

March 5, 2022
10:00 AM

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.*

***“Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here!”***

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

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

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Hebrew melody

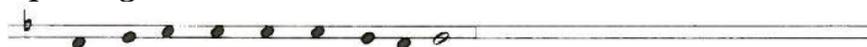
1. The God of A - bra ham praise; who reigns en - throned a - bove;
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

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 - braham'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.

Opening Acclamation



Bless the Lord who for - gives all our sins.

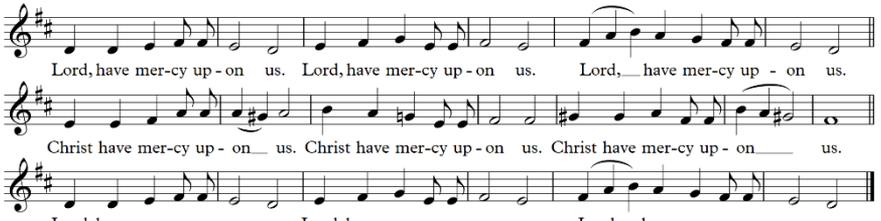


His mer - cy en - dures for ev - er.

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: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, whose wild Spirit's breath defies our frozen idols: take the night time of our fear and make it a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

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.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 121

- 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.

Second Reading

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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

A Font Evokes the Womb of God

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.17

ST. FLAVIAN
from *Day's Psalter*, 1562

1. A font e - vokes the womb of God, a place the soul takes form
 2. But soon e - nough the wa - ter breaks and sleep - ing souls, un - curled,
 3. Un - like the warm, sus - tain - ing womb, this hard, de - mand - ing earth -
 4. But bap - tized, born of God we are; the new im - print is deep,
 5. But seek to grow as all things grow and trust what grace as - sumes -

in rhy - thm with the puls - ing heart, kept safe and fed and warm.
 are pushed with un - re - lent - ing will in - to a wait - ing world.
 it is a ter - ri - fy - ing gift, the mir - a - cle of birth.
 and child - ren who a - wake to God will not re - turn to sleep...
 that time will man - i - fest the Life re - ceived with - in the Womb.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

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

All: 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

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.
Who 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: Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watches
over you. As people sent forth into the world, let us
pray, saying,
Lord, bless us,

People: So that we may bless others.

Leader: Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for altar guilds, acolytes, ushers, lectors, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and all who support liturgies. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world
(*Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: **So that we may bless others.**

Leader: O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance.

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: **So that we may bless others.**

Leader: Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us.

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: **So that we may bless others.**

Leader: Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety.

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: **So that we may bless others.**

Leader: You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help.

(Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: So that we may bless others.

Leader: O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you.

Silence

Lord, bless us,

People: So that we may bless others.

Celebrant: Good and gracious God, rich in mercy and pardon, hear the prayers we raise to you with confidence; clothe us in the garments of salvation, and give us a foretaste of the joy you have prepared for us in the paschal banquet of your Son, Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against 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.

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.



Offertory:

Now Let us All with One Accord

attr. Gregory the Great (540-604)

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attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

1. Now let us all with one ac-cord, in com- pa - ny
2. The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to thos of faith
3. There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so when our wan -

with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
in for - mer time, Chist by his own ex -
derings here shall cease, we may with you for

heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tions and his fast.
am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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.

hea - ven 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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and St. John and all

your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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.**

**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



Communion Hymn:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

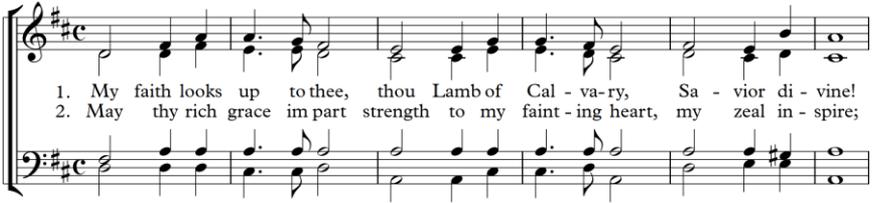
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Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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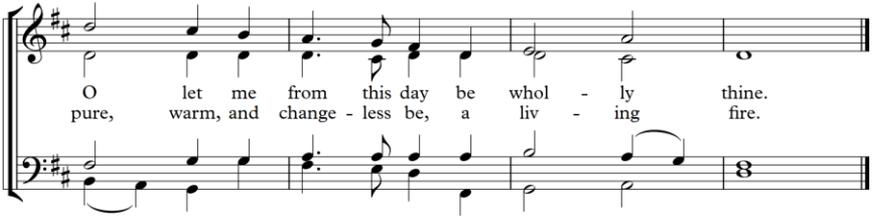
1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry, Sa - vior di - vine!
2. May thy rich grace im part strength to my faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire;



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 whol - ly thine.
pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.



We Turn to God

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #393

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. We turn to God when we are sore - ly pressed; we pray for
2. We turn to God when he is sore - ly pressed, and find him
3. God turns to us when we are sore - ly pressed, and feeds our

help, and ask for peace and bread; we seek re - lease from
poor, scorned, with - out roof or bread, bowed un - der weight of
souls and bod - ies with his bread; for one and all Christ

ill - ness, guilt, and death; all peo - ple do, in faith or un - be - lief.
weakness, sin and death: faith stands by God in his dark hour of grief.
giveshim - self in death: through his for - give - ness sin will find re - lief.

Post Communion Prayer

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**

The Blessing

Mission Song:

How Firm a Foundation

John Rippon (1787)

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LYONS

attr. J. M. Haydn (1737-1806)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For

laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What more can he say than to
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and

you he hath said, to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, up - held by my right-eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.

The Dismissal

4. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.