



The First Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, February 28, 2021
11:00 am in the Parking Lot

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal #401

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and,
glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry, 'Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt

Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Decalogue

pg. 350 in Book of Common Prayer

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.***

Confession & Absolution

pg. 352 in BCP

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.***

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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 Lessons

The First Reading: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm: *Psalms 22:22-30*

²²***Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.***

²³***For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.***

²⁴***My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.***

²⁵***The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”***

²⁶***All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.***

²⁷***For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.***

²⁸***To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.***

²⁹***My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.***

Second Reading: *Romans 4:13-25*

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel: *Mark 8:31-38*

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke

him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

El Shaddai

John W. Thompson | Michael Card

Chorus

El Shaddai El Shaddai, El Elyonna Adonai
Age to age You're still the same.
By the power of the name
El Shaddai El Shaddai, Erkamkana Adonai
We will praise and lift You high,
El Shaddai

Through Your love and through the ram You saved the son of Abraham
Through the power of Your hand You turned the sea into dry land
To the outcast on her knees You were the God who really sees
And by Your might You set Your children free. Chorus

Through the years You made it clear That the time of Christ was near
Though the people couldn't see What Messiah ought to be
Though Your Word contained the plan They just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done In the frailty of Your Son. Chorus

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***
And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .
. . . 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

*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

Fraction Anthem

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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymnal #448

Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

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