THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II FEBRUARY 28, 2021 AT 10:00AM



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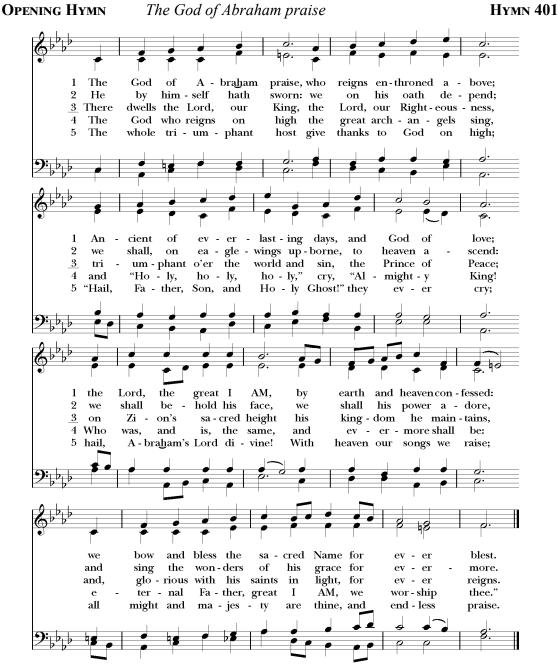
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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE



OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

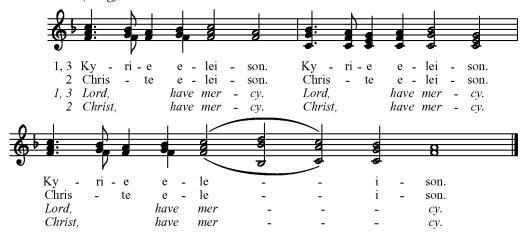
Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all 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*.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 230

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22-30 (read responsively)



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 assembly; *

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.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done. (Antiphon)

New Testament Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN Take my life, and let it be PG. 12

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 8:31-38

Celebrant 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

People

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA R. KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

BCP 358

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. (pause) 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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishop, Audrey; and for all the clergy and people we pray to the Lord. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Upper Fairfield and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the United Kingdom Branch of the Global Anglican Future Conference, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For this city of Lancaster, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; especially Geta, Emily Lavender, Marita Houston, Kerry Cater, Max Allen, Chase, Tom Hemler, Dominique and Sarene, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without the suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee. O Lord our God.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE CONFESSION BCP 352

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE (take a moment to send someone a text, an email, or post on social media!)

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a devotional that anyone can pray to express their desire to receive Holy Communion, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the sacrament

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

LENTEN BLESSING

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as journey through these Forty Days, and bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

THE CLOSING HYMN How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord Pg. 13

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.



Hymn 636 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD How firm foun - da saints of the Lord, 1 a tion, ve "Fear 2 with thee; be dis - mayed! not, Ι am 0 not 3 I "When through deep the wa call thee to ters go, "When through thy shall 4 fier - y tri als path - way lie, "The fled Iе hath 5 soul that sus for re - pose, to is laid faith his cel - lent word! 1 for your in ex -2 For God, will still give thee aid; I am thy and 3 riv o - ver - flow; the of woe shall not thee ers suf - fi 4 grace, all cient, shall be thy sup - ply; my 5 will will de I Ι not. not its foes: sert to What he than hath said, he more can say to you 2 I'strength en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, 3 for with bless, I will be thee, thy trou - bles to the flame shall hurt Ι 4 thee; on - ly de - sign not 5 all hell shall though shake, that soul, en deav - or to ref Je - sus have fled? 1 to you that for uge to 2 up held right ni - po - tent hand. by my eous, om 3 and sanc ti fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress. gold thy 4 dross and thy re - fine. to con - sume, to 5 I'IInev for - sake."

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A BLESSING FOR ALTAR CLOTHS AND HANGINGS

Antiphon

This is the offering which you shall receive from the people gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen.

V. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness:

R. You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of this altar cloth and hangings and grant that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR VESTMENTS FOR THE LITURGY

Antiphon

You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

R. Let your people sing with joy.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept this chasuble and these stoles for the use of the clergy of your Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Children's Church (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum (Zoom)

12:00 p.m. Music Minister Search Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Music Leader Meeting

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

5:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer (Facebook) 7:00 p.m. Worship at the Courtyard

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

2:00 p.m. Council of Trustees Meeting

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 p.m Stewardship Committee Auction Pick Up

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast

9:00 a.m Stewardship Committee Auction Pick Up

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday - 6:00-7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

NA: Monday and Wednesday - 12:00 Noon (All Purpose Room)

FOOD PANTRY - Thank you for your support of our food pantry ministry. Your donations allow us to feed so many neighbors struggling to make ends meet during this difficult time. We are currently in need of toiletries; pasta sauce; and canned goods: soup, chicken, tuna, vegetables, and fruit. (Please leave items on the back porch of Becker House).

BOOK CLUB GATHERING - Diocesan Migration Ministries Book Study

Dates: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 from 7-8 PM on Zoom

Diocesan Migration Ministry Resources will offer readers a book study series on the book *HOW DARE THE SUN RISE* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana via a Zoom forum to discuss her profoundly moving memoir about surviving a tribal massacre, immigrating to America, and overcoming trauma through art and activism. The book can be ordered on amazon.com by clicking here. To register for the book study, click here. For additional questions, contact The Rev. Beth Mollard or Dave Martin.

Here is the link for the auction:

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AUCTION



Save items like clothes and books for the annual Yard Give.

Auction Dates: Feb 20-Mar 3

Our auction will be run through Patrick Morgan Auction Services, LLC. They will charge a 15% buyer's fee, meaning that the profits for each item will be what the item sells for, and there will be no cost to us. Patrick will advertise for us to a nation-wide audience. He handles shipping.

The Soul's Journey by Kathrin Burleson "The Stations of the Cross invite us to enter the drama, to let ourselves be transformed by the story and to make it our own, and to continue along the soul's journey that shapes each of our lives." LENTEN ADULT FORUM EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT AT 11:00AM ON ZOOM

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