

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Word of God

Processional Hymn Lift High the Cross #473

The worship leaders proceed into the sanctuary, led by the cross, symbolizing that we are under the cross and follow Christ into the presence of God.

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His Mercy endures forever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Confession of Sin

We now confess our sins before our loving God.

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

This prayer collects our hearts and guides our minds towards the theme for the morning.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

Old Testament 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.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 121

The psalms are a poetic expression of worship to God encompassing a wide range of emotion.

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 hea-/ ven 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 slum-/ ber 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.

New Testament 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn How Firm a Foundation #637

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

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

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!

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

This ancient statement of belief anchors God's people in our faith in historic Christianity.

***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 of 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 worshipped 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess Your Name may be united in Your truth,
live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.

Lord, in Your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in Your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as Your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory.

Lord, in Your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as He loves us.

Lord, in Your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to Your mercy all who have died, that Your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that
we may share with all Your saints in Your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offering

We present ourselves to God in worship through our gifts to Him. The bread and wine are brought forward, demonstrating that Christ first offered Himself to us. In worship, we offer our gifts as a reflection that our lives are offered to God.

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

The Officiant prays through the prayer of consecration

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Sanctus

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

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 many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Holy gifts for God's holy people.

Holy Communion

Our ultimate response to our worship of God is thanksgiving. We offer this through our partaking of the Eucharist, meaning "Thanksgiving" in the ancient languages.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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Closing Prayer

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and You have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve You
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen!*

May Jesus Christ give you grace to grow
in holiness, to take up your cross and follow Him.
And the +Blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you,
and remain with you always.
Amen

Recessional and Dismissal

The worship leaders process out, led by the cross, symbolizing that Christ goes before us
as we are sent out into the world.

Recessional Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#691

Let us bless the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Prayers

When praying for the names listed below of those who have departed and those in need of prayer, please remember to be in prayer for the families and friends of those listed below.

Prayers for the Departed

Sharon Fairclough, Matilda Herman, Louis J. Ceci, Marsha Heron, John Griffin, Hal DeGraw, Patty Green, Gil Clark, Cecelia Chan, Don Curry, Jeffrey Pardue, Lynn Green, Roland Teuber, Floyd Perry-Thistle and Julie Lynn Dunn.

Prayers for our Members

Lou Ceci, Glen McKague, Sandra Hershberger, Elizabeth Kent, Beth Bernard, Faith-Marie Wathen, Gary Spriggs, Lisa Campbell, Alberta Seymour, Marge MacMillen, Bob and Betty Larimer, Denise Halvorson, David Denkers, Al Jacobson and Hank Acker.

Prayers for our Friends and Family

Laurie Spriggs, Bob Kelly, Lani MacRae, Nancy Thomas, Nicholas J Haight, Stuey Weills, Sarah Danaher, Vanessa Smith, Jim and Cherri Whiteley, Tammy Washburn and Mary Doty Perry-Thistle, David Bowman.

Prayer for our Seminarian and Postulant

Let us pray for Summer Green as she continues in her second year at Seminary of the Southwest. Let us also pray for Matt as he seeks to support her.

Let us pray for Mitchell Peck-Eng as he begins his education program. Let us also pray for Alan as he supports Mitchell in this process.

If you would like a name added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email: office@holytrinitynevadacity.org

If you would like to meet with Fr Brad for prayer or counseling, please call the office at 530-265-8836 or email him directly: brad@holytrinitynevadacity.org

Announcements

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 5:30, please join us for a short prayer service followed by a soup supper.

Compline

The women of Compline, *Voces Angelorum*, will offer their gift of song tonight at 7:00pm. Please join us for the last office of the day.

Bible Study

Please join us this Tuesday from 6-8pm as we continue our study in Genesis at the home of Ken and Cheryl Tadman. We will be in chapters 9-11.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training (LEV)

We will have a training on March 14th from 9:30–11:00am in the Bishop Kip room for those wanting to become a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. This ministry serves those who cannot make it to church by bringing them the Eucharist to them. Please let the office know if you are interested in this training.

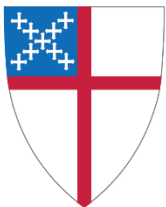
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lois Figueira 03/06, Kent Rees 03/10, Cris Ewart 03/12, Lynne Rosenau 03/15,
Brad Helmuth 03/20, Sandra Hershberger 03/29
Denise & Ken Halvorson 03/14, Rob & Lisa Campbell 03/20, Larry & Jean Hoy 03/21,
Sarah Woerner & Tony Norskog 3/27

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