

The Second
Sunday
of Lent

St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral
March 13, 2022

Prelude

Valentina Gavrilova

Processional

“The God of Abraham praise”

Hymnal 401

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson - Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down

and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *

and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *

the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *

in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for the LORD.

Hymn

“Surely the Presence”

*Surely the **Presence** of the of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can feel the brush of Angels’ wings
I see joy on every face.
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in the place*

*Surely the **Love** of the of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can feel the brush of Angels’ wings
I see joy on every face.
Surely the Love of the Lord is in the place*

*Surely the **Healing** of the of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can feel the brush of Angels’ wings
I see joy on every face.
Surely the Healing of the Lord is in the place*

The Second Lesson – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

“Eternal Lord of love ”

Hymnal 149

The Holy Gospel

Gospeler The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Gospeler **The Gospel of the Lord.**
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Jordan Bishop

The 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. 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

Sisters and brothers, wait patiently for the Lord. Trusting our merciful God to hear us, we pray, "Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; have mercy on us and answer us. "

Almighty God we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Show us your ways, O Lord. And give us the strength to stand firm. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Forgive us, gracious God, for the violence and anger in our own hearts. Open our ears and hearts to listen to your prophets and heed their call to repentance. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

We long, O God, to behold your fair beauty. Open our eyes to the beauty all around us. Inspire our hearts to sing out and make music to you. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

We pray, O God, for all those who have no place to call home. In their day of trouble keep them safe in your shelter; hide them in your dwelling. May they find housing in this life and find their home in your heart forever. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Lord Jesus, you desire to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Be the light and salvation of those who are lost and alone. May all in need know your goodness and mercy. Today we pray especially for Trish, Mary, Char, Deb, Helene, Tiffany, Barbara, Christopher, Tuller, Marigold, Brad, Mel, Judith, Lucas, Danny, Marilyn, Darcy, Janet, Lynne, Jacob, Jamie, Morehead family, Amy, Milward, B.A, and _____. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

Lord Jesus, in the fullness of time make all things subject to yourself and transform us, with all your saints, that at the last we might be conformed to your glorious likeness. Today we pray especially for _____. Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; **Have mercy on us and answer us.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace *All stand*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Music

“Behold the Lamb of God” John 1:29

by John A. Behnke

Performed by The Cathedral Choir

*Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world.
Behold the Lamb of God.*

Presentation Hymn

**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**

This is the Lord’s table where ALL are welcome.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
You have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Leader breaks the consecrated bread. Silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

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Special Music

“Lamb of God” by Twila Paris

sung by Dr. Holly Dalrymple

*Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

Chorus:

*Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be call a lamb of God*

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Forty days and forty nights ”

Hymnal 150

Sending

May the steadfast love of God surround you throughout these forty days and into everlasting life.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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