

Order of Service & Readings 2 Lent

February 28, 2021

Prelude

Reflections on "O Store Gud"

Brian Glyncanon (How Great Thou Art)

Processional Hymn #401, verses 1-3: The God of Abraham Praise

*The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove;
An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed:
we bow and bless the sa-cred Name for ev-er blest.*

*He by him-self hath sworn: we on his oath de-pend;
we shall on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heaven a-scend:
we shall be-hold his face, we shall his power a-dore,
and sing the won-ders of his grace for ev-er-more.*

*There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous-ness,
tri-um-phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zi-on's sa-cred height his king-dom he main-tains,
and, glo-rious with his saints in light, for ev-er reigns.*

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now bow down before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Litany of Penitence [Deacon]

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Minister

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Richard Cootes

*Kyrie eleison; Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison., Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy; Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy; Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day, 2 Lent (BCP 218)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: 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 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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 (Let us read together responsively by half-verse)

- 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.

Second Reading: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (4:13-25)

For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn, #147: Now Let Us All With One Accord

*Now let us all with one ac-cord,
in com-pa-ny with a-ges past;
keep vi-gil with our heaven-ly Lord
in his temp-ta-tion and his fast.*

*The cov-e-nant, so long re-vealed
to those of faith in for-mer time,
Christ by his own ex-am-ple sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sub-lime.*

*Your love, O Lord, our sin-ful race
has not re-turned, but fal-si-fied;
au-thor of mer-cy, turn your face
and grant re-pent-ance for our pride.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (8:31-38)**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Musical Offering: *Lewnten Meditation (My Savvior & My God)*

Jay Althouse

*My Life My love I give to Thee
Thou Lamb of God who died for me
Oh may I ever faithful be
My Savior and my God*

*O Thou who died on Calvary
To save my soul and set me free
I'll dedicate my life to Thee
My Savior and my God
I'll live for Him who died for me
How richer then my life shall be
I'll bow to him on bended knee
My Savior and My God*

*My Life My love I give to Thee
Thou Lamb of God who died for me
Oh may I ever faithful be
My Savior and my God
I'll live for Him who died for me
How richer then my life shall be
I'll bow to him on bended knee
My Savior and My God !*

*I'll live for Him who died for me
My Savior and My God*

The Nicene Creed

Please join together as we affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father 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 Intercession and Thanksgiving (for the Season of Lent)

Leader: Let us now offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

We are baptized to lift up, day by day, the needs of the entire world to God. Let us pray for all who are in need, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, and for our clergy; that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross. For this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For those everywhere who will be baptized at Easter that they will learn from us to read, ponder, and cherish the Holy Scriptures. For this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For our divided and restless world and especially for the leaders of our nation: the President, Congress and other leaders in government that hold power over others; may they be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice. For this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For children, that infants and young people of every nation may have food, clean water, and access to education, and that they may grow and love their world. We pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For all that are suffering: the sick, the homeless, those who struggle with addictions, prisoners, exiles and refugees, those who have disabilities; and especially those who have asked for our prayers: **Janey, Dana, Kristy, Carrie, Simon, Patti, the Muller family, the Spence family, Sandra, Robert, the Hollis family, the Huls family, Luke, Rob, Jeff, Ted, Tom, Nancy, Sheila, Terry and Garry, our siblings & families in Navajoland, those affected by COVID-19 and our front line medical providers, Becki, Tessa, Pat, Ashley, Damien, Donald and Lynn,** that they may find places of rest and kindness, strength of spirit and love for the simple gifts of God.

We acknowledge, pay respect and pray for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as the original people of the land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We pray for all affected by violence, terrorism & natural disaster, and we pray for those in the military. We pray also that God will send us those who are hungry to know and follow Jesus that we might welcome & walk with them on their spiritual journey.

We pray also for our companion diocese, The Diocese of Western Mexico.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for **Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America** and in our own Diocese for **Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale**. For all this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For this gathered community that the solemn brightness of Lent may open our eyes to these times, their folly and their worth. For this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For all who have died, especially and those at rest [with them] in our Memorial Garden; that they may be at peace. For this we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

Minister: God of goodness and mercy, whose ways are beyond our knowing or approving; remember us and all whom we hold in our hearts and remind us all of whom we would forget. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and daily raise to you the needs of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sacramental Prayer and Responses (*Taken from worship services at All Saints, Frederick, MD*)

Let us pray together:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the bread and wine. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant: While we long to receive the sacrament of Christ's Body,

People: We become the sacrament of Christ's Body.

Celebrant: Let your lives be manna to feed our hunger for communion.

People: The love we share becomes bread for the world.

The Lord's Prayer: (As our Savior Christ has taught let us say 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.*

The Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Minister: Please accept the greetings of the people.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers:

Birthday Prayer

1.

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Anniversary Prayer

1.

Lord God, constant in mercy, great in faithfulness, with high praise we remember your acts of unfailing love. We bless you for the joy which your servants have found in each other. We pray that you will bless them with power and patience, affection and understanding, courage and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

- 1 Today, please join us for our Virtual Coffee followed by our Christian Formation at 1:30 pm. Please use the links in the Thursday thoughts Email.
- 2 Again, a reminder that our 5-week Lenten Study has begun, and you are still able to register to join us. Please register for the ZOOM session where we will be Exploring a New Reality of "Jesus Christ Superstar". The weekly emails and newsletter have more information and the link to register.
- 3 Reminder also, to send in your pick for the Saint to win the Golden Halo in this year's Lent Madness. Also remember you can contribute to the Lent Madness Ministry Pool just note in the memo field for "Lent Madness Ministry Pool"
- 4 Next Sunday, March 7th, we will be live streaming the service at 9:30 am and offering "Communion to Go" from 11 to 11:45 am. We hope to see you in person then!

Lenten Prayer Over the People

Bow down before the Lord. Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Rosamund & JW Johnson

*Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won*

*Stony the road we trod
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast*

*God of our weary years
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God
True to our native land*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Simple Gifts* Folk Song/arr. Birchwood