



The Season of Lent

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The First Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Eucharist

Welcome to St. George's! If you are new or visiting, we are especially glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has the prayers and hymns needed for your participation in today's service. Wherever you are in your journey, know that you are welcome here.

Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *Pavane pour une Infante defunte* by Maurice Ravel

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

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Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend and didst the vict - ory win,
As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, grac - ious Lord,
And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
yea, ev - er more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant: Show our hearts your way, O God, and we shall follow.

People: **Wherever we stray, lead us back to the rock of your love.**

The Celebrant continues:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession and Absolution

We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace.
In humility, let us confess our sins to God.

A time of silence is kept. Then, all pray together:

O God you have searched us out and known us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have used our power to dominate and our weakness to manipulate; we have evaded responsibility and failed to confront evil; we have denied dignity to ourselves and to each other. We pray that you would forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: Hymnal 1982 #S86 Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

God of the wilderness, your Spirit leads us to face the truth, unprotected and exposed: in our times of trial, help us to resist the worship of empty power and the illusion of invulnerability that we might find our true food in Jesus Christ, the Broken Bread. Amen.

The people may be seated

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

To you Lord I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in you:

let me not be disappointed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed:

but only those who wantonly break faith.

Make known to me your ways O Lord:

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in the way of your truth and teach me:

you are God my savior, for you have I waited all the day long.

Call to remembrance O Lord your tender care:

and the unfailing love which you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins and offenses of my youth:

but according to your mercy, remember me Lord in your goodness.

You O Lord are upright and good:

therefore you show the path to those who go astray.

You guide the humble to do what is right:

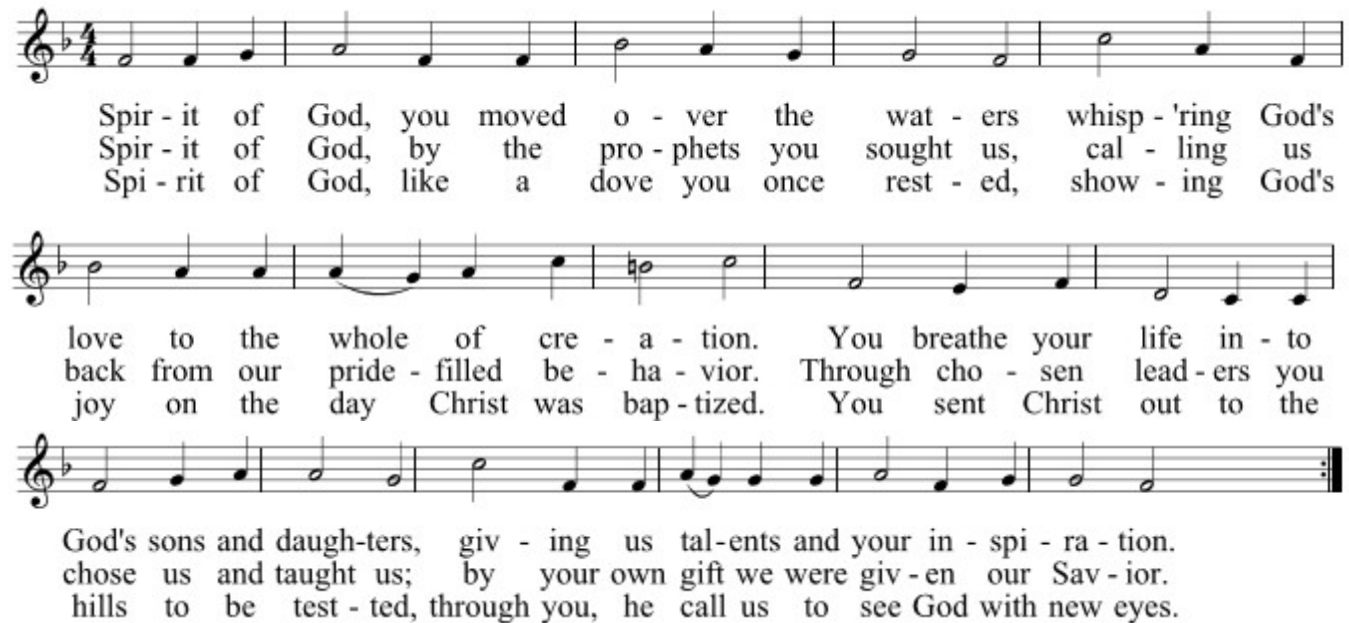
and those who are gentle you teach your way.

All your ways are loving and sure:

to those who keep your covenant and your commandments.

Voices Found #58 *Spirit of God*, verses 1-3

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Spir - it of God, you moved o - ver the wat - ers whisp - 'ring God's
Spir - it of God, by the pro - phets you sought us, cal - ling us
Spi - rit of God, like a dove you once rest - ed, show - ing God's

love to the whole of cre - a - tion. You breathe your life in - to
back from our pride - filled be - ha - vior. Through cho - sen lead - ers you
joy on the day Christ was bap - tized. You sent Christ out to the

God's sons and daugh - ters, giv - ing us tal - ents and your in - spi - ra - tion.
chose us and taught us; by your own gift we were giv - en our Sav - ior.
hills to be test - ted, through you, he call us to see God with new eyes.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



The Creed: *We believe in God the Father*

Words: Paraphrase of the Apostles Creed, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926). © 1993. Ancient and Modern Hymns, Hope Publishing Company.
Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schöne Gesänge* 1715; adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
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1. We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
We be-lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea-ven's king to rule and reign
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi-rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



1. earth and hea-ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up-on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. suf - fered un - der Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.
to the Fa-ther's side a - scend-ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
3. saints of God in one com-mun-ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

Our compassionate God has formed us out of dust in the midst of the waters of creation, and calls us now to repentance. May our prayers, our giving, and our fasting assist us in coming before God with open hearts. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all Christians, that embracing our Lenten discipline with joy, the cross of Christ may be our banner and the pledge of resurrection our hope. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and for the community of St. George's, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For those in authority in our country, and across the world, that they govern in justice and compassion knowing that all people are formed in your image and beloved of you. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For hearts to do what is good and right and true, and for an end to our own hardness of heart, we pray. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all in need of our prayers, especially those who suffer in the midst of violence and war, refugees and immigrants, those experiencing homelessness and those who are hungry. O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For the concerns of our hearts and for the needs of others. We pray for those who are sick or suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

In gratitude for the many blessings of our lives, for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and for all that we have to be thankful for, we pray. *The people may add their own petitions.* O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all who have died, that they may have eternal peace in you, we pray.
O God, feed us all with your mercy: **Lord, receive our prayer.**

God our source of light and life, in this holy season you call us to return from our wandering and come home to you. Help us to find our way, and guide us during our Lenten journey, that we may arrive at Easter ready once more to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life and from despair to hope, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week 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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Words: Latin, 15th century Tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing thought and fan - ta - sy,
For us bap - tized for us he bore his ho - ly fast and hun - gered more;
For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his dai - ly works he wrought;
For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in pur - ple robe ar - rayed,
For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he went on high to reign;
All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;



that God, the Son of God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
for us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
by words and signs and ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
he bore the shame - ful cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
for us he sent his Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
the Trin - i - ty whom we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 72356 (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.), use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

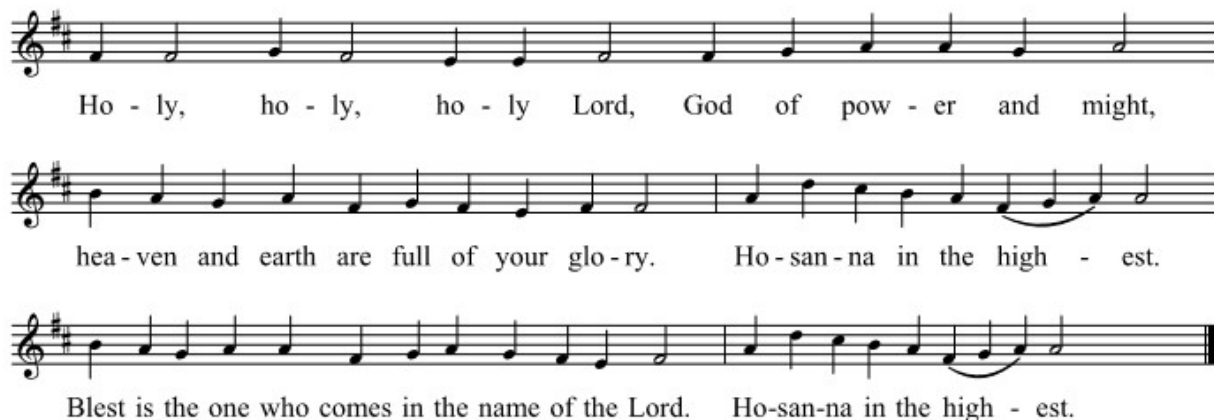
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all mercy, it is indeed right and good to give you thanks through Jesus Christ your Son, for you have been present with us at every turn. We remember that at Sinai, you gave us the gift of your law, teaching us to live together as you intended. When we gave up hope in the wilderness, succumbing to the poison of bitterness and despair, you kept us alive, and set us back on the path to the promised land.

And so giving thanks with joy, we bless you for your mercy and join with broken saints and redeemed sinners everywhere, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950) Hymnal 1982 #S 124. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For it was out of your great love for the world you made that you sent Jesus not to condemn but to save us, so that we who trust in him might not perish, but have eternal life.

Baptized by John in the Jordan, anointed by your Holy Spirit, and tested in the wilderness, Jesus came to proclaim the good news that the time was fulfilled, and your kingdom had come near. He turned the tables on injustice and corruption; he came to restore and renew the temple of your presence by offering us a place in the temple of his risen body.

And so we remember that on the night that Jesus was betrayed, he gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Remembering now your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we present to you O God, from your creation, this bread and this wine. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice.

Great then is the mystery of our faith:

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

Gracious God, we pray that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and all your people, and strengthen us to be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Show us the way of life you have prepared for us in Christ, so that we might trust and live in him, sharing in the immeasurable riches of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.**


The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 S 170 *Whoever Eats This Bread*


Setting: Mode 1; adapted by Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Antiphon
Cantor, then All



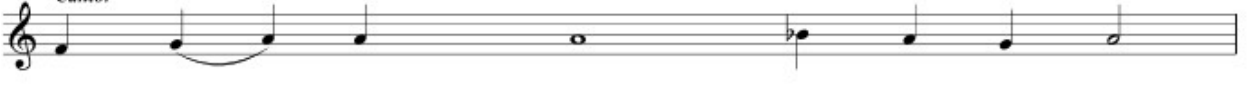
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor *Repeat Antiphon*




1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea-ven and gives life to the world.

Cantor



2. Who - ev - er believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst

Repeat Antiphon



for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe,
know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*



*If you would prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing;
cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.*

Communion Hymn 1: One Lord, One Faith #305 *We Are People on a Journey*

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We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Fol-l'wing where the Mas-ter walks.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Tak-ing up the cross of Christ.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, To the ta-ble of the Lord.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Ris-ing up in life re-born.



We are peo-ple on a jour-ney In the shad-ow of the cross.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Mov-ing on from death to life.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Fed by wa-ter and the Word.
 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, Speak-ing peace, ac-cept-ing scorn.



What com-pels? The face of Je-sus! Who pro-tects? Our faith-ful guide:
 We re-lease the sin that tan-gles. We re-lin-quish all ac-claim.
 We re-mem-ber, we re-mem-ber How You was dis-ci-ples' feet;
 We are walk-ing toward a home-land, To a mys-t'ry yet un-known.



He who reads the road of serv-ice, Christ the Lord, the cru-ci-fied.
 We re-ceive the suf-fring Sav-ior, He our glo-ry, wealth, and fame.
 We re-mem-ber on the last night Gifts of wine and bread to eat.
 To a king-dom com-ing quick-ly. To the light of God's own throne.

Gather #282 *Hosea*

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1 Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us a-part.
 Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to oth-ers' call.
 2 The wil-der-ness will lead you to your heart where I will speak
 In-teg-ri-ty and jus-tice, with ten-der-ness you shall know.
 3 You shall sleep se-cure with peace; faith-ful-ness will be your joy.



Long have I wait-ed for your com-ing home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you taught that what we do for the least of the members of your family, we do for you. As we go forth from this table in thanksgiving, strengthened and renewed by your love and by this sacrament of bread and wine, may you give us the will to serve others as you were the servant of all, to your honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.


Announcements

The Blessing


May the grace of God grant you peace,
May the love of Jesus Christ bring you wholeness,
May the breath of Holy Spirit inspire and challenge you,
And may the blessing of the great I AM be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #143 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

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The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God who gave the law;
So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered from the li - ons' might;
Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed,



for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
and to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
and John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
our spir - its strength - en with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
who art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Intermezzo in A-major* by Johannes Brahms



River of Grace

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by Luke 5:1-11

Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing

"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
(Luke 5:8)

As we begin Lent, this desperate confession introduces us to Peter, the disciple whose story—and wandering heart—we will follow for the next 7 weeks. If you've ever acted in a play or film production, you may have been tasked with writing your character's backstory, imagining the threads of your character's life that form the tapestry of their personality and motivations. If we do this exercise with Peter,

many threads of imagination and historical details weave together. Peter was a commercial fisherman; his business partners were Andrew (his brother) as well as Zebedee and his two sons. Based in Galilee, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek. Culturally, he was immersed in Judaism and Hellenism. His business would have been under oppressive control of the Roman government, which arbitrarily imposed harsh rental and harbor fees, fishing licenses, and taxes on domestic fishermen. He was likely a blue-collar worker daily constrained by tides and taxes.

With this backstory in mind, we may hear Peter's response to the abundant catch of fish with fresh ears. There are so many messages within his protest: "I'm not prepared. I'm not capable. I'm not deserving. I'm not faithful enough. I'm not smart enough. I'm not the type you're looking for." Have you ever found yourself saying these things in response to a new calling, or to an abundant gift of grace?

In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life. The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life. The river represents how his journey with Christ begins and ends: with an abundant catch of fish. He is forever tethered to the overflowing love of God. The river is a symbol of Peter's gifts, as God uses what Peter knows how to do well (being a fisher of fish) and invites him to apply his skills to a new calling (being a fisher of people). It's a visible reminder of the ways God's grace bends and turns and rushes to find each of our wandering hearts.

Despite Peter's resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can't escape the fact that God's goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads? —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity



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Reflection: The image above by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity is the first in a series of art works that we will draw upon for meditations with the *Wandering Heart* Lenten Program. We invite you to use this image as well as the reflection provided about the painting and the scripture passage from Luke 5:1-11 that inspires it as you pray during this first week of Lent. How does this image as well as the passage from Luke speak to the back story of your life? How would you respond to things link the unexpected abundance of fish you might catch? What is the abundant life of grace you experience or long for?