



The Second Sunday in Lent ~ February 25, 2024

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE 2

10:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Opening Hymn: #455 "O Love of God"

A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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

Confession of Sin

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Absolution

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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.*

Old Testament 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 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 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 Lesson: 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.

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

Sequence Anthem

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon **The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Allison Forrest,
and Cathie Litwin**

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for Lent

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and the world God so loves, for peace among all nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

Leader: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have the grace to take up our cross and follow him in your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, a sign on earth of the kingdom of God. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network *The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff, and Laura our Bishops in CT, for our priest Ron, for Donna and Marge our deacons for all presbyters and deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for all our parish family especially those celebrating their birthdays this week, Barbara Mondrach (2/26), Cindy Brinkman (2/27).

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need, especially Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Lydia, Kiera Braunwart, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the dying and the dead.

Silence

God of love, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Priest: For what else shall we pray this day?

Priest: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

The Offertory

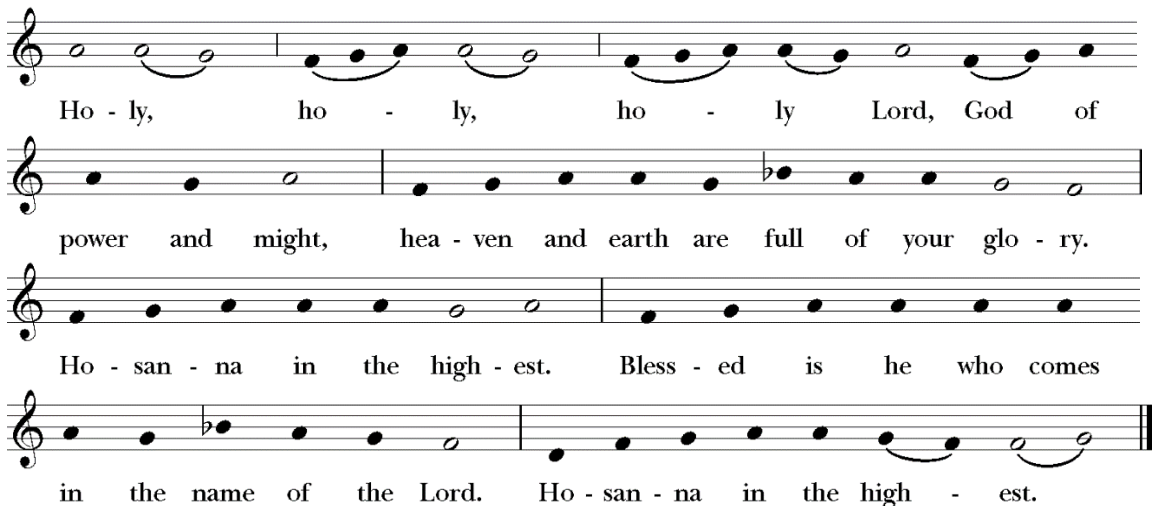
Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #88 "My faith looks up to thee"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus - #122 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem “Jesus Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

5 Cm Fm/A \flat B \flat E \flat

Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Remember Me". It is written in 3/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system, starting at measure 5, includes a chord progression: Cm, Fm/A-flat, B-flat, and E-flat. The lyrics are: "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." and "Jesus, remember me when you come in-to your king dom." (with a space between 'king' and 'dom').

Celebrant: 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.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn- #401 “The God of Abraham praise”

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remembrances and Thanksgivings for February 25, 2024

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of CT; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Donna & Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network *The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially those who have requested our prayers: Deanne Bowen, Richard Taylor, Jim, Kiera Braunwart, David Rigby, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: especially celebrating their birthdays this week, Barbara Mondrach (2/26), Cindy Brinkman (2/27).

We pray for the deceased.

Continuing Prayer List

Andy, Jinny, Alexa, Brett Schulki, Wilson, Jeff Baez, Scott Warren, Ashley Joline; Christine Comeau, Christopher Page, Austin Fritz; Sue & Harry Denaker Chris Bendoraitis; Robert Bouchard; Star, Laura Beaudoin, Bill, Milton Porter, Steve Dubin, Peggy Cobb, Ryan, Joan Hamilton, Ella & Nicole, Roberto Rodegher, Noel, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Ron Lamp, Brian, Kathryn & Olivia; Tom Robbins & Ti, Caroline, Louis Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill., Schluntz; Patricia Angelou, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, the Farren Family.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- **Mondays in Lent, 11:00 a.m. A Lenten book discussion, “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life” led by Deacon Donna Gray**
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 7 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Deacon Donna Gray is leading a book discussion on “10 Gospel Promises for Later Life” on Mondays in Lent at 11:00 a.m. in Phelps Hall. All are welcome to join.

Hebron Maple Festival (Sat. March 16 & Sun. March 17)

- **On Saturday** we are planning a maple lunch from 10am to 4pm). We are offering grilled cheese sandwiches and pulled pork sandwiches (all with maple flavoring), maple slaw, a maple dessert, and beverages – both hot and cold.
- **On Sunday** starting at noon, we will again serve lunch and, following the Tractor Parade, we will switch gears and host an Irish cabaret from 4pm to 6pm. The hall will be decorated for St. Patrick’s Day. We will have prepared Irish mutton stew, beef stew and Irish soda bread, with BYOB for a light meal. An Irish Celtic Band will entertain us with music and maybe some dancing!

Save the date: Sunday, March 3rd 1:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Performing Arts



The Choir School of Hartford is a vibrant and diverse community of dedicated singers between the ages of 8 & 18. As a highly regarded choral program in New England, the school provides educational and performance opportunities to children and youth to develop excellent musicianship and life skills, so they may be enriched with confidence, creativity, and community-driven leadership. You will be uplifted and inspired by these young people.

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