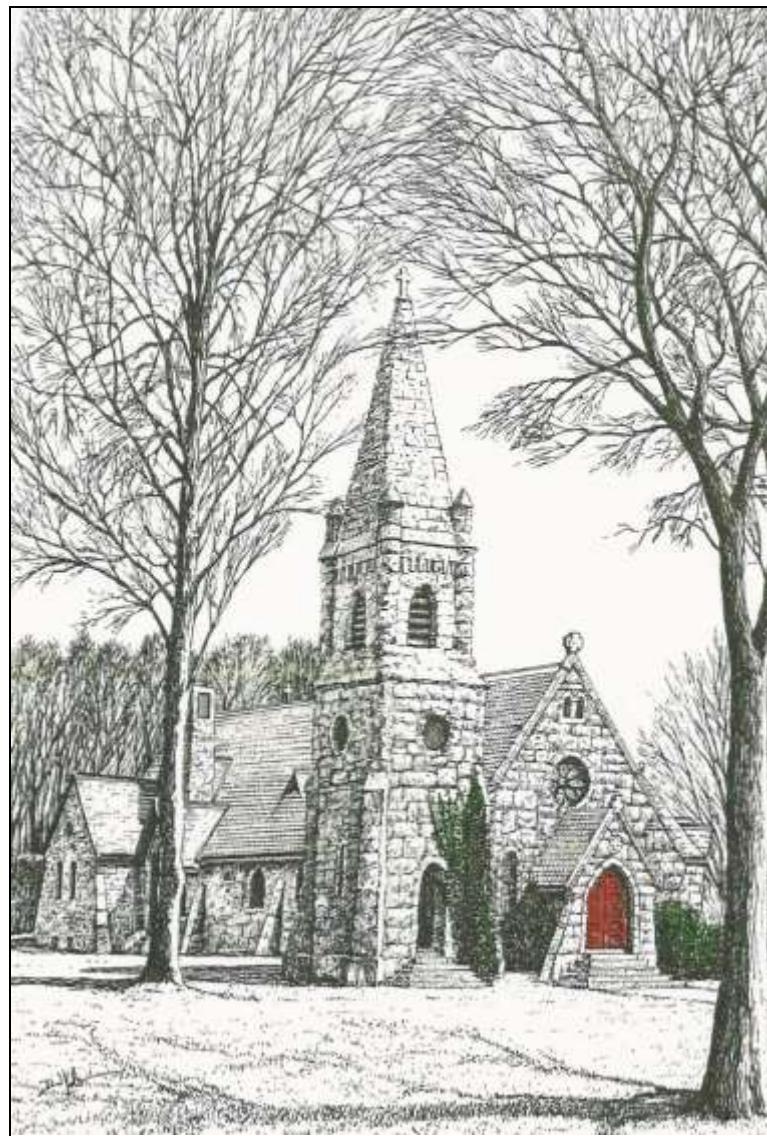


**Church of the Messiah
Woods Hole, Massachusetts**

**A Liturgy of Morning Prayer
Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021**



Prelude

“Adagio”

by Karl Ferdinand Becker

Welcome

Kyrie S96

by Franz Schubert

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The top staff is in soprano clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are repeated in each section of the score. The lyrics are:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Opening Sentences

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right^l spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing^l spirit.

- *Psalm 51:10-12*

A Song of Penitence

A portion of the *Prayer of Manasseh*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 90*

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.

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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Second Reading

“Crossing the Threshold”

Gunilla Norris

Many times today I will cross over a threshold.
 I hope I will catch a few of those times.
 I need to remember that my life is, in fact,
 a continuous series of thresholds:
 from one moment to the next,
 from one thought to the next,
 from one action to the next.

Help me appreciate how awesome this is.
How many are the chances to be really alive...
to be aware of the enormous dimension
we live within.

On the threshold the entire past
and the endless future
rush to meet each other.

They take hold of each other and laugh.
They are so happy to discover themselves
in the awareness of a human creature.
On the threshold the present breaks all boundaries.
It is a convergence,
a fellowship with all time and space.
We find You there.
And we are found by You three.

Help me cross into the present moment –
into wonder, into Your grace:
that “now-place,” where we all are,
unfolding as Your life moment by moment.

Let me live on the threshold as threshold.

- *Gunilla Norris, Being Home: A Book of Meditations.
New York: Bell Tower. 1991. p. 14-15.*

Third Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach them 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, I 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.’

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The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for 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.*

A Prayer for the Morning

God,
you are our beginning and you will be our end;
we are made in your image and likeness.
We praise and thank you for this day.
This is the day on which you created light
and saw that it was good.
This is the day in whose early morning light
we discovered the tomb was empty,
and encountered Christ, the world's true light.
This is the day you have made;
we shall rejoice and be glad in it. *Amen.*

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988) p. 106

Intention at the start of Lent

Give us the courage, O God, to dare to work for justice and peace for all,

and work for the common good.

Give us empathy, O God, to reimagine our lives with each other,
grounded in mercy and lovingkindness.

Give us the faithfulness, O God, to see that your ways are sure and beautiful,
and work to open the closed fists of our hearts.

Give us the strength, O God, to reach out to those in need,
loving our brothers and sisters as ourselves. Amen.

- *The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire on website:
www.episcopalcafe.com. This is a portion of
a longer prayer.*

Prayer for the Absent

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We pray that you graciously behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979) p. 830

For those who are sick

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

- *Ibid.* p. 461

For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. This, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- *Ibid* p. 832

For those we love

Almighty God, we entrust all dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and, indeed, the life to come, trusting that you, as the Creator, are doing for all and each better things than any can desire, imagine or even pray for. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

- *Adapted by DMW from the Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 831.*

Concluding Collect

Blessed are you,
God of growth and discovery;
yours in the inspiration
that has altered and changed our lives;
yours is the power that has brought us
to new dangers and opportunities.
Set us, your new creation,
to walk through this new world,
watching and learning,
loving and trusting,
until your kingdom comes.
Amen.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book (1988) p. 465*

Concluding Sentences

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.
(*Romans 15:13*)

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Sentences

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem**“A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”**

*by L. J. White
adapted by Alan Bullard*

A Prayer of Offering

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

- *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (1988)
p. 141

Prayers of our Love First Families**A Prayer for Our Parish's Ministry**

O God, Giver of all good gifts, we thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors. May our hearts be kind and generous. May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination. Having transformed the Parish and Community Center, may our lives and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. *Amen.*

A Litany for Going Forth

With nature in its power and beauty,
With rain and wind, snow and ice and sunshine
With ancient rocks, hidden budding branches, and sandy shoals,
We go forth in praise of God.

With believer and seekers the whole world wide,
With people of every land and race,
And speaker of every language,
We go forth in praise of God.

With angels and saints in heaven,
With children and generations yet unborn,
With all who worship and gather with us this day,
We go forth in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence
And the Spirit who showers her blessing and kindness,
We go forth in praise of God.

May heaven and earth embrace all creation,
As we go forth in praise of God.

- *Adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book
of the Iona Community. (Glasgow: Wild Goose
Publications) 2017. p. 24*

Benediction

May we find time for rest in this Lenten season.
May we create space to be still and gentle with ourselves and others.
May God our Creator fill us with hope.
May Jesus Christ be ever present in our heart.
May the Holy Spirit illuminate our way to love, laugh and linger in the graces of God.

- *The Rev. Elizabeth Rawlins on the website:
www.disruptworshipproject.com/advent2020.htm
adapted by The Rev. Deborah Warner*

Greeting

Hymn 455**“O Love of God, how strong and true”***Dunedin*

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Postlude**“Be Thou my Guardian”***by C. S. Lang***Dismissal**

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