

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 5 March 2023 • 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Interludium (Pastorale)

Alfred Baum (1904-1993)

WELCOME

HYMN

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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 to God.

Silence is kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 12:1-4a

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.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 121

Response



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. *Response*
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep; *Response*
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. *Response*
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Richard Proulx

Refrain



Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Verse (*sung by cantor/choir*)

The Son of Man must be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Preacher 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."

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

HOMILY

The Rev'd Sierra Reyes

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 and Paula; 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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Offertory Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who so believeth in him should 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.
God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

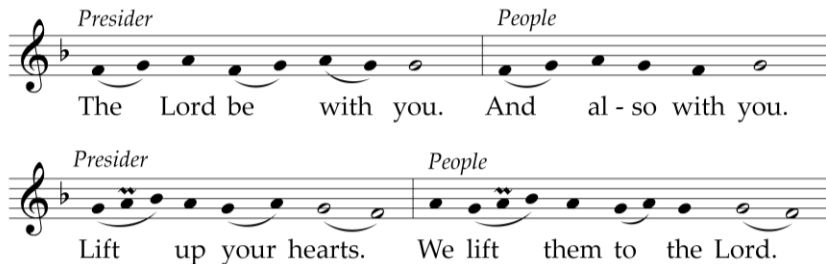
Iona Invitation

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 who 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




The musical notation is presented in two systems. Each system has two staves. The first staff of each system is for the Presider, and the second is for the People. The music is in a single melodic line with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second system covers: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

Presider



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

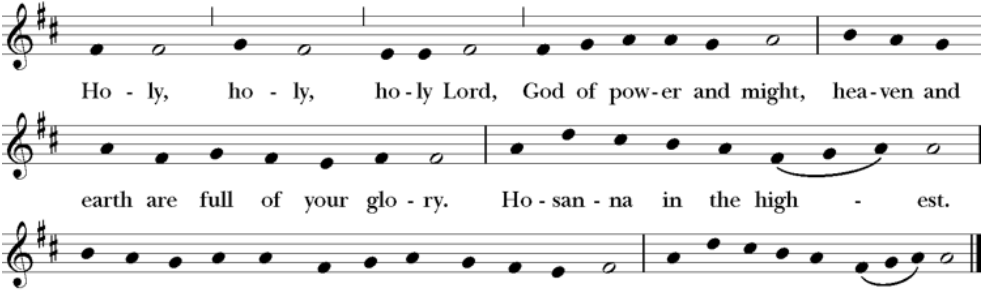


It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil,

and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord
of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ
and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary
and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage

of your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head
of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

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

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.

You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymn

“Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth”

ST. BOTOLPH



1 Dear Christ, up - lift - ed from the earth, your
2 Still east and west your love ex - tends and
3 Where age and gen - der, class and race, di -
4 May we, ac - cept - ed as we are, yet



arms stretched out a - bove through ev - 'ry cul - ture,
al - ways, near and far, you call and claim us
vide us to our shame, you see a per - son
called in grace to grow, reach out to oth - ers,



ev - 'ry birth, to draw an an - sw'ring love.
as your friends and love us as we are.
and a face, a neigh - bor with a name.
near and far your heal - ing love to show.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

A SOLEMN PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT


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.**

Refrain



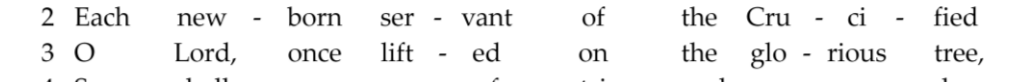
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim




till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,



2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied

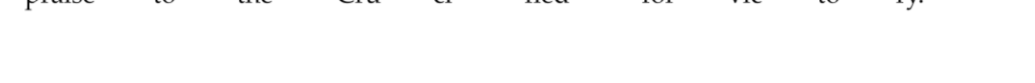


3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat refrain




the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.



bears on the brow the seal of him who died.



as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.



praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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.

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