing****The Procession into the World****Violin****St. Edward's Episcopal Church**

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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Collect for Purity**

**BCP 355**

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**The Sequence**

**Goodness of God**

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**Rev. Mark Lafler**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Glorious**

**The Doxology**

**I Bring an Offering**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

**The Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Fraction Anthem**

**Awaken the Dawn**

**The Communion**

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**Communion Hymn**

**The River**

**Healing Prayers**

**BCP 366**

**The Post Communion Prayer**

**Do Lord**

**The Blessing**

**BCP 366**

**The Procession into the World**

**Dismissal**

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February 22, 2026

## WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

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### **What are the Sacramental Rites?**

The sacramental rites of The Episcopal Church include Confirmation, Ordination, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent, and Unction (BCP, pp. 860-861). These rites are distinguished from the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, which were given by Christ and are understood to be necessary for the Christian life of all persons. The sacramental rites are means of grace, although they are not necessary for all persons in the same way that Baptism and the Eucharist are.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the church.

LAKE CARES FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER DAY is this Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. There are only 10 spots available (First come, first serve). We will meet at Lake Cares Food Pantry on at 9 am and aim to serve until 12:15. Please sign up in the Narthex.

PLEASE JOIN THE "ADOPT-A-PLOT" TEAM on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> as we assess the damage from our recent freezing weather. After coffee and donuts, we will trim or remove damaged plants and decide what plants may need to be replaced. Bring garden tools and paper lawn bags if available. Contact Sandy Betlach at 954-798-3922 for more information.

ANGLICAN PRAYER BEADS will be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Hartridge Hall. Come maker Anglican Prayer Beads and learn how to use them in prayer.

Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	EYC -12:00 noon AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Tuesday	Reading with the Rector – 11:30 am
Wednesday	Women's Caring & Sharing-10:00 am Pre School Chapel-11:25 am Wednesday Eucharist-12:15 pm Stations of the Cross-6:00 pm Adult Bible Conversation-6:30 pm

EYC Youth Bible Program-6:30 pm

Thursday      Choir-5:00 pm

Friday      Lake Cares Volunteer Day

Saturday      Garden Day-9:00 am

## ANNIVERSARIES

### ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Steve Wilbanks	02/22	Mary Johnson	02/23
Madeline Lafler	02/24	Mary Jeanty	02/27
Robert Anderson	02/28	Rev. Mark Lafler	02/28
Tera Lafler	02/28		

### ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING

Jonathan and Margaret Dohnalek 02/26/1987

### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Daphne Troth	02/22	Clemence Hurlburt	02/22
Hal Orr	02/23	Alfred Blanchard	02/23
Mary Schutt	02/25	Jean Karr	02/26
Nicolas Augustin	02/27	Evelyn Coppler	02/27
Andrew Underhill	02/28		

## PRAYERS

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S.	Janet M.	Lorraine M.	Corey B.
Greg S.	Joe W.	Carole M.	Jerry B.
Luanne W.	Ellen D.	Susan M.	Deborah B.
Karyl L.	Suzie L.	Jerry B.	

### SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Laura Cain
Trevor Orr	Steve Husted	Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley		

### CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. John's Episcopal Church, Kissimmee

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lake Mary

For our parish members Eric and Marsha Christman

## **SERVING TODAY**

	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
First Reading	Gaines Campbell	Alexis Jandreau
Second Reading	Tré Conrader	Betty Hensinger
LEM 1	Gaines Campbell	Betty Hensinger
LEM 2	Tré Conrader	Michael Viel
Ushers	Pam Bow	Tom Brust
Deacon	Steve Nichols	Jane Brust
Altar Guild	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Screens	Phyllis Kennedy	Joe Welch
Video	Walter Burkhalter	Trinity Viel
Postulant	Amanda Burkhalter	
Music	Dennis Hartenstein	
	Mallory Lafler	Shekinah Praise Team

## **PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb  
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler  
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell  
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

## **VESTRY**

Cheryl Hogan, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Margaret Dohnalek
Steve Wilbanks, Jr. Warden	James Cartlidge	Michael Viel
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

## **OFFICERS**

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer  
Amanda Burkhalter, Clerk

## **PARISH STAFF**

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch  
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter  
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King  
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson  
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers  
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell  
Nursery Director: Cathy Love  
Steward: Walter Burkhalter