

Grace Episcopal Church  
The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021  
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us* - arr. R. Powell

GREETING

OPENING SENTENCE

*If we say 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

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*The Officiant says to the people.*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept*

*Officiant and People together,*

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (All)

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
**Come let us adore Him.**

VENITE

*In unison*

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ANTIPHON

The Lord has shown forth his glory:  
**Come let us adore Him.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*God of Mercy, God of Light* - D. Cherwien

PSALM 25:1-9

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<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> **Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in  
their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> **Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and  
love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember not the sins of my youth and  
my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> **He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup> **All the paths of the LORD are love and  
faithfulness to those who keep his  
covenant and his testimonies.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever . Amen.**

**A READING FROM 1 PETER 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

CANTICLE 14 ~ *A Song of Penitence*

*In unison*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Forty Days and Forty Nights* - arr. A. Clarke

## READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

CANTICLE 17 ~ *The Song of Simeon*      *In unison*      **Pg. 93**

A TIME OF SILENCE - *A bell will sound three times.*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED      **Pg. 96**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*      **Pg. 97**

SUFFRAGES "A"      **Pg. 97-98**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE      **Pg. 99**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION      **Pg. 827**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.**

*Silence*

**AS WE PRAYERS FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...**

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

**Donna** Campbell, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Sean** Sullivan, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Bill** Whitehurst, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Prayer - D. Eliot*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

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**DISMISSAL**      Let us bless the Lord.      *Thanks be to God!*

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church - Bourgeois/Blake*

**Service Leader:** Laurie Briggs      **Lector:** Dan Briggs  
**Audio Visual:** David Jones, Pam Harvey