

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 4 & 5, 2023 5:30 PM & 11:00 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Prelude

Silent Procession

Penitential Order

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

Confession & Absolution

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Kyrie

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

Sung during 11:00 service:

Elizabeth Niedt

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy – Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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 12:1-4a*

<sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

The Psalm: *Psalms 121*

<sup>1</sup>*I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my help to come?*

<sup>2</sup>*My help comes from the LORD, \* the maker of heaven and earth.*

<sup>3</sup>*He will not let your foot be moved \* and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.*

<sup>4</sup>*Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \* shall neither slumber nor sleep;*

<sup>5</sup>*The LORD himself watches over you; \* the LORD is your shade at your right hand,*

<sup>6</sup>*So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* nor the moon by night.*

<sup>7</sup>*The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \* it is he who shall keep you safe.*

<sup>8</sup>*The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth forevermore.*

## **The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>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.

## **Sequence Hymn**

*Wilt thou forgive* (verses 1, 2)

John Donne (1573-1631)

***Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.***

***Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.***

## **The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"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.

<sup>17</sup>"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."

## **Gospel Response - *Wilt thou forgive* (verse 3)**

***I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.  
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.***

## The Sermon

### Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

### Prayers of the People

*Presider:* We Pray to you O Lord,

*Music Response*  
after each petition.

Refrain *mp*

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
Shep-herd me, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to  
yond my fears, from death to  
life. life.  
life. life.

## The Peace

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Music

*And No Bird Sang*

Wagner

#### 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.*

Sung during 11:00 service:

Elizabeth Niedt

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. God of power and might.*

*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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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.***

Sung during the 11:00 service:

Elizabeth Niedt

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us. Bearer of our sins, have mercy, on us. Bearer of our sins, have mercy. Redeemer of the world, Jesus, give us your peace.***

## Communion Music

*My faith looks up to thee*

Hymnal #691

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

## 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.*

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Lift high the cross*

Hymnal #473

**Refrain:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each new-born servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.

George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

## Silent Recession

## Dismissal

## Postlude

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