



Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Reaching beyond our Four Walls to the San Rafael Community

Sunday, March 1, 2026, The Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Robert Kossler, Presiding & The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please join us for coffee hour after the service. For more information about Nativity, please visit [https://](https://www.nativityonthehill.org/)

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WORSHIP

Our service today starts on [Page 351](#) of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Hymn	Lord, who through-out these forty days (St. Flavian)	Hymn #142, verses 1, 4 &5
The Penitential Order		BCP p. 351
Kyrie		BCP p. 356
Collect of the Day		Service Leaflet
First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4a	Service Leaflet
Psalm	Psalm 121	Service Leaflet
Second Reading	Romans: 4:1-5, 13-17	Service Leaflet
Gospel Reading	John 3:1-17	Service Leaflet
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
The Peace		
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves
excelling (Hyfrydol)

Hymn #657 verses 1 & 3

LESSONS FOR THE EPIPHANY

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4a

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

THE PSALM

PSALM 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING 13-17

ROMANS 4:1-5,

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

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

For 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, as 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.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR: THE NIPPON SEI KO KAI; IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR: FOR ALL CHURCH WARDENS, VESTRY AND BISHOP’S COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND TREASURERS; FOR OUR MEMBERS: FOR JAMIE, NANCY B, NINA A, MARION, NORMA, DUANE, AMANDA, STEVE K, BARBARA B, DOYLE, DIANE AND IAN AND FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, MILES, VIOLET & AARON, BY, JOHN B, PHIL, GREG, NICK, KATHIE, JOHN S, SUZIE, BILL AND IVA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 22, 3-5 pm; *Jay Kelly*, directed by Noah Baunbach, starring George Clooney and Adam Sandler.

Charity of the Month: Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative

Please consider a gift to our neighbors who continue to recover from fire and displacement from their homes.