The Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023





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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude

Processional Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

H-635



Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

The Opening Sentences

The people remain standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue (kneeling)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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." Mark 12:29-31

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

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

(8:00 AM spoken)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(10:30 AM sung)



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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**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson 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. *People:* **Thanks be to God**.

The Response Psalm 121

The Choir sings the psalm.

- 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.
- 3. He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5. The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.
- 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.

The Epistle 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.

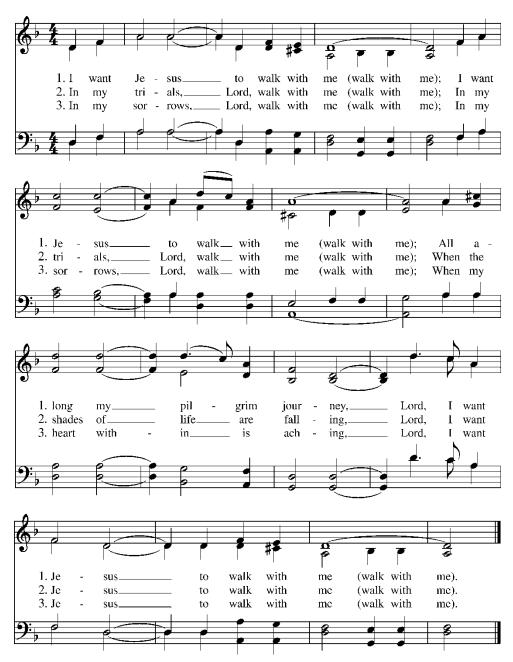
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

I want Jesus to walk with me

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The Gospel John 3:1-17

Then, all standing, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying:

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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Greenaway

The Nicene Creed (by all, standing)

BCP. 358

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.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Let us pray for *Joe*, our President, *Congress of the United States*, *Supreme Court*, *Muriel*, our Mayor; and for this community, the nation, and the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, including: [Jean Ringuette, Joan Williams, Allen Tapera, Yovani Álvarez, and Athara Lindsay]; and for all others who have been entrusted to our prayers, including: [Sarah Woodbury, Bezelle Thomas, Jeff Wilkerson, Ashley Walker and family, Bernard Walker, Beverly Taylor, Rosemary Nabor, Kathy Mahoney and family, Andrea Rodgers, Jeannette Brownson and family, Booker Diggins, III, Joy Warde, Tiffany Fleming-Withrow, Evelyn Clay, Dave Morentz, Lauvinia Alston, Joetta Chaplin, Mark Firley, John Eng, Lydia Streit, Henry Russell, Michele Moore, Riley Luck, Linda St. Martin, Mildred Robinson, Stan Bien, Gary Santal, Roslyn Antoinette Leighton, Fernando J. Cruz, Bonita Bryant and family, Anne Gee, Susan Towles-McFarland, Tahliq Hatcher and family, Marilyn Roither, and William McKinney]. Let us pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for *Justin,* the Archbishop of Canterbury and Church of the Province of South East Asia. Pray for The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genoa, Italy. In the diocese, pray for Grace Church, Georgetown; and Grace Church, Silver Spring Parish. For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Let us pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Bob**, **Douglas**, and **Preston**, our Priests; **Liza**, our Deacon; all who minister at St. Paul's Church; and all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in His church**.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord:

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially **Nicole Turner**, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Peace (by all)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus (8:00 AM, spoken)

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30 AM sung)



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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 BCP. 364

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

People and Celebrant

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.

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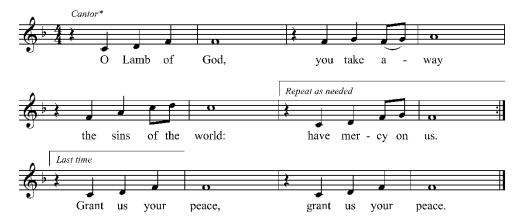
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (8:00 AM, spoken)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(10:30 AM sung)



*The congregation echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one measure.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In the Episcopal tradition, we believe that when circumstances make it impossible to consume the Eucharistic elements, our desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.

I invite all those who are unable to receive the consecrated bread and wine this day, but who long for the grace and blessing of God through our Savior Jesus Christ, to join me in this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Said by those who will not receive Communion today.

In union, Blessed Jesus,

with your faithful people

at every altar of your Church

where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,

I offer my praise and thanksgiving.

Since I cannot receive you today

in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.

May I live in you, and you in me,

in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



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Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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



The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING!! Please take the time to fill out a welcome card and join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the service. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian life, and we look forward to seeing you.

Weekly Attendance for Sunday	26 February 2023	
Attendance	46	

Preaching at St. Paul's

March 5 th	Second Sunday in Lent	Fr. Greenaway
March 12 th	Third Sunday in Lent	Fr. Bob
March 19 th	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fr. Greenaway
March 26 th	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Fr. Bob

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

March 12 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 21 st	Vestry Meeting; 7 pm Great Hall

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study: St. Paul's holds Bible Study every Sunday after the 8 AM service in the Great Hall of St. Paul's Center. Join us from 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM. All are welcome!

Episcopal Parish Network (EPN)- formerly CEEP: Annual Conference will be held on **March 8 – 11, 2023** at Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront and graciously hosted by St. John's Cathedral.

Easter Lillies: St. Paul's parishioners can dedicate an Easter Lily, used to decorate the altar on Easter, in memory or honor of someone. The fee is \$40.00 per plant. Please provide the name of person(s) to the church office by **March 27th** by completing a flower form found in the tract rack in the Narthex and place in the collection plate. Flowers must be paid in advance for the name to appear in the printed Easter list and for flowers to be picked-up.

Holy Land Pilgrimage, August 28 – September 12, 2023: Brochures are available in the narthex or contact the Church Office at 202-726-2080 or churchoffice@stpaulsrockcreek.org. A deposit of \$500 must be paid to St. Paul's Church by **March 31, 2023**. If you decide not to go, it's refundable until July 1st. This year because prices have risen, we must have a minimum of 20 pilgrims to join with their deposit by the end of March or otherwise we will have to cancel the journey. The pilgrimage is not limited to St. Paul's parishioners so ask your friends and neighbors to join us.

Save the Date: Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries March 2023

Birthdays

Victoria Earls 2nd Karen Brown 3rd Anthony Cade 3rd Douglas Greenaway 9th

Randall Palmer 10th Silas Malaguerra 13th Claudia Thomas 14th Nyana Quashie 15th

Coralie Odoms 15th Larry Dorman 16th

Joan Williams-Thomas 23rd

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

Old Testament

George Gordon......Royan Miller-Morgan **Epistle** Barbara WalkerRhina Bobb **Prayers of the People** Iris Snowden....... Walter Roberts, Jr.



Mission Statement

To be one family in Christ using our gifts and resources; and to respond to the spiritual, social, and human needs of our parish and community.

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