

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



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

## The Word of God

*Prelude: Meditation Prelude*

*Flor Peeters*

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

The Processional Hymn

**The God of Abraham Praise**

**Hymn #401**

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Deacon During this season of Lent, we recognize that we, like the Gospel figures listed in the penitential litany we are about to pray, have sinned against you.

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel or stand as able, with the People saying the words in bold,*

Like the Prodigal Jesus  
**We have wasted your love.**

As with Simon,  
**You teach us mercy.**

Like Nicodemus,  
**We have crept about in darkness.**

As with the disciples,  
**You wash our feet.**

Like James and John,  
**We have slept through others' sorrow.**

As with the criminal hanging near you,  
**You promise us paradise.**

Like Peter,  
**We have denied and betrayed you.**

As with Peter,  
**You restore us in your love.**

Like Pilate,  
**We have washed our hands of blame.**

Give us, now, Jesus,  
**the gift of repentance, the grace of forgiveness,  
and hearts made ready for Easter's joy.  
Amen.**

And yet, as with the woman at the well,  
**You give us drink in the heat of the day.**

As with the man born blind,  
**You open our eyes.**

*Liturgy for the Whole Church, Susan K Bock*

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.**

**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
**Deacon/Preacher:** The Rev. Jude Lyons

Please STAND, and join in singing three times,  
Trisagion

Alexander Archangelsky Hymnal S-102

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

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated, and join in singing the psalm.

Anglican chant is an treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church. We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), which indicates to move to the next note. Please sing (or read silently) along with us!

The Response

Psalm 121

Hopson

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 121. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall I find áid?  
My help will come from God himsélf 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND, as able, for the reading of the Holy Gospel, and join in singing.*

Gospel Procession

**Teach Me Your Ways**

Linda Larkin



Teach me your ways, O Lord. Teach me your ways, O Lord. Teach, teach me.  
That I may walk, that I may walk, that I may walk in your truth.

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## The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17



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

**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 'Teach Me Your Ways' as the Gospel Procession returns.*

Please be seated for  
The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

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

Please stand as able, and join in saying,  
The Nicene Creed

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 one. Receive our prayers as we journey in this season of reflection and growth.

We pray for our church, our nation and the world. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. 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 power of forgiveness. May we lead lives of justice and peace. 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, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, 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, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, 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 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 and beyond, you have made us to be one with you, self, others, and creation. Lead us to all who need us. Help us share the power of your Christ presence with all whom we meet. Help us prepare for a renewal in your risen life. We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit 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

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Leo Sowerby

*Femi Knight, soloist*

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.*

*The Lord is thy keeper; the shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy coming out and thy going in from this time forth, and even forever more. Amen.*

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

Offertory Hymn

**Take, O Take Me As I Am**

Iona

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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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.

*Please remain standing for,*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.*

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

*Schubert Hymnal S-130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav-en and earth are full,  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting from Deutsche Mass by Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

*All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."**

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 all, 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 re-  
newal. 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, Gracious God, 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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

#### Fraction Anthem

*Schubert Hymnal #164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world, give us your  
peace, give us your peace.

### The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to share in Communion, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. 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.

*The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.*

#### Communion Anthem

*God So Loved the World*

*John Stainer*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that who so believeth in him will not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.*

*Please kneel or stand, as able*

### The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

**All** We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

### The Blessing



Celebrant May Christ give you grace in this holy season of Lent to grow in holiness; may Jesus Christ give you grace to grow in love, in faithfulness and to follow him; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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

### The Closing Hymn

### God Be In My Head

Hymn #694

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers measures 1 through 6, with lyrics: "God be in my head, and in my un-der - stand-ing; God be in mine eyes, and in my look-ing;". The second system covers measures 7 through 12, with lyrics: "God be in my mouth, and in my speak-ing; God be in my heart, and in my think-ing;". The third system covers measures 13 through 16, with lyrics: "God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing." The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and various time signatures (3/8, 4/4, 3/8, 6/4).

Hymn #694 The Hymnal 1982

### The Sending Forth

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

**People** Thanks be to God!

*Postlude: Dresden*

*Wagner*