

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston

The Second Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 • YEAR B

During the holy season of Lent the Eucharist celebration is simplified to reflect this time of penitence and self-examination. It is traditional to refrain from saying "Alleluia" until the Great Vigil of Easter.

Voluntary • "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Seth Bingham

Hymn 401 • "The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

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

All: **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.**

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.**

Kyrie • S 95

From the Litany of the Saints; adpt. Richard Proulz

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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

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 Sarah 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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:22-30 • Tone IV^e

[refrain sung first by the choir, then by all]

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.

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Gradual • Tone V

[sung by St. Luke's choir]

"The sorrows of my heart are enlarged..."

from *The English Gradual*

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles, O Lord.

[Verse:] *Look upon my adversity and misery: and forgive me all my sin.*

The Gospel • Mark 8:31-38

[standing as able]

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

Response: **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."

Assistant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Introduction of the Guest Preacher

The Sermon • Gaylord Brynolfson

The Nicene Creed

[spoken by all, stand as able]

**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 • Written by Becky Strehlow

Dear God of Abraham and Sarah, we know that you will do what you have promised, just as you have through generations. Hear us as we pray to you, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us dare to envision a healthier world and work to bring it into being. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless and strengthen Joseph, Kamala, and others who work on behalf of the country. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let people everywhere seek truth fearlessly. Care for the church as it strives to be fair. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless our bishop-elect and our rector and staff. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and joy to parents and children as they all adapt, grow, and learn. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us be patient and strong as our world fights inequity and the pandemic. Remind us how to trust you. Help refugees rebuild their lives. Visit the sick and the fearful, and help us comfort them. We ask you: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember those we know who are sick or in need . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here]

We remember those we know who have died and those who mourn . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here]

We ask you to bless the work of members of this community to care for others, especially this week for our Moveable Feast teams.

And with grateful hearts, we celebrate the blessings in our lives . . .

[Intercessions may be offered here]

In this holy Lent we will honor our covenant with you. We will seek you for strength and renewal as well as for solace and pardon. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we promise. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Priest: Walk in love as, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem • Qui vult venire post me Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Whoever would come after me, must deny themselves, and take up their cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Spiritual Communion

Priest: Since we cannot at this time partake together in Holy Communion. I invite you to join with me in this modified version of St. Augustine's prayer for spiritual communion. The intention to receive is enough to receive the blessings of the sacrament. Let us pray.

All: In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful prevented from gathering at your table because of the pandemic, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Blessing

[kneel as able]

Priest: Bow down before the Lord.

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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 142 • “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

St. Flavian

MUSIC NOTES: All of the music for this service was recorded on February 25, 2018.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please include the following people and concerns in your prayers during worship this day and throughout the week.

Cycle of Prayer: Today we pray for The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for our companion dioceses of Renk in the Sudan and of Southeastern Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Michael, our Bishop; Paula, our Bishop-elect; and for all members of St. Luke's.

For our President Joseph and all leaders and policymakers.

For those who are ill and those who care for them: Mark McIntosh, Shannon Tryon, *niece of Maurice Hardy*, the Henschen family, Dr. George Fielding, Grace Carlson Lund, Paula Harbage, Janie Cooper, Jeslyn, Henry Schmidt, Charles Pratt, Mikey Skowron, Fran Wapole, Angelo Foggi, Bob Herbert, Linda Davie, Andrew Taylor and Logan Taylor, *grandsons of Linda and Alastair Davie*, Joan Gattuso, David Alexander, Sherry Nelson, Brigitte Saupe, *mother of Anja Roberts*, Michael and David, *brothers of Barbara Mahany*, Rosemary Harp, Katherine Jacobsen, *cousin of Peggy Newton*, Mary Mumbroe, George Lewis, Carolyn Phillips, Gregg Skalinder, Mary Gilmore, Doug Thomas, Rick Kinnebrew.

For those serving in the military: Sean Villa, Aaron Scully, Anna Graettinger, Ben Pileski, Samuel Kite, and our Armed Forces Chaplains.

For those working for the care of all during the global pandemic: Erin Schmidt, Liz and Bruce Henschen, Susie O'Shaughnessy, Dawn Rakowski, Andrew Lindner.

Those in our area who have recently died by gun violence: Terrence Woods, *22 years old*, Tyrone Carr, *30 years old*, Kalomo Rankin, *32 years old*, Gregory Jackson, *24 years old*, Gino Dameron, *26 years old*, Damia Smith, *15 years old*, Martese Jackson, *19 years old*, Darryl Herron, *27 years old*, Arsenio Farr, *31 years old*, Vilut Benjamin Gavrilas, *37 years old*, Leroy Smythe, *31 years old*, Shon Starks, *19 years old*, Kenny Winters, *41 years old*,

Keontaye Gregory Molette, *22 years old*, Jeremiah Irving, *19 years old*, Jalin Osborne, *19 years old*, Antwjuan Goldsmith, *30 years old*, Darryl Harrison, *39 years old*, Eric Perez, *29 years old*, Andrew Stevens, *48 years old*, Dontrell Robunson, *22 years old*, Tysean Thomas, *20 years old*, Guillermo Antonio Quiles, *53 years old*, Kevontay Toomer, *27 years old*, Demonte Smith, *28 years old*, Rashes Wells, *43 years old*, Pierre Anderson, *37 years old*, Jalen Harris, *19 years old*, Dantrell Johnson, *25 years old*, Alva E. "Al" Besst, *68 years old*, Antonio Shaffer, *32 years old*, Jerome Anderson, *54 years old*, Alberto Flores, *16 years old*.

Anniversaries of the departed: Michael Lefkow, Paul Degener, Leslie Allardyce, Patricia Wilson Barnes, Florence Lund, The Very Reverend Gerald G. Moore.

Birthdays: Mary Mumberue, David Compton, Elijah Doetsch, Sam Giacobbe, Mary Murray.

Thanksgiving for Mission Ministries: Moveable Feast, Revive Center (formerly Cathedral Shelter), Seraj Library Project, Interfaith Action of Evanston, Impact Behavioral Health Partners (formerly Housing Options), Greenwood Ministry.