



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



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:15 a.m.

Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.

Large Print Prayer Books are available; please request one from an usher.

*A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building (to the right as you face the organ);
restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.*

In respect for those wishing to pray before the service begins, the congregation is asked to remain as quiet as possible.

Gathering Prayer

Prelude: O Lamb of God unspotted

J. S. Bach

Please stand for silent Lenten processional

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: ***His mercy endures forever.***

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.***

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

Schubert

The 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 First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

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. 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. 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."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

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

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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.

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

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 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.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 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?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 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.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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

“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. “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Esther Kramer, Seminararian

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People:

After the Intercessor says “Lord in your mercy,”
the congregation responds “*Hear our prayer.*”

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "God so Loved the World"

John Stainer

(text based on John 3:16)

Presentation Hymn 439 "What wondrous love is this" (verse 1)

Wondrous Love

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus (S130, *found in the front of The Hymnal 1982*)

Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei (S164, *found in the front of The Hymnal 1982*)

Schubert

*All baptized Christians are welcomed and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.
If you wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.
Gluten-free hosts are available on request from the clergy.
For those who are interested in being baptized, please see a member of the clergy*

Communion Anthem: "Do not be afraid"

Philip Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name,
You are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you,
You will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames.

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name,
You are mine.
When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side,
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

Music during Communion

Hymn 313 "Let thy blood in mercy poured"

Jesus, Meine Zuversicht

Post Communion Prayer

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Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers (*if needed*)

Celebrant: We now send you forth to carry Communion to those in need.

People: *May our hands carry Christ's love into the world.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 636 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

Foundation

The Dismissal

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Acolyte:* Caroline Page; *Altar Guild:* Brooke Roberts; *Chalices:* Chuck Griffith, Marcia MacDonald; *Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild; *Readers:* Kathleen Norton, Bryant Mitchell; *Intercessor:* Dorothy Kellogg; *Ushers:* Michael Reinemer, Agnes Soos, Marilyn Wilson; *Coffee Host:* David Lindsey; *Audio-Visual:* John Bednar; *Musician:* Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Vestry Greeter:* Darrell Wilson; *Vestry Counter:* Kathryn Haskins; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander