



The Season of Lent

St. George's Church • Glenn Dale Parish
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The Second 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: *Andante* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #401 *The God of Abraham Praise*

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The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; An-cient of ev - er-
He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend, we shall, on ea - gles'
There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous-ness, tri - um-ph'ant o'er the
The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly
The whole tri - um-ph'ant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and



- last - ing days, and God of love; The Lord, the great I AM, by
wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we shall be - hold his face, we
world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zi - on's sa - cred height his
ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and
Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry; hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With



earth and heaven con-fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
shall his power a - dore, and sing the won-ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
king - dom he main-tains, and, glo-rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
ev - er more shall be: e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor-ship thee."
heaven our songs we raise; all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end-less praise.

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:

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.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22: 22-30

I will declare your name to my people:

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

Give praise all you that fear the Lord:

**proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob,
stand in awe all you children of Israel.**

For you O God have not despised the poor in their affliction:

you have not hidden your face from them, but you heard them when they called to you.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:

my vows I will perform in the sight of those who hold you in awe.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied:

those who seek you O Lord shall praise you, may they be in good heart for ever.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you O Lord:

and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.

For yours is the kingdom O Lord:

and you are the ruler over the nations.

As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you:

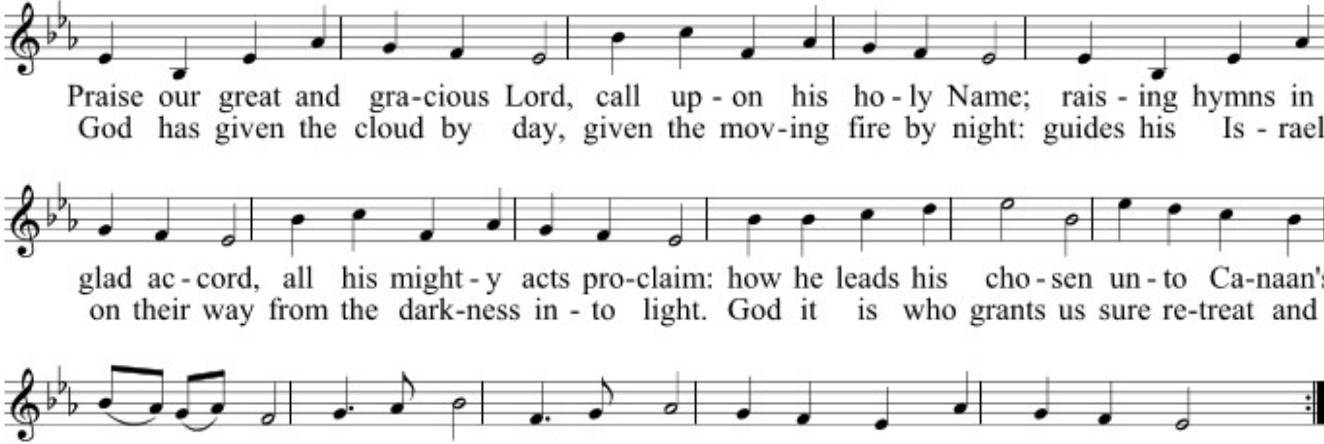
all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:

they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #393 *Praise our great and gracious Lord*

Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862). Music: Maoz Zur, Hebrew melody; adapt Eric Werner (b. 1901)



Praise our great and gra-cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name; rais - ing hymns in
God has given the cloud by day, given the mov-ing fire by night: guides his Is - rael

glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro-claim: how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca-naan's
on their way from the dark-ness in - to light. God it is who grants us sure re-treat and

prom-ised land, how the word we have heard firm and change-less still shall stand.
ref - uge nigh; light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day-spring from on high.

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 8:31-38

Then 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: 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 #675 *Take up your cross*

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Take up your cross, the Sa-vior said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be; take
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his
Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool-ish heart be still; the
Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly ev - ery dan-ger brave; it
Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for



up your cross with will-ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
Lord for you ac - cept-ed death up - on a cross, on Cal-vary's hill.
guides you to a - bun-dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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, 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.**


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



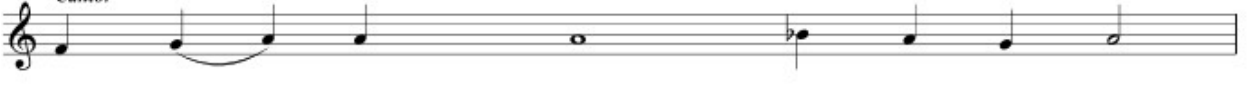
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

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: LEVAS #103 *Steal Away*

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Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!



Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!



My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thun - der.
Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - tremb - ling;
Tomb - stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - tremb - ling;
My Lord calls me, He calls me by the light - ning.



The trum-pet sounds with-in-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Communion Hymn 2: Gather #349 *Come to the Water*

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O let all who thirst, let them come to the wa-ter. And let all who have
And let all who seek, let them come to the wa-ter. And let all who have
And let all who toil, let them come to the wa-ter. And let all who are
And let all the poor, let them come to the wa-ter. Bring the ones who are



no - thing, let them come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey, with-out price.
no - thing, let them come to the Lord: With-out mon-ey, with-out strife.
wea-ry, let them come to the Lord: All who la - bor, with-out rest.
la - den, bring them all to the Lord: Bring the chil-dren with-out might.



Why should you pay the price, ex-cept for the Lord?
Why should you spend your life, ex-cept for the Lord?
How can your soul find rest, ex-cept for the Lord?
Eas - y the load and light: come to the Lord.

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.**

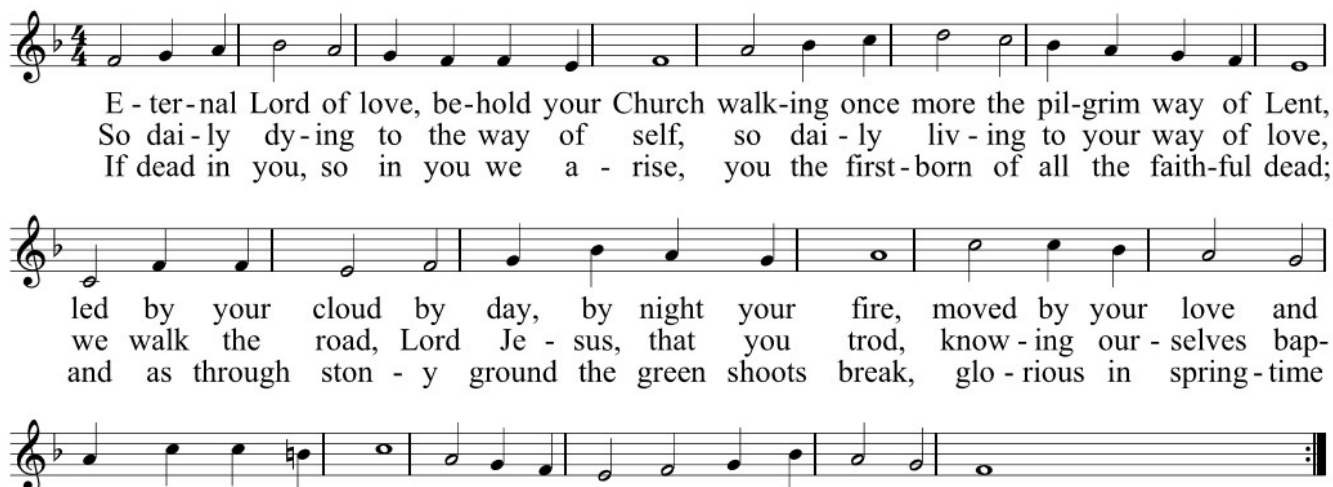
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The Blessing

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 #149 *Eternal Lord of love*

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E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self, so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
If dead in you, so in you we a - rise, you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod, know - ing our - selves bap -
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break, glo - rious in spring - time
toward your pres - ence bent: far off yet here the goal of all de - sire.
- tized in - to your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.
dress of leaf and flower, so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *If I...* by Lori Laitman



Beseeching

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23

Ink on paper

"God forbid it!" says Peter to Jesus (Matthew 16:22). In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality.

After ten years in ministry, I work in a church for the first time. In this text, I feel Jesus speaking directly to me: "You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Matthew 16:23). This is exactly where frustration surfaces for me in my amazing church job. It is when I have set my eye on human things. I worry about the budget. I worry about the email. I worry about the building. So why am I so focused on human things? And the negative ones, at that?

Because I'm human. Because these things matter. But not if I miss the grandeur of this incredible organization sharing the expansive love of God!

With every brush stroke in this ink painting, the humanity of Peter's face deepens, his expression clarifies. He cannot let his beloved friend be murdered. He worries about human

things. How weighty and legitimate those things feel. Jesus seems free of those human worries. He focuses with confidence on the path ahead, though Peter's concern causes him to falter.

Perhaps we can each be free of human concerns as well... However, that feels like a pipe dream, and Jesus knows it: "Get behind me, Satan" (Matthew 16:23). He does not blame Peter. Instead, he calls out Satan from within his friend. In doing so, he offers us a much needed reminder to refocus. Thanks be to God. —Hannah Garrity

Reflection: For this second week of Lent, our *Wandering Heart* image is based on the gospel account provided by Matthew (16: 22-23), which is a parallel to the story we heard in today's service based on the Gospel of Mark. Artist Hannah Garrity provides us with a personal reflection of how she can see a time when she was preoccupied with human things rather than divine. Then she continues to reflect that this comes pretty naturally to us as humans. She sees Peter's natural human concerns being expressed in the deepening lines of his face. How might you relate to Peter in this type of circumstance? What feelings arise when you consider how Jesus calls out Satan rather than blaming Peter for his reaction? What do you see in the faces of other people that express their concern?