

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Agnus Dei Jehan Titelouze

Prayer of Intention During Lent

(found in the Book of Occasional Services)

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give you glory. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate our use of this space in our homes to your praise and honor. As often as we worship you here, precede us and abide with us. Be known to us in your Word spoken and heard, in this manner of fellowship with one another, and in the breaking of the bread spiritually received. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that these spaces in our homes be places where your will is done and your name is glorified; through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. *Amen*

Opening Hymn 401: "The God of Abraham praise"

verses 1, 3, and 5

Leoni

- 1 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.
- 3 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.
- 5 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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

p. 357

S96 Kyrie (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Schubert

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

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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 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

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 Deus, Deus meus

- 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.
- 24 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.
- 27 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.

- 29 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.

The Epistle: 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

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

People: 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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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 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, who with the Father and the Son 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 Prayers of the People

After the words "Lord, hear the prayers of our hearts," the congregation responds with "*And grant us Your peace*."

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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.

Clergy:

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 Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo Anthem: "Introit" and "Kyrie" from The Duruflé Requiem Op.9 Maurice Duruflé

The Immanuel Choir

INTROIT Requiem aeternam Eternal rest

dona eis, Domine, give to them, O Lord,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion,

et tibi reddetur and a vow shall be paid to Thee

votum in Jerusalem; in Jerusalem;

exaudi orationem meam,, ad te omnis caro veniet.. O Lord, hear my prayer, all flesh shall come to Thee.

Requiem aeternam Eternal rest

dona eis, Domine, give to them, O Lord,

et lux perpetua luceat eis.

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

KYRIE Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on us,

Christe eleison. Christ have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy on us.

Blessing of the Offering

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I (from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

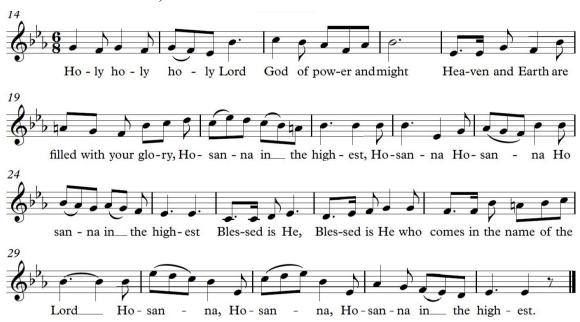
Celebrant: Le us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):



The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [______ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant continues

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.
Given 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

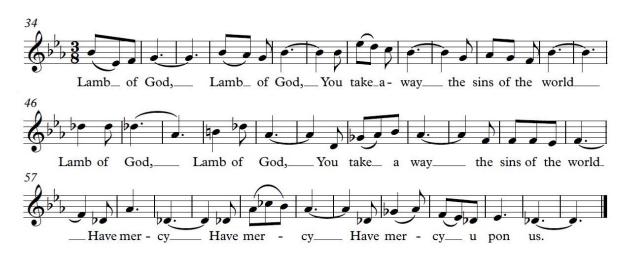
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier



Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Faithful God,

in the wonder of your wisdom and love,

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels

and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

Though we cannot now consume these gifts of bread and wine together,

we thank you that we have received Christ's presence,

the forgiveness of sins,

and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service,

and be reflections of the risen Lord.

Amen.

Music during Communion

Hymn 490: "I want to walk as a child of the light" (found in The Hymnal 1982)

Houston

Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to follow Jesus, I want to look at Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,

The star of my life is Jesus.

and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Post Communion Prayer

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

Closing Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord" verses 1,2, and 5

Lyons

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
 What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- Per Property Property
- 5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: If thou but trust God to guide thee Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Readers:* Karen Besser, Marty Christino, *Intercessor*: Rob Johnson; *Musicians*:

Felicity Amos, Dr. Jane Tavernier; Audio-Visual: John Bednar, Doug Onley,

Sydney Onley; *Celebrant*: The Rev. Sam Sheridan





Join us for a <u>Virtual Forum Hour</u> immediately after today's 10:30 a.m. online service via Zoom. Led by Father Randy, we'll examine times in the Immanuel community where we've experienced personal and corporate fasting, and how members of our church family have discovered something meaningful by intentionally disrupting their own everyday patterns.

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