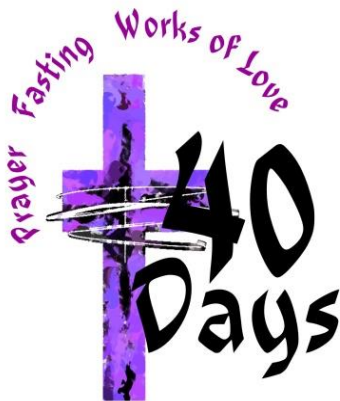


The First Sunday In Lent

February 21, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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Marci Gregg

Sudzy Benesch

Cathy LoPresti

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting

Reflections

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Blue Hymnal 680

" Oh God our help in ages past "

1 O God, our help in ages past
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

2 under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets
are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Christ
our Lord. *Amen*

Gloria (spoken)**Blue Hymnal S280**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of 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.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson:

God transforms people even when they are old. It is never too late for God to make someone into a completely new person.

A reading from the Book of 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."

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 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.

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

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 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.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 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.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

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

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson: The Epistle

God's gracious blessing depends on his goodness alone, and on the faith we receive from him.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

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.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 1)

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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."

Celebrant Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual (spoken)

Red Book 113 (v. 2)

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Winnie Mitchell

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 of God, Light of 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*

The Prayers of the People – Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests
for the week of February 21, 2021*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2021*

Illness/Injured/Surgeries

Zion Parsons (Paul & Nicole's 10 yo Grandson)**

Kristen Murray (Mike & Bonnie's Daughter)

Jim Willson

David Thompson's Mom

Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg &
Janet's Family)

Eduvijos Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)

Lee & Park Street

David Cross (ALS) and family

Continued Healing & Prayers

The Drummond Family

The Stocker Family

Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)

Wilson Begay and family

Parson's Dad & Grandson

Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)

Cathy LoPresti and Family

Neal Johnson & wife Joanne
(Sandra Attebery's Family)

Billie Jo Hermansson and Family
(Ann & Ann's
Daughter and Sister)

Suzane Steele

The Canda Family

Carryn Anderson

(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)

Linda & Alan McPeak

Willdra Ruzanski

Zahara

Fr. Wayne & Shannon Ewing

Dean Zylich

The Rev. Wendie &

Evalds Jakobsons

Dallas Anderson

Maria Thrurn

Confession of Sin

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

(Silence may be kept.)

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*

The Peace (unmute)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

People And also with you.

Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)

Offertory: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252

Offertory Music

Blue Hymnal 370

"I bind unto my self today"

Doxology

"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"

Spiritual Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Agnus Dei (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

have mercy upon us.

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have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

grant - us thy peace

The Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord,

with the faithful who yearn to gather

at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,

we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

We present you our souls and bodies

with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,
and,

since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.

We unite ourselves with you,

and embrace you with all the love of our souls.

Let nothing ever separate you from us.

May we live in you,

and may you live in us,

both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal 379

" There's a wideness in God's mercy "

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.

Benediction

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Postlude

