



ST. HELENA'S

— ANGLICAN —

The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:30 am

Welcome!

Whether you are visiting or looking for a new church home,
we rejoice that you are here to worship with us today.

Please take a moment to connect with us so that we might
welcome you more personally. Please scan the QR code below or
sign our online guestbook at www.sthelenas1712.org/guestbook.

We look forward to saying hello!



Nursery: Children ages kindergarten and older are encouraged
to worship with their families in the church.

A nursery is available in Tyndale Hall for children
ages 4 and under during the 10:30 am service.

An usher can direct you to Tyndale Hall.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: Prelude on Gibbons Song 24
“Lighten the Darkness of Our Life’s Long Night”

Healey Willan

Choral Introit (text #444 in Hymnal)

William Daman (1579)

Lord Jesus, Think on Me
Parish Choir

Procession Hymn 98

St. Flavian

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 106

The Decalogue

BCP, page 100

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.*

The Confession of Sin (*Kneeling as able*)

BCP, page 12

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution of Sin

BCP, page 112

Kyrie (*Kneeling as able*)

Luigi Zaninelli (b. 1932)

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy u - pon us.

Christ, have mer - cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*Kneeling as able*)

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.**

*Please be seated for the chanting of the Psalm
and the reading of God's word.*

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
- ⁵And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
- ⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- ⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹²Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Chant setting: Matthew Camidge (1764-1844)

First Reading: Genesis 2:4-9

Pew Bible, page 2

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

LENT

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

1 Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, he had to
 2 Je - sus prayed for his dis - ci - ples; he prayed a -
 3 Je - sus died on Cal - vary's moun - tain; he died a -
 4 Je - sus rose from death's dark pris - on; he lives a -

walk it by him - self; O, no - bod - y else could walk it
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bear such
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could die for
 gain for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bring us

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 sor - row; he prayed a - lone for you and me.
 sin - ners; he had to die for you and me.
 vic - tory; he is a - live to set us free.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 809

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Fred Onyango

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our Archbishop Steve and for Bishop Chip, for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, and for Camp Jubilee. We pray especially for The Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville and their clergy, the Rev. Dr. James Gibson and St. Matthias' Church, Summerton and their clergy, the Very Rev. Denman Isgett.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach, disciple, and plant churches, especially for our Gospel community on Fripp, our daughter church at Habersham, and our church planter, Daniel Miles and his family.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and for all our mission partners, especially Pastor Fred and Sophia Onyango, Zach and Noelle Slagel in Albania, Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico, Steve and Sarah Hoskins in Maine, and Peng our Seminarian.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For the care and keeping of all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, defend them day by day with your heavenly grace.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

***Jesus (he) is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.
Colossians 1:17-18a***

Offertory Anthem(text #476 in Hymnal)Johann Martin Spiess (1745)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
The Parish Choir

Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Response.

Offertory Response 406 (verse 3)

Wondrous Love

***To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.***

Liturgy of the Table

The Sursum Corda

BCP, page 115

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymnal, 764

Kneeling or seated as you are able

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP, page 115

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 118

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP, page 119

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

During Communion

Congregation, please join in singing:

Agnus Dei *Hymnal*, 765

Hymn 422 *Deus Tuorum Militum*
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 263 *Picardy*
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 447 *Llanfyllin*
O Jesus, I Have Promised

The Post Communion Prayer *BCP*, page 121

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing *BCP*, page 121

Procession Hymn 563 *Ville Du Havre*
When Peace, Like a River, Attendeth My Way

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Paul Manz

Weekly Announcements

Long Table Gathering this Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in the 800 block of Harrington Street as we gather for food and fellowship at the Long Table. This month's meal will feature Italian cuisine, or feel free to bring another dish to share.

All mid-week activities resume this Wednesday. The WASH menu is chicken alfredo with broccoli and garden salad.

Next Sunday, March 1 is HELP of Beaufort Sunday. Your generous response to this LOVE Beaufort ministry is greatly appreciated as we provide food to our Beaufort neighbors. Please bring canned soups, peanut butter, canned fruits, vegetables, and meats as well as healthy drinks and snacks such as applesauce to any of the services. Look for the HELP containers at each service.

Men's Theology on Tap- Men of the church are invited to join us Monday, March 2 from 6-7 p.m. for Theology on Tap at Shellring Ale Works (1111 11th St, Port Royal). We will enjoy Christian fellowship over a beverage and talk about our calling. What does it look like for Christian men to participate in the Mission of God? No need to register, just show up! If you have questions contact Twig Sargent at tsargent@sthelenas1712.org or call (314) 456-7847.

Day of Jubilee- You are invited to celebrate the Day of Jubilee Saturday, March 7 at the Camp Jubilee property at 333 Brickyard Point Road South, Ladys Island. Join us for Eucharist, camp games, tours, live music, and a shared meal. Bring your chair and a side dish or dessert to share. Please plan to carpool if possible. Festivities will begin at 1:00 pm.



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High altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark, Eugenia, and Elizabeth Henderson in loving memory of Thomas Clark Henderson with remembrance on his 28th birthday.

Side altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jason, Justin, and Courtney in honor of their mother, Susan Cato on her birthday.

This Week's Prayer List

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity, especially the following:

For those in our parish family: Richard and Doris Bland, Eleanore Brough, Jim Cato, Sam and Nancy Chesnutt, Sue Collins, Carroll Crowther, Mary Lou Cullen, Delores Donat, Jim Egan, Shay Gaillard, Frank Giammona, Lynn Gibson, Chris Goodson, Beth Grace, Leila Harris, Henderson Family, Bonnie Markle, Caroline Milne, Ed Moneagle, Dee Moss, Margy Oehlert, Jo Panayotoff, Rod Parker, John Payne, Bev Peutz, Chuck and Annie Pollak, Rob Ream, Fran Sanders, Ric Schwank, Marcia and Rich Seymour, Hamp Simkins, Nelle Smith, Sandy Stephan, Carla Stout, and Shirley Sutton.

For extended family or friends of our parish family: Steele and Stephanie Anderson, Rev. Paul Anobile, Gibbon Ashley, Grace Ashley, Sandy Ballington, Julie (Hyle) Bleier, Dora Bonetti, Wendy Burchfield, Joyce Carr, David Carter family, Tad and Katie Carver, Chloe Clark, Robin Clay, Joseph Credle, Dana Cuccia, **Curry Family**, Leslie Custer, Lisa Duress, Lederle Eberhardt, **Renee Edens**,

Susan Eitnier, Ann and Suzanne Finch, Finley, **Pastor Eric Geisbert**, Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan, David Hagins, Anita Hammerbeck, Jason Hamshaw, Barbara Harper, Bray Hefner, Hanna Irby, David Kinlaw, Georgia Linam, Carolyn Lyson, Rob Macynski and family, Elizabeth Laffitte McMaster, **June Meeker**, Zoran and Annie Mistic, Tom Moore, Linda Morris, Sandra Myrick, Steve Ninemire, Fran Norman, Rebecca Pennison, Sienna Perez, Jerri Perkins, Debbie Pollak, Pete Pratt, Doug Pulsifer, Lilly Rafferty, Eli Rausch, Bill Rector, Connie Brooks Rettig, Joseph Ritchie, Sr, Christian Rooney, Todd Roseneau, the family of Andy Sargent, Becci Seuberling, Valentin Silva, Connie Chesnutt Simmons, **Paula Smith**, Lisa Spera, Gabriel St. George, Chase Sullivan, Shanna Sullivan, Tom Truman, Samantha Vanderwahl, Lucus Vanderzee, Carolyn Vitolo, Taylor Ward, Reed Watts, Sara Weeks, Terry Whitehead, and the Young Life Ministry.

For these expectant parents: Morgan and Beau Brown, Reagan and Stafford Carter, Ford and Danielle Collins, Ronnie and Felicity Charpie, and Laura and John Wise.

For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas: Connor Brazinski, Trey Crowley, **Alden Larkin**, and Flannery Woodward Macynski.

For our global and local missionaries supported by St. Helena's: Fr. John Chol Daau and family in South Sudan; Philip in East Asia; Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico; Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia; Fred and Sophia Onyango from Kenya, serving in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, Allan and Theresa Weikel serving West Africa from Bluffton, and Bishop Jeremiah and Gambella in Ethiopia.

***Names in bold were added this week.** Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days, unless illness is chronic. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations. Updated 02/18/2026*

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Hunter Jordan, Associate Rector
The Rev. Fred Onyango, Mission Partner
The Rev. John Davis, Deacon
Holton Johnson, Director of Music Ministry
Eugenia Henderson Music Ministry Assistant
The Parish Choir
Mary Lee Carns, Lector
Marge Barber, Paul Cash, and John Barber, LEMs
Warren Parker, Pete Palmer, Sport Lewis, and Stuart Polk, Ushers

Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and worshipping communities in Beaufort and beyond, seeing the Kingdom come.

Vestry Members

Class of 2026

Jim Egan
Helon Hrushka
Heidi Smith
Kathy Whitehead

Class of 2027

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Sherwood Miler
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