

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)

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The Word of God

The Prelude

The Glory of These Forty Days

arr. Georg Boehm

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 401 The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Confession of Sin

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*

Trisagion (*sung three times*)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

You may remain standing or choose to sit or kneel as you are able for the confession.

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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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 Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.
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.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis (17:1-7, 15-16)

When 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. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I 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." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I 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."

People: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 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 as/sembly; *
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 be/fore 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 be/fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / **serve him**; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for / **ever**.
- (repeat second half of chant)*
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un/born *
the saving deeds that he has / **done**.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (4:13-25)

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations" according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

Sequence Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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." He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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 Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the creed; you may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Nicene Creed

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 human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth; Christ Church, Harwich Port; St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port; St. Paul's Church, Nantucket; Congregational wardens, treasurers and clerks.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: remembering especially those regions of the world torn apart by war or civil unrest, including Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, The Republic of the Congo, Myanmar and Sudan. We pray for those in every land who suffer for the sake of conscience.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for our community and particularly this week those supporting our Habitat for Humanity build.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Mary Isner, Carolyn Lawrence, Jennifer Peters, Joan Payne, Joan Proctor, Helen Richardson, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Carole. As well as for those we name before you now, silently or aloud.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially Luella Kramer and those we name before you now, silently or aloud.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Into your hands we commend them.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and our ministries. (Pause).

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

My Wordless Prayer

C.Courtney

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,
I can no longer voice one request or one demand.

My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry.

My lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit, come and rest your ear upon my heart,

O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea,

and take them far away from me.

Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine.

Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.

How long will you be silent? Why do you turn away?

Spirit, come and rest your ear upon my heart,

O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea,

and take them far away from me.

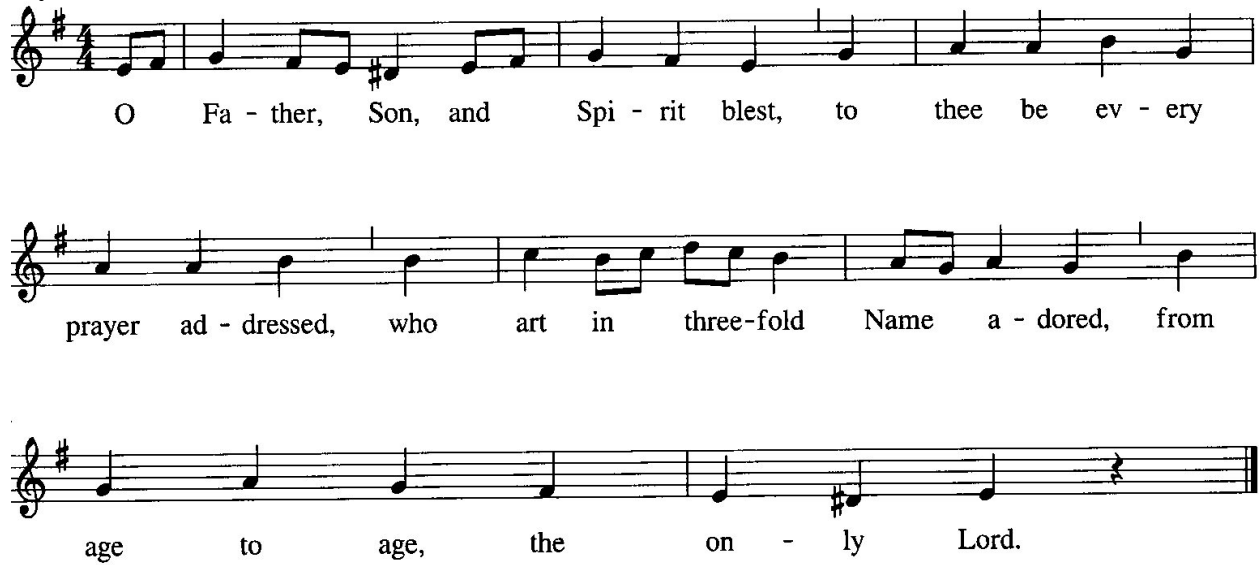
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine.

Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

Hymn 143

Erbalt uns, Herr



O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery
 prayer ad - dressed, who art in three-fold Name a - dored, from
 age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

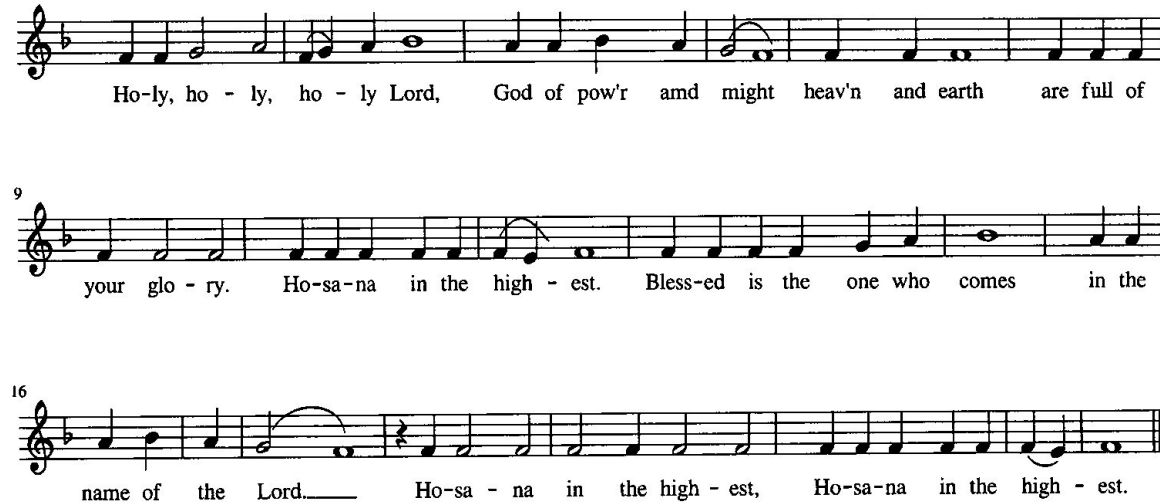
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r amd might heav'n and earth are full of

9
your glo - ry. Ho-sa-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the

16
name of the Lord. Ho-sa - na in the high - est, Ho-sa-na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, sit or kneel for the continuation of the Eucharistic prayer.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Lord of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen God, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

6 world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

11 take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff starts at measure 6 and includes a repeat sign at the end of the line. The third staff starts at measure 11 and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available;
please make your needs known to the person serving you.*

The Communion Hymn LEVAS 144 Where he leads me

Blandy/Norris

Ubi Caritas

Taize

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The music is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 473 Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

"Canon" from Picnic Suite

Claude Bolling

Peggy Gerber, flute

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Music Director

Joan Kirchner

Eucharistic Ministers

Gail Binney-Sterne, Dianne Fromm

Readers

Lizzie Thompson, Jean Strella, Tom Dewing

Ushers

Brian Skea, John Harter

Altar Guild

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