

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12th, 2017, 10:00 a.m.



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

What is Lent? VERY simply Lent is a season set aside when we try to grow closer to God by simple living, prayer and fasting. Lent is a an invitation to “repent” – to re-focus our lives to be more in tune with Jesus, to love and give up un-loving ways. Lent is the 40 days before Easter excluding Sundays.

Why the color purple? Purple symbolizes “repentence”.

The Word of God

Prelude: Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our father who art in Heaven)

Georg Böhm

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

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #636 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 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

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Peter Huang

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 12:1-4a

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

1st 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), which indicates to move to the next note.

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

The Response

Psalm 121

Hal Hopson



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*I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall I find áid?
My help will come from God himself by whom the world was máde.*

*He will not let your foot be móved, he watches day and níght;
He does not sleep, for Israél is always in his síght.*

*The Lord keeps watch above his ówn, and gives you shade at nóon;
The sun shall not strike you by dáy nor yet, at night, the móon.*

*The Lord shall save you from all hárm, preserve your life in péace
He watches as you come and gó, his care will never céase.*

The Second Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

Earthen Vessels

Joseph Foley, SJ

We hold a treas-ure not made of gold, in earth-en ves-sels, wealth un - told. ___
 One treas-ure on-ly, ___ the Lord, the Christ, in earth-en ves - sels. ___

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The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please join in singing 'Earthen Vessels' as the procession returns.

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Huang

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

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)

(Brian Doerksen)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
 Where does my help come from
 My help comes from You
 Maker of heaven, creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord
 You are my only hope
 You're my only prayer
 So I will wait for You
 To come and rescue me
 Come and give me life

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 we are spiritual beings in an earthly journey. Inspire us to make choices that lead us into more authentic relationships with you, with ourselves and with others. Receive our prayers as we journey through 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. Lead us to deeper trust in your healing grace. 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. 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 and to welcome the stranger and refugee. 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. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Kelly Hall, Gavin Larson, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman, and Steve. Strengthen and protect them. 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, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Margaret and Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, 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 love. 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 those we name to you now... *{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*. God of mercy, **make us new.**

Silence

Celebrant 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

Offertory Anthem

Born of Water, Born of Spirit

Nate Gustafson

Born of water, born of Spirit, sealed in wonder, love, and grace; see the light of jubilation beam from every radiant face!

*Father, mother, sister, brother; neighbor, stranger, young and old;
Christ has gathered all hearts willing into God's reclaiming fold.*

May the mind of Christ be in us, guiding us from day to day; may we live to walk like Jesus, ever following in his way.

May the love of Christ dwell richly in each thought and in each deed.

As we drink from streams of pardon, on God's wisdom daily feed.

Into the Kingdom, into the household, God receives you; so do we. Grow in love and grow in courage, grow in true humility.

Join us as we serve and worship God in sweet community; bruised and broken, yet beloved, blest for all eternity.

Born of water, born of Spirit, blest for all eternity. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

What Wondrous Love

WONDROUS LOVE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my
soul! What won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his
crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.

American Folk Hymn, Hymn #439 The Hymnal 1982

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me.**"

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

All 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.

Fraction Anthem

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

O Lamb of God

ST FLAVIAN

O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, Have
mer - cy up - on us, have mer - cy on us. world,
grant us thy peace, Grant us thy peace.

Tune ST FLAVIAN from Day's Psalter, 1562.

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 (*The choir will be sitting in the congregation during the singing of the Communion hymn*)

*Please join in singing,
Come, My Heart Says*

Linda Larkin

9 Come, come, come, my heart says, Seek the face of God.—
17 Come, come, come, my heart says, seek the face— of God.
Seek the face— of God.— Seek the face of God.

Words and Music by Linda Larkin

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 Christ give you grace to grow in holiness this Lent, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God our Creator, of Christ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #473

The Sending Forth

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (From deep affliction I cry out to you)

Georg Böhm

