



The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018

8:30 and 10:30 am — The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

Hymns are from the Hymnal 1982.

Prelude *Bigger than the Universe* Jekalyn Carr
Divine Dance and Mime Ministry of St. Augustine's Chapel

The Word of God

Hymn 675 *Take up your cross, the Savior said* Bourbon

A Penitential Order BCP 351

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

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.

**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 Eleison: *Lord have mercy (Kyrie)*

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

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 First Lesson

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."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

We will read responsively by whole verse by side of the church; those on the side of the Narthex begin, and those on the side of the Angel triptych respond.

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

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.

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

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"

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

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

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

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Will you come and follow me*

Alexandra



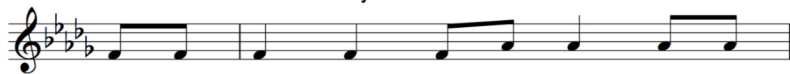
1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you
 I but call your name? Will you
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 I but call your name? Will you
 you but call my name. Let me



go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 set the pris - 'ner free and nev - er be the same?
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you
 life at - tract or scare? Will you
 such as this un - seen? And ad -
 shape the world a - round through my
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (8:31-38).

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie Allen

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times. Together let us remember and pray to God through Christ, saying: Have mercy, O God.

For the church, that fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross, we pray:

Have mercy, O God.

For those who suffer want, that God in mercy may turn our hearts toward one another and bring us to serve one another with compassion, we pray:

Have mercy, O God.

For prisoners, that all who are bound in body may find such a strength of spirit to lift up all of us, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For ourselves, that this church may walk both as burdened and as free as Jesus, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For the leaders of all nations, for those who serve the common good, especially Sam, Rick, Elizabeth, and Marcus, and for the prophets in our community who bear witness to injustice and move us to action, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

In the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer, for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; Church of the Good Shepherd, Cooleemee; and St. Alban's, Davidson, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For those expecting a child, especially Michelle and Brad, Robert and Corrie, and Robert and Brianna, and those we name now. We give thanks for the birth of Wilder Jackson Craft, grandson of Ruth and David Brown. We pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick in our community, especially Anita, Barbara, Don, Julia, Donna, Barbara, Susanna, Jack, Maxine, Karen, Marion, Bill, Ernstein, and Ron, and those we name now, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For our friends and neighbors in need of prayer, especially Wendy, James, Charlotte, Matthew, Vivian, Jason, Eric, Allyson, Cristi, and Hoke. Pray also for Will, Eric, Martin, Brenda, Marcy, Sunny, George, Wayne, and Don. Ask God to send healing to Chris, Jett, Renee, Isabella, Carl, Bennett, Sarah, Kirk, Carole, and Rob. We pray for Debra, Ron, Judy, Marion, David, Terri, Lemuel, Jim, Brian, and Ray, and those we name now, we pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who have died, especially Isabella Teca, and those we name now, that they be at peace, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

God, whose ways are beyond our knowing or approving, place the world's troubles ever in our plain sight, and be yourself in our seeing and in our praying. We ask this always through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory *Miserere mei, Deus*

Antonio Lotti

*Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem
meam.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies remove my
transgressions.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer A

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Schubert

See pew card

**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.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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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

8:30am:

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.

10:30am: Fraction Anthem: Jesus, *Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)* Schubert
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The Communion

Hymn 166 *Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle* *Pange Lingua*

Hymn 439 *What wondrous love is this* American Folk Hymn

The Postcommunion Prayer

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**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.**

Prayer over the People

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.**

Processional Hymn 455 *O love of God*

Dunedin

Dismissal

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata and Fugue in F Major*

Pachelbel

We welcome the
Divine Dance and Mime Ministry of Saint Augustine's Chapel
from Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh who will offer
a creative movement for the prelude to today's service,
and give thanks for their ministry to the University
and to the wider Episcopal Church.

Dancers:

Jena Massey
Jailyn Brown
Daje Broadway
Shidoruis Williams
Zack Hunter

Mimes:

Brittany Jennings
Courtney Bonhom
Shamar Ferguson
Zarek Jones
Sterling Raynor
Mariska Whitaker

Reflection Questions

1. When in your life have you lost and gained?
2. The Hebrew word “satan” meant “adversary” and in Greek “to plot against.”
3. What of your personal character is adversarial or plots against your spiritual relationship with God?

We thank the following people for their service today:

Vestry Representative Michael Warrillow
Altar Guild Rebecca Barber, Mary Hillmer,
..... Fran Kenney, Bonnie Shimmel, Becky Showalter
Altar Greens Meredith Watson
Linens Sharon Conley

8:30

Greeter Annette Hughes
Lectors Ed Hughes, Carol Smith
LEM Gail Jens
Usher Randy Smith

10:30

Crucifer Isabel Carvajal
Banner Ethan Mash
Torches Ryan Mash, Owen McKimmon
Greeter Alice Ragland
Lectors Robin Rhaney, Josh Booth
LEM Alicia Lester-Bodford, Steve Wooden
Ushers Eric Knapp, Daniel Knapp

Attendance at last week’s services was:
8:30am service: 53 10:30am service: 124

Last week’s Stewardship info:

Offering for operating budget: \$ 9,580
Budgeted weekly income: \$ 8,664

Restoring God's Earth: A Year of Personal Action

Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed and it. And it was so. Genesis 1:11

FEBRUARY: Moving to a more plant-rich diet

How we eat is a reflection of our moral and religious sensibilities. Cows produce the harmful greenhouse gas methane, and the food we feed them could be feeding hungry humans. Using sustainable agriculture methods to grow our fruits and vegetables can actually help increase the carbon and nutrients in the soil, and pull excess carbon out of the atmosphere. Moving toward a plant rich diet would not only be good for the planet, it will be good as well for our (human) health. People who eat a plant rich/low meat diet reduce their risks of certain cancers, heart disease and stroke and have lower morbidity and healthcare costs. With all the benefits plants offer us why not give it a try?

Week 1

- Try a vegetable you haven't tried before.
- Try a new plant-based recipe.

Week 2

- Visit a vegan restaurant for inspiration.
- Replace meat with seasoned beans, legumes or lentils in a recipe 1 day a week.

Week 3

- Eat meat only once a week, then once a month.
- Switch from cow's milk to a plant-based alternative like coconut, soy, or almond milk.

Week 4

- Join a local CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) to receive fresh, seasonal vegetables.
- Transition smoothly from 4 legs to 2 legs to 0 legs!

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Jason Pace, *Choirmaster and Organist*
Kathryn Buckley, *Children and Youth Minister*
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*To inspire, nurture, and expand Nativity's spiritual growth
through faith, worship, and community.*

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