

February 25, 2024
10:00 AM

**The Second Sunday
in Lent**

Holy Eucharist



St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

New Every Morning

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #214

TRURO

John Keble (1792-1866)

mel. fr. *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

J = 96

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who for - gives all our sins.

His mer - cy en - dures for ev - er.

Collect for Purity

All

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.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.
Christ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have mer-cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Healy Wilan (1880-1968), fr. *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of dispossession, you rebuke our refusal to give up our idols, separate and safe: send us with Jesus on the way of the cross, that we might lose our love of death and take the risk of life, through Jesus Christ, the new covenant. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Second Reading

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Gospel Gradual:

If We Desire a Deeper Life

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 79

KINGSFOLD
English Folk melody

1. If we de - sire a deep - er life, then we must choose be - tween
2. If we de - sire a bet - ter world, then life must make its course

the pas - sage God pro - pos - es and the pas - sage we have dreamed.
in us, a riv - er run - ning to the thirs - ty from its Source.

For ear - ly dreams, though big and broad, me - an - der un - ful - filled
And we, as deep - ened chan - nels, bless this wa - ter on its way,

and have no depth un - til God's hand can dredge a dream - er's silt.
re - joic - ing that we touch and know the Life that we con - vey.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

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

Leader: As we make on our Lenten journey, let us offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

We pray for the Church in all places, in all expressions, that we may be one.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda, our Bishop, and for Karen, our rector. We pray for all those preparing for Baptism. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for altar guilds, acolytes, ushers, lectors, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and all who support liturgies.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: We pray for our city, our state, and our country; for legislatures and courts; for all elected officials; and for upcoming primaries and elections.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: We pray for those who suffer from violence and fear, especially all victims of gun violence; give us wisdom and courage in the face of suffering.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: For all those who are injured, for those who are sick, for those needing ongoing care. For all those who seek healing.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: For this community and this congregation; for our joys and for our challenges.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: For those we love but see no longer; for all those who have died.

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. Please add your own petitions.

Celebrant: Gracious God, who sees us through the eyes of love and compassion, give us your sight as we pray for your world and your people. Lead us into moments of your abundant goodness, that we may rejoice, but also draw us closer to you as we think on the sorrow of the Cross. Strengthen our repentance, when we, by our actions, increase that sorrow, and renew our hearts for the day to come; through Jesus our Redeemer.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

(There will be a moment of silence)

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

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. **Amen**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind for - give our fool - ish
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

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

Si30

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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 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

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.
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

Christ our Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - fice'd for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast.

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

Communion Hymns:

Ray Palmer (1808-1887) **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** H#691 OLIVET
J = 56 Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry, Sa - vior di - vine!
2. May thy rich grace im part strength to my faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire;

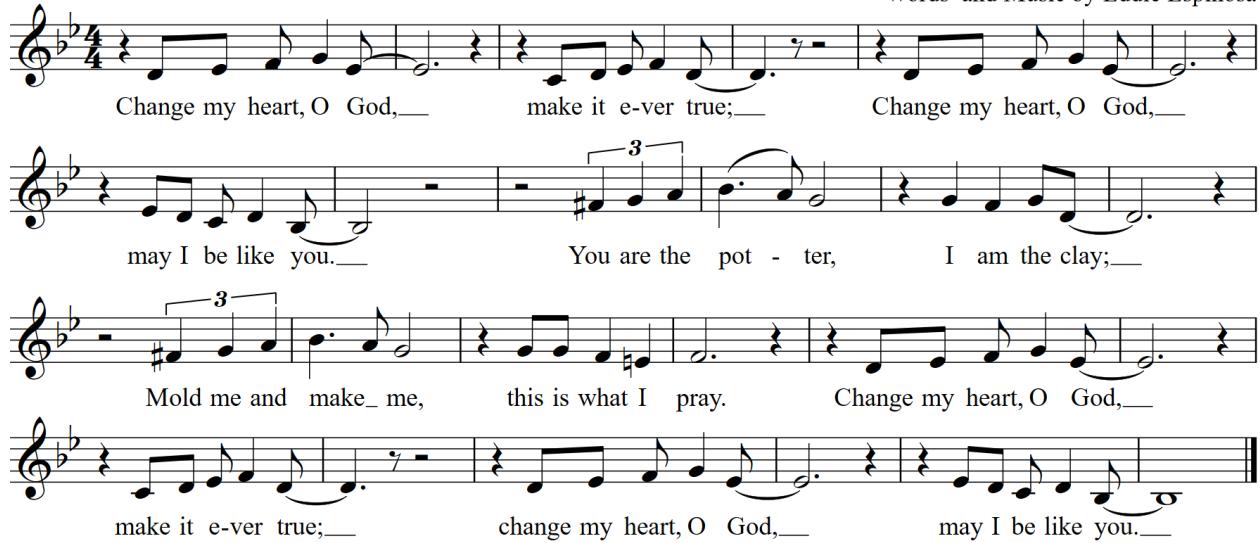
Now hear me while I pray, take all my sins a - way;
as thou has died for me, O may my love to thee

O let me from this day be a whol - ly thine.
pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.

Change My Heart, O God

Renew! # 143

Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa



Change my heart, O God, make it e-ver true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the pot - ter, I am the clay; Mold me and make_ me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it e-ver true; change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

(The people kneel, as they are able)

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Mission Song:

Thomas Olivers (1825-1799) **The God of Abraham Praise**

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Hebrew melody

1. The God of A - bra ham praise; who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con -
 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main -
 hail, A-abraham's Lord di - vine! With heav'n our songs we

fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 tains, and, glo-rious with his saints in light for ev - er reigns.
 raise; all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Dismissal



4. Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Wednesday, February 28th – Lent soup and supper at St. Stephen's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 5th – Lent soup and supper at St. John's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 13th – Lent soup and supper at St. Stephen's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 20th – Lent soup and supper at St. John's, 6pm.

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