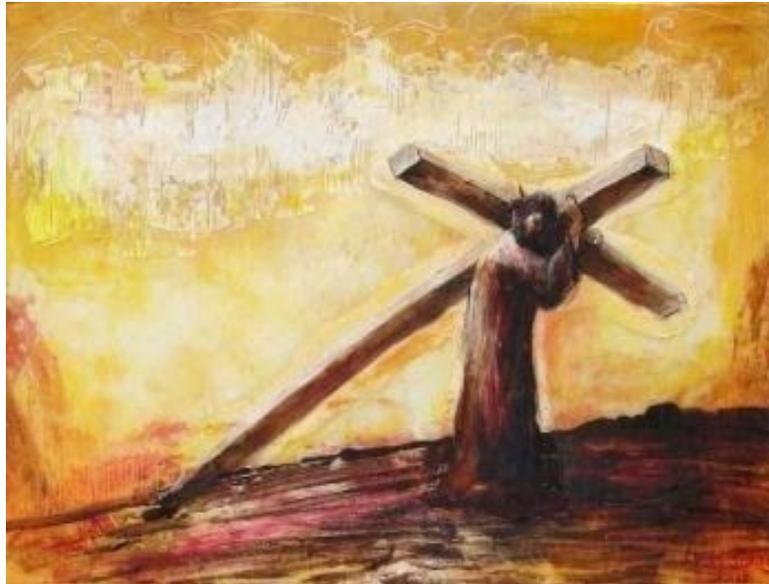


The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021



*We welcome you to our virtual service of worship
and hope you'll share the good news proclaimed and lived here at Calvary,
Columbia.*

*We look forward to seeing you when we can gather together again in person.
Until that day, God bless and keep you.*

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Welcome to Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. We're so glad you've joined us to worship during the season of Lent.

This is a full-service bulletin. If you prefer to use your Book of Common Prayer, the page numbers are listed as well.

The Opening Acclamation: BCP, 355

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mk 12:29-31)

Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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 Reading

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.” (17:1-7, 15-16)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 22:22-30. We will read it in unison.

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 assembly; *

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 before 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 before him.**

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

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

The Second Reading

Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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. (4:13-25)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Deacon or priest: 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.” (8:31-38)

Deacon or priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Holy Conversation on the Word

An Affirmation of Faith

**I believe that you, O God, created humanity, female and male,
in your image.**

**I hear you, O Lord, and your call to love you with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind,
and your command to love my neighbors as myself.**

**I accept others, just as you have accepted me,
in order to bring praise to you, O God.**

**I hope to shine like the stars in the universe
as I hold out the word of life to my community.**

**I am committed to growing in your knowledge and love
and to participating in the life of my faith community.**

**I praise you for removing my sackcloth and clothing me with yourself
so that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

**I hope through Jesus the Risen One in the power of the Holy Spirit
now and forever. Amen.^[2]**

Prayers of the People

Priest: Gracious God, who knit our inmost parts before we were born and who shelters us with a strong hand, in our gratitude receive the prayers we offer as we respond to each petition saying, “Kyrie eleison.”

(Said: *Kē-rē-ā ā -lay- ē -sōn - - trans. Lord, have mercy*)

In thanksgiving for the unity we share through our faith and resurrection in Jesus Christ, that we who have been entrusted with the gift of new life, may bring life to the world and renewed hope to our church, for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For the courage to hold fast to the high ideals of our calling, bringing the lamp of charity to those who live in despair and desperation, and through their cries receive the saving grace that enlightens our ministry; for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For a renewed sense of the body of Christ, the Church, that together with our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Deon, and all other ministers, we may rededicate ourselves in the unity of the Triune God; for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For the urgency to seek peace before the battle breaks, for economic justice before the weight of poverty fractures the will of nations; for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For the forgiveness of our sins, that the wounds we inflict on one another may be healed by the Divine Life that overcomes human frailty; for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For those on our parish prayer list, that they may know we lift them into the presence of God by our prayers where they are filled with the power of God's healing love. We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially _____; for these we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, remembering especially _____, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit; for this we pray.

People: Kyrie eleison.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Grant that with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength, we may evermore seek your presence, and by your infinite love, keep us in your holy presence

Leader: Let us make our confession.

A moment of silence is kept.

**Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father
we confess that we have believed the lie
that we are not in you and you are not in us,
and we have lived that lie in what we have done,
and by letting things go undone.
We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart;
we have refused to love our neighbors
and we have failed to love ourselves.
We are ready now to change this
to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness.
Knowing the frailty of our humanity,
we open ourselves to the strength of your divinity.
We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us,
for only then are we able to follow you in your way,
serve the welfare of your people,
and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.**

The Absolution.

Celebrant: 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. **All: Amen.**

The Peace. BCP, 360

Celebrant: *La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us awaken our hearts and see that God is with us.
People: **God's Spirit is here, in, around, and among us.**

Celebrant: Creator God, your daughters and sons gather as a brood under the safety of your wing, remembering the story of your great love for all you have created and re-membering ourselves to you and to all of your saints on earth and in heaven. Your song of praise rises up from within us and flows forth from us as with one voice we join with the heavenly chorus and sing:

**People Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of powerful love and light.
All creation is a reflection of your glory, Hosanna!
Blessed are you and your continual self-giving! Hosanna!**

Merciful God, your loving care for us has been offered countless times, catching us up into you every time we strayed and lost our way. Then, being kindness, you responded to our blindness, willfulness, and lostness by taking on flesh like ours, eliminating all that separated us. Expressing yourself in the person of Jesus, the Christ, we could see you, touch you, talk with you, and learn to become like you, corporal temples of the Eternal One. But we struggled to understand and surrender to such unconditional mercy, and we projected our fear onto you, onto one another, and onto your creation.

Knowing that nothing short of everything would be required for our salvation, you gathered your friends together, as you'd done so many times before. The meal was simple: bread and wine. In your hands and by your prayers, however, this simple food became holy food, the food of life.

You took the bread, and giving thanks, you broke the bread, gave it to your friends and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then, you took the cup of wine, and lifted it up in thanksgiving, gave it to your friends and said, 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this to remember me.'

Loving Christ, Gentle Guide, by the power of your unfathomable love you transformed these simple gifts of bread and wine into holy food, which you gave to your ordinary friends, transforming them into holy people.

+ Now bless and sanctify our simple gifts of bread and wine, making them into your body and blood, and grant that all who share this holy food are made one body, one spirit in Christ. +Bless and sanctify us also, that we may trust your choice of us to be bearers of your way, your truth, and your life into the world.

**All: We praise you, we trust you,
and we surrender ourselves to you
offering nothing short of everything.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, we honor and glorify you Motherly Father, Liberating Son, and Holy Wisdom, Trinity in Unity, now and forever.

All: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, with humility and confidence, we pray:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that we absorb from another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.^[4]**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: If you are thirsty, drink the Fount of Life.
If you are hungry, eat the Bread of Life.
Blessed are all who hunger for this Bread
And thirst for this Fount.^[5]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **God of Elizabeth and Zachariah, Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca, Sarah, and Isaac; God the Divine Mother and Father of the wholeness of our being; we give you thanks for the gift of life. In your name we celebrate the special qualities that you have given us: the gift of connectedness, the gift of empathy, the gift of compassion, the gift of nurturing, the gift of insight, the gifts of flexibility and multiplicity. Guide us, gracious God, that we may claim the unique strengths of these gifts and use them to your glory in the world. Give us the wisdom to honor these attributes within ourselves that they may be used freely, fully, and always in your name.^[6] Amen.**

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen. *(source: Celtic, Enriching Our Worship, 70)*

Dismissal

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

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