



The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

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We hope this service of worship will be a source of strength and inspiration for your spiritual journey.

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CHORAL PRELUDE *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me*

HYMN 401 *The God of Abraham praise* Leoni

OPENING ACCLAMATION Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**
Celebrant

Almighty God, to you our hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Page 218, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF GENESIS Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Psalm 22:22-30, Deus, Deus meus* BCP page 610



22 Praise the Lord, you that / fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give / glory.
23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from / them; *
but when they cry to him he hears / them.
24 My praise is of him in the great a/ssembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship / him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise / him: *
"May your heart live for/ever!"
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before / him.
27 For kingship belongs to the / Lord; *
he rules over the / nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before / him.
29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve / him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for/ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un/born *
the saving deeds that he has / done.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be

Hollingside

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Gavin Tomlin

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

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Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon or other leader reads the intercessions. People respond with "Hear our Prayer."

After the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



OFFERTORY 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 **As it is right and proper.**
Celebrant

It is very right and proper and our committed duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a proper preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed

Who did call on your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and saying

SANCTUS HYMN S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy

Proulx

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for that you did create heaven and earth, and did make us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, did give your own Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to You, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And now, O Lord and heavenly Father, we, your people, celebrate and make, with these your own holy gifts which we now offer back to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us and to us, the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your Fatherly goodness, in accepting this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, by which we offer and present to you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we ask, that all who take part in this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may live in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and Glory be to you, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S161

Lamb of God

Hurd

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant

We do not presume to come this, your Holy Table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own Righteousness, but in your great and unending mercies. We are not worthy to so much as gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same God whose stance toward us is always mercy. Grant, gracious Lord, that we may eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink his blood, that we may dwell forever in him, and he in us. **Amen**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN 337

And now, O Father, mindful to the love

Unde et momores

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come, Follow Me

Martin / Raney

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This week's visitor is Mary Beth Butler.

Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond,

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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Celebrant and People together standing

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN WLP 757

Will you come and follow me

Kelvingrove

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon
People*

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

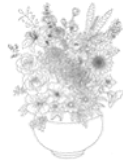
POSTLUDE

Allegro staccato (Organ Concerto #11)

Handel

Altar Flower Dedications

The flowers on the altar have been dedicated this week by
Mary Anderson in thanksgiving for Whit and Taylor on their birthdays.



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