

Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

~ silence~

HYMN # 4 Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
Vs 1,2&3 (*Lent hymn booklet)*

Prayer:

- Breathe –

Inhale: We honor our mortality.
Exhale: Hope is written in the ashes.

Inhale: This breath will end.
Exhale: There is beauty in impermanence.

Inhale: Every breath will rest.
Exhale: Prepare us for mystery.

Confession:
Divine Maker, We confess that we have not always lived the way we wanted. We have not always honored ourselves, the land or the people whose weight it bears. There are days we believed in our own invincibility, shrinking from the frailty of life. Days when we have taken for granted all that is good and true and beautiful in this life. We are truly sorry and we ask forgiveness--from you, from the world, and from ourselves. Our lives have been held together by every mundane mercy. We claim this grace, forgiving ourselves and believing in our souls that we are called to be human and whole in this world. Amen.

(Silence)

Forgiveness

Kyrie Eleison
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

The First Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Reader: Laurie Ljubojevic
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 22: 23-31
Reader: Laurie Ljubojevic

Praise the Holy One, you that fear God;
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them;
when they cry to the Maker, they are heard.
My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship God.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek God's Name shall give praise:
"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.
For sovereignty belongs to the Almighty One,
who rules over the nations.
To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before God.
My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve God;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 148 Hope of Abraham and Sarah
(*Red Book)*

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-38
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Choir Anthem: Return to God

Prayers of The People: *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 7 Deep Within
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

The Eucharistic Prayer
God is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you,……
…as we sing:

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

Celebrant: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, …...
…...the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Therefore, loving God, …...
…...now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer
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.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Sung Agnus Dei:
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

The Communion

HYMN # 15 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
vs 1,2&3 *(Lent hymn booklet)*

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN # 16 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

Benediction:

The Dismissal

