

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 25, 2018, 10:00 am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

# The Word of God

*Prelude: Vater unser im himmelreich (Our Father who art in Heaven)*

George Böhm

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*  
The Opening Hymn

**The God of Abraham Praise**

**Hymn #401 vv 1-3**

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**All His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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.**

## The Confession of Sin

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

*Please stand or kneel as able, and join in saying,*

**All 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 Absolution

† 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.**

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing three times.*

Trisagion

S #102

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Trisagion by Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924) Hymnal 1982 S-102

**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Peter Huang  
**Preacher:** Mr. Hank Gatlin, *Licensed Lay Preachers*

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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."

1<sup>st</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Anglican chant is a treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church, and we will be using it through the season of Lent.*

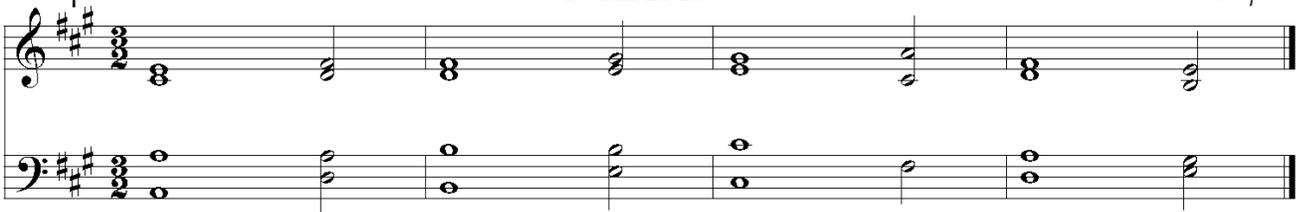
*We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), changing notes on the syllable indicated in the text.*

*Remaining seated, please sing (or read silently) along.*

## The Response

### Psalm 22:22-30

Hopson



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O praise the Lord, you that fear hím, O Israel's offspring, stand in áwe;  
All you who are of Jacob's líne give glory always to the Lórd.

The Lord does not despise the póor, but when they cry, he hears their pléa;  
I will praise God and make my vóws, I will perform them publicly.

The poor shall eat and have their fíll; those who seek God shall give him práise;  
All nations shall turn to the Lórd and bow before his throne alwáys.

Kingship belongs to God the Lórd, he rules the nations from his thróne;  
All those who sleep within the éarth bow down to worship him alóne.

My soul shall live for him, my héirs shall serve the Lord at his commánd,  
To people yet unborn make knówn the saving deeds of his right hánd.

## The Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able, and join in singing,*

The Gospel Procession

Step by Step

Beaker

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you.— O God, you are my God, and  
8 I will ev-er praise you.— I will seek you in thorn - ing,— I will learn to walk in your  
13 ways,— and step by step you'll lead\_\_\_ me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

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## 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.**

*Please join in singing 'Step by Step' as the procession returns.*

*Please be seated for*

† The Sermon

Mr Hank Gatlin

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

## The Nicene Creed

**All 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.**

*Please stand for,*

## The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that there is a pathway before us that leads into your promises and graces. Receive our prayers as we journey into this season of reflection, growth and change.

We pray for our church. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. Guide us along pathways of reconciling hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our nation. Help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. Guide us along pathways of eternal truths. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being, welcoming the stranger and refugee. Guide us along pathways of unity and hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the truth of love and the power of forgiveness. May we lead lives that are peaceful and just, balanced and joyful. Guide us along pathways of healing love. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen and protect them. Guide them along pathways of protection. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the afflicted, the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Howard Dale, John Dingee, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Peter Pano, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas and all those we name to you now...

*{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*, and empower us to engage your healing presence.

Guide us along pathways of health and wholeness. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, from the consequences of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods and other natural disasters and for those who grieve for them. Guide us along pathways of safety. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially James Henry (brother of Fred Henry), and those we name to you now... *{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*. Guide us along pathways of eternal comfort and strength. God of mercy, **make us new.**

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All** God of our Lenten journey, renew us, transform us and lead us to any who need us. Help us appreciate the earthliness and sacredness of being human, for the sake of Jesus, who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Stretch us to receive ever more deeply your unrelenting love among us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand as able for*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome and Announcements



## The Holy Communion

*On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children of the parish gather at the altar to experience the mystery and joy of Communion up close, so their Sunday School learning may come alive in their experience.*

Offertory Anthem

*No Turning Back*

*Joel Ramey*

*When the storm is raging, when the wind is tossing me, when the waves start rising out on the angry sea, Jesus reaches out his hand to lift me from this sinking sand. He leads the way, and I will follow.*

*Step by step Jesus leads the way. Oh, step by step, close beside me all the way.*

*Step by step, every moment, every day Jesus is there to lead me step by step.*

*I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back.*

*'Though none go with me, still I will follow. No turning back.*

*Will you decide, now, to follow Jesus? No turning back.*

Offertory Hymn

**I Want to Walk as a Child of Light**

*Kathleen Thomerson*

I want to walk as a child of light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.

9  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The light of my life is Je - sus.

17  
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The

25  
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words and Music by Kathleen Thomerson. From Hymnal 1982 #490.

*Please continue STANDING, as able, for*  
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer. They will become for us spiritual food.

**People We bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

**People We Bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages. We thank you that they are with us, surrounding your table.

**People We bless God forever.**

*Remain standing for*  
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

**People We praise God together.**

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

**People God has done so much for us.**

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.**

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world. And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

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God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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*Please STAND or kneel, as you are able, or feel most comfortable.*

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

**Families** All the good we see comes from you.  
You have always loved us  
but people have not always loved you.  
You sent Jesus to show us how to live  
and to bring us back to you again.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

**Families** He died for us on the cross  
so that through your Spirit  
we can all be your people.  
And so with thanks we praise you.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Celebrant We are here because on the night before he died  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
There he took some bread  
and gave thanks to you, God.  
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.  
"This is my body," he said.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you.**



Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.  
He shared it with them, and said  
"This is my blood, which brings new life.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you."**

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever,  
We are glad to share that life and live in him.  
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**



Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus,  
and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Celebrant Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

**Families Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,  
Until he comes again,  
with all your people in every time and every land.**

Celebrant We worship you and say:

**People We praise you.  
We thank you.  
We bless you.  
Amen.**

Celebrant 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

### At the Table of Jesus

Carey Landry

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

At the ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God. At the  
5 ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God.

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### The Communion of the People

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

## Communion Music

*Behold, What Manner of Love*

*Patricia Van Tine*

7 Be-hold, what man-ner of love the Fath-er has giv-en un - to us;— be-hold, what man-ner of  
 13 love the Fath-er has giv-en un - to us, that we should be called the chil-dren of  
 God. That we should be called the child - ren of God.

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## Whichever Way You Turn

*Larkin*

7 Which ev-er way you turn, which ev-er way you turn, which ev-er way you  
 13 turn, there is the face of God. Which ev-er way you turn, which ev-er way you  
 turn, which ev-er way you turn, there is the face of God. Which ev-er

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*Please kneel or stand as able*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**All** God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
 As we follow his example of prayer, fasting, and service may we obey you with willing hearts  
 and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ give you power to grow in holiness this Lent. May you open your hearts and minds into the  
 pathways of God's promises and graces. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy  
 Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

## The Closing Hymn

### Jesus Loves Me

*Traditional*

5 Je - sus loves me, this I know! for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go;  
 9 Lit - tle ones to him be - long, They are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing child - ren on his knee, say - ing, "let them come to me."  
 Yes, Je-sus love me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

## The Sending Forth

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

**People** Thanks be to God!

*Postlude: Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen (O holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended)*

*C.H. Rink*