

The Second Sunday of Lent

Morning Prayer Rite II

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

Sung by all

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All God's mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

Opening Sentence

Presider Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,**

**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
Amen**

Presider 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 Invitatory & Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come let us adore him.

Kyrie

Sung by all

The Psalm of the Day 22:22-30

Led by Gwedolyn Daring

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

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.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

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.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis

Read by Peter Saghir

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."

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Take My Life

sung by Taiwan Norris

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Read by Deacon John Musco

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 word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

Canticle 14

A Song of Penitence

sung by Sophie Delphis

The Apostles Creed

said in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Offertory

We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

Doxology

Sung by all

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Presider And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Prayers

Led by Ann Mellow

Merciful God, come to us as you came to Noah.

Come to the caves of our lives –
 caves we have created,
 and caves we have sought;
Caves to which we have been sent,
 caves in which we now reside.

Come to the caves of our world –
 caves of containment,
 and caves of protection;
Caves of solace and anxiety,
 caves that quickly become tombs.

Gracious God, come to us as you came to Abraham and Sarah.

Call us back to life –
 life created by you,
 and life sustained by you;
Life in relationship with you,
 life in service to others.
Call us back to life –
 life that is hope in despair,
 and peace in unsettled times.
Life that is joy in sorrow,
 love beyond understanding.

Loving God, come to us as you came to Moses.

Unbind us and set us free –
 liberate shackles of sadness,
 and burdens too heavy to bear.
Release us from fear that inhibits
 deliver us in your grace.
Unbind us and set us free –
 call us to community,
 and fuel us for connection.
Show us your way,
 inspire us to walk with you.
Through the renewing power of your Spirit,
and grounded in the words you teach us to pray.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*** Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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.*

Lenten Prayer

led by Emily Hursh

Friends, please join me as we pray together:

Loving God,

**there is so much darkness in my life
and I hide from you.**

Take my hand

and lead me out of the shadows of my fear.

Help me to change my heart.

Bring me to your truth

and help me to respond to your generous love.

Let me recognize the fullness of your love

which will fill my life.

Free me from the darkness in my heart.

The Benediction

Presider May Christ who calls you to take up your cross give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights Sung by all

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

Time for Check-in

Parish Announcements

Join us for Saya's baby shower today after the service!