

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 13 March 2022 ♦ 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins:

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:
The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

All kneel or stand, as able.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence is kept.

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.**

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 KYRIE ELEISON



All stand for the Collect.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You

have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

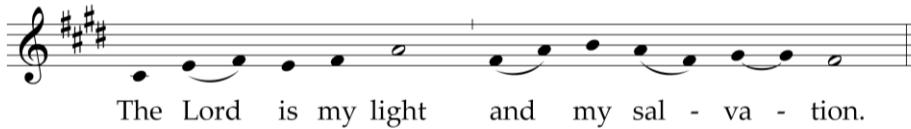
Psalm 27

Response



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. **Response**



- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me. *Response*
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure. *Response*
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them,

and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

DUNEDIN



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy pow'r to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing

cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

REFLECTION

Donna Ialongo

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form 2

The Book of Common Prayer

During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our bishops: Michael, Paula, and Chilton; for this gathering;
and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,
and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge
of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask for the prayers or thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been
honored. Pray that we may have the grace to glorify Christ in our own
day.

Silence

Presider

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us
to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we
dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.
Now more than ever, your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.*

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or follow the link to our electronic giving platform.*



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Anthem “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” attr. Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you have little;
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;

Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider

God our salvation, you have made us a people for your own possession,
and we become yours as you become ours
in the sharing of this meal of bread and cup.

Send down your Holy Spirit,

that these tokens of earthly sustenance and heavenly joy
may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

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

Presider

God our stronghold,
as we walk this Lenten journey through the wilderness with you,
make this eternal food enough to feed us
through times of uncertainty and fear.

Soften in us the impulse of greed, that, as we share the bread of life,
we may continue to understand the word “enough.”

Shape our hearts to long for that day
when you gather your children to yourself,
and inspire us to make all who are created in your image
our companions at this and other tables,
until the day when all our hungers are satisfied
and every friendship is fulfilled
in the company of your Holy Trinity,
through whom, and with whom, and in whom
all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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 BREAD

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor, then All



We who are man-y are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Cantor



We break this bread to share in the Bo-dy of Christ.

All



We who are man-y are one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

Anthem “O, Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem” Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces. (Psalm 122: 6-7)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy,
that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be
upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising” CHARTERHOUSE



1 O Je - sus Christ, may grate - ful hymns be ris - ing, _____
2 Grant us new cour - age, sac - ri - fi - cial, hum - ble, _____
3 Show us your Spi - rit, brood - ing o'er each ci - ty, _____



in ev - ery ci - ty for your love and care; _____
strong in your strength to ven - ture and to dare; _____
as you once wept a - bove Je - ru - sa - lem, _____



in - spire our wor - ship, grant the glad sur - pris - ing _____
to lift the fall - en, guide the feet that stum - ble, _____
seek - ing to gath - er all in love and pi - ty, _____



that your blest Spi - rit rous - es ev - ery - where.
seek out the lone - ly and God's mer - cy share.
and heal - ing those who touch your gar - ment's hem.

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal, the people respond **Thanks be to God.**

How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

Why use incense in worship?

Incense has a long history in Christianity, Judaism and other religions. It adds our noses to the multi-sensory experience of worship. The psalmist expresses the symbolism of incense and prayer: “Let my prayer rise like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

The clouds of incense represent cleansing and purification. The sweet smell suggests Christ's righteousness that covers sin. In some traditions, incense is used to honor holy things and holy people (the gathered people, that is, the body of Christ). The altar/table, the bread and wine, the ministers and the assembly may be “censed” as a way of showing their importance in the liturgy. Incense adds a festive accompaniment to processions, creating “holy clouds” and “holy smells” in the air.

The sweet smell of incense is a doorway to the holy in the same way that beautiful music, flowers, stained glass, or a room/building can lead us to ponder the mystery of God's presence. Incense in worship is an ancient practice that connects us to the Church around the world and through the ages.

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if you're here, you belong!*



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