

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021



St. George's Church ☩
Glenn Dale, Maryland
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

Prelude: Day by Day from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz

*Day by day, Day by day,
Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray
to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.*

Opening Hymn: Wonder, Love & Praise # 757 Will You Come and Follow Me

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Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
Will you love the "You" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known? Will you
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen? And ad -
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round through my
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show, thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Celebrant: Our God is full of compassion and mercy

People: **So let us return again to you, O God.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

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

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:

Holy and gracious God, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully. We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. We are thoughtless, storing up goods for ourselves alone, rather than acting for the good of all. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us true repentance, through the compassion of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

LEVAS # 236 Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord,
have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer -
- cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy on us.
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer -
- cy, Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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 *Read by Terry Doyle*

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.

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 or abhorred 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 slight of those who fear you.

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.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark. **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." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Todd Thomas

The Celebrant says

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

The 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 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 the People *Led by Karen Horrocks*

As we journey through this season of Lent we lift up our hearts and minds to you, O God, offering our prayers of intercession, praise and thanksgiving with humility, faith and trust. We pray: **Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority in society. Gift them with fortitude to confront the challenges we face, that the leaders of the world, of our Nation, and our State may act with justice and lead with truth and compassion. Guide them and us to confront divisions in our society and challenge them to redress the legacy of prejudice, animosity, and injustice. May they also make decisions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic that promote healing, we pray: **Christ in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for our church and its leaders, for Michael our presiding bishop, for Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector as well as for Todd and Thelma who will minister to us. We lift up the community of St. George's as we reach out to support one another, thankful for the gifts of lay ministry that we employ to serve one another. We pray: **Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We turn to you, O God, ever confident of your enduring presence in our lives, even in the midst of fear and isolation. May we be assured of your love as we lift up those who suffer in mind, body and spirit. We pray: **Christ in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray for our rector, Connie. We raise up her family and friends who give her comfort. Give Connie confidence and peace as her healing proceeds, that she may know that God's presence surrounds her. We pray: **Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We ask, O God, for your healing presence, especially as the Covid-19 pandemic rages across our country, our community, and the world. We hold up the health-care workers who serve those who suffer from the virus.; we raise up parents and teachers as they care for children in this time of difficulty. Grace us all with resilience to endure the challenges that face us. We pray: **Christ in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray, O God who gives comfort, for those who have died. We grieve for the more than 490,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for the over 2.4 million around the world who have died. Bring peace for all who mourn, we pray: **Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

Make us mindful, O God, as we pray for the most vulnerable in our midst, especially for those who experience hunger and those who are out of work. We pray for the families of Gaywood Elementary School, those served by the Bowie food pantry, and those who are homeless. That we may be God's hands and heart in our communities to do the work of justice and love, we pray: **Christ in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving to the God who brings joy for all the blessings of our lives, and especially for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray: **Lord in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

Throughout all the times and seasons of our lives, O God, we know that we are on a journey without knowing where it will lead. And we know that you are with us for every step of that journey. Help us live this day in 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.

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

The celebrant then offers the following prayer for those celebrating birthdays and 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

The Celebrant says

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

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Offertory Anthem: *If God Be for Us* by Joseph Martin

If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our refuge, God is our strength!
God is love, and from our sin redeems us, God's mercy shall never end.
God alone is our foundation. God alone is our salvation.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.
If God be for us, who can be against us? God is our splendor, God is our light!
God will shine the glory all around us. Then, why should we fear the night?
God alone is our sustainer. God alone is our defender.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.
The Lord of life is with us. The Lord is every near.
God's mighty arm will save us, release your doubt and fear.
What power could ever take us? We're safe in His embrace.
No word can sound against us, for we are saved by grace.
If God be for us, who can be against us, be against us?
Who can be against us? Who can be against us? Who can be against us?
If God be for us, who can be against us?
If God be for us, who can be against us? God is a rock in a weary land!
God is strong and, by His power, defends us. He shelters us in His hand.
God alone is our Creator. God alone is our sustainer.
I am persuaded, if God be for us, who can be against us.
If God be fore us, who can be against us? Who can be against us? Amen!

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

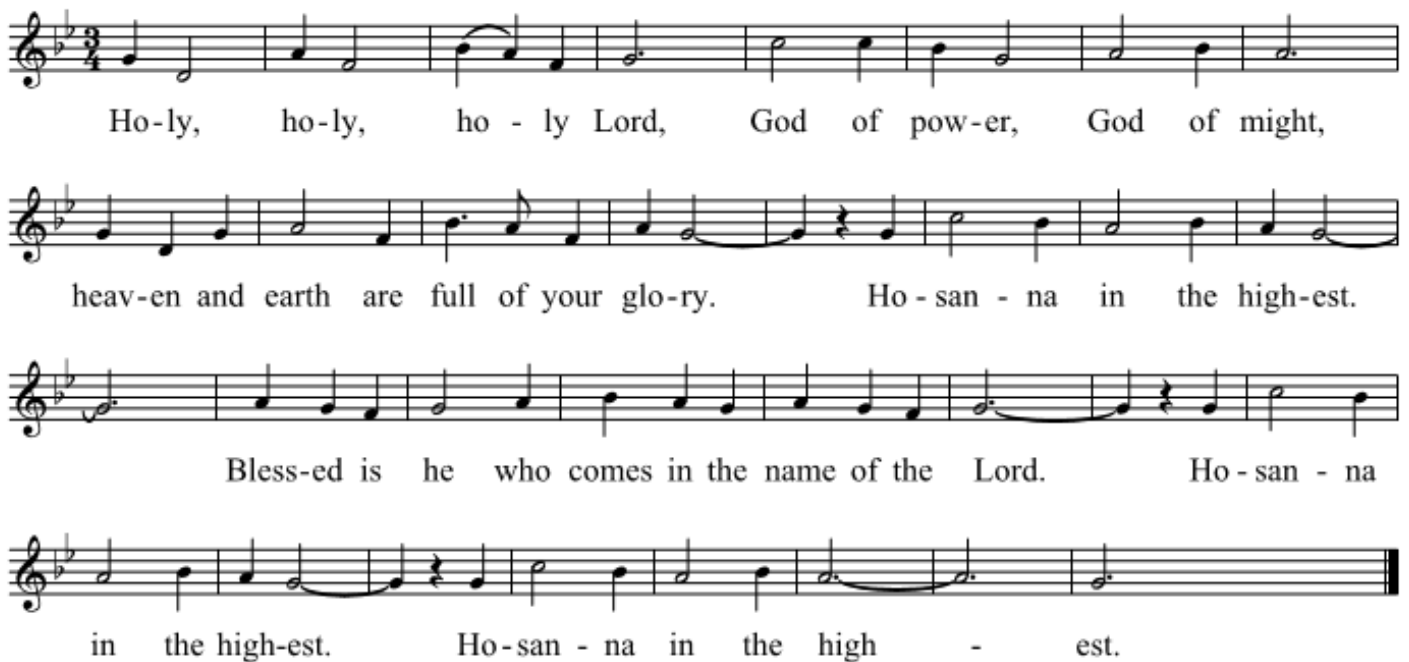
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ your Son. You bid your faithful people cleanse our hearts, and prepare with joy for the Easter feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

And so we lift our voices together, forever praising you and singing:

Gather # 223 *Sanctus*

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The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

You are holy, O God of majesty, and you pour on us the abundance of your compassion and grace. 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. You have made a new covenant with us, and written it on our hearts, that we may truly know you.

Then in the fullness of time, you sent us Jesus, your Son. After he was baptized by John in the Jordan River, anointed by your Holy Spirit, and tested in the wilderness, Jesus proclaimed to all people 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 his risen body, that all who trust in him may not perish, but have abundant life.

And so we remember that that night before he died, Jesus took break, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Recalling your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we present to you, O God, from your creation, this bread and this wine. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, 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 proclaim the good news of your love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O Holy One, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

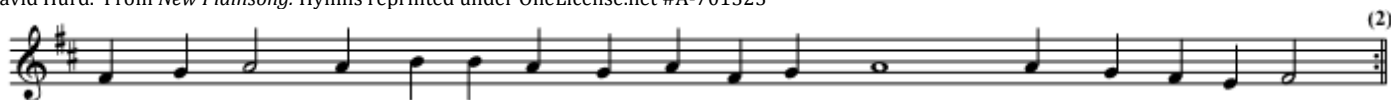
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,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

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Fraction Anthem - S161

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Everyone is invited to share the bread and wine, for this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

The Celebrant then says

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.

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.

Communion Hymn: Gather #282 Hosea

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Hosea

Text & Tune: Gregory Norbet, b.1940

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1. Come back to me _____ with all your heart. _____
 { Trees do bend, _____ though straight and tall; _____

2. The wil - der - ness _____ will lead you _____
 In - teg - ri - ty _____ and jus - tice, _____

5 3. { You shall sleep _____ se - cure with peace; _____

1. Don't let fear _____ keep us a - part. _____
 so must we _____ to oth - ers' call. _____

2. to your heart _____ where I will speak. _____
 With ten - der - ness, _____ { you shall know. _____

3. faith - ful - ness _____ will be your joy. _____ (To refrain)

10 Refrain

15 Long have I wait - ed for your com - ing home to me and _____
 D.C.

liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

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Post- Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: **Holy God, gracious beyond measure, you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never be hungry. May we who eat at his table of blessing and share in his love go forth now to reflect his life in our words and in our deeds, that all of those we encounter may know the power of Jesus' compassion. In thanks and praise to you, we pray. Amen.**

The Blessing

As we go forth this season of Lent,
let us be marked not for sorrow, but for joy;
let us be marked not with shame, but with grace;
let us be marked not for thinking ourselves less than what we are,
but recognizing the gift to the world God calls us to be.
And may the blessing of God who creates, redeems and sustains us be with you now and remain with you 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; for
A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God who gave the law; and
So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and
Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who



Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
John, the Bride - groom's friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
spir - its strength - en with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
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: Sanctify Us By Thy Goodness (Ertöt Uns Durch Dein' Güte) by J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Harriet Cohen (1895-1967)