

ST. THOMAS' PARISH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH • DUPONT CIRCLE

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Confession of Sin

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

OD OF ALL MERCY,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

₩ All sit

Reading - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

THEN ABRM 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

★ The Gospel is processed into the midst of the people to be read



The Holy Gospel - Mark 1:9-15

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

People: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Alex Dyer

₱ Please observe a moment of silence following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

E 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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Nicene Creed is likely the most universally accepted and recognized statements of the Christian faith and was adopted in 325 CE. It has been adapted for more inclusive language.

Prayers of the People

★ All remain standing as able.

Celebrant:

Let us turn to God, the source of our help and strength.

Intercessor:

Let us turn to God, the source of all good things, in praise and thanksgiving. For all the blessings in our lives, and for blessings without number, we offer our sincere thanks.

Let us turn to God, the source of grace, in contrition. For all of the times we have turned away from you in search of easy answers, quick fixes, fast judgments, and irrefutable answers, we offer our sincere apologies.

Let us turn to God, the source of our comfort and aid, in supplication. For the people in our community in need of your healing and transformation; For people living in Israel/Palestine, who are not able to build roots in their home communities; For all people who have left their own countries to find emotional and physical security; For all who were elected to public office to serve all children of God; For those who are living in this country who are undocumented, we offer our solidarity and support.

Make us ever mindful of how we interpret and use our sacred texts so that we do not use your Word to justify pain, displacement, condemnation, or oppression. May we never use the name of God to perpetuate or carry out acts of physical and emotional violence.

May we remember that your Word was sent not to condemn but to give life abundantly.

Celebrant:

In all things, God, and at all times, let us turn to you, the source of our hope, and our keeper, from this time on and forevermore. Grant that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of The Lord be always with you. People: And also with you.

Announcements (see insert)

Offertory Sentence

★ The offering is collected to support the work of sharing God's love with the world and living out God's mission. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar as the Priest prepares the altar.

Offertory Anthem "Concerto in C Minor, 2nd Movement "Adagio" Benedetto Marcello

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

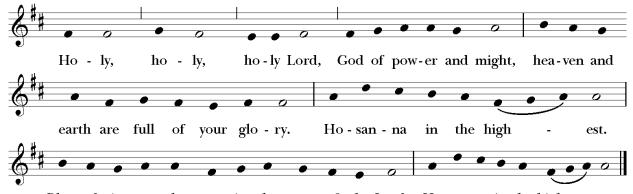
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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.

T IS RIGHT AND A GOOD and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Bless-ed is one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

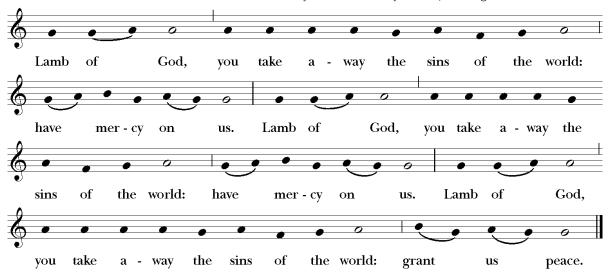
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

UR 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.

Fraction Anthem

₱ The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and after a moment of silence, all sing.

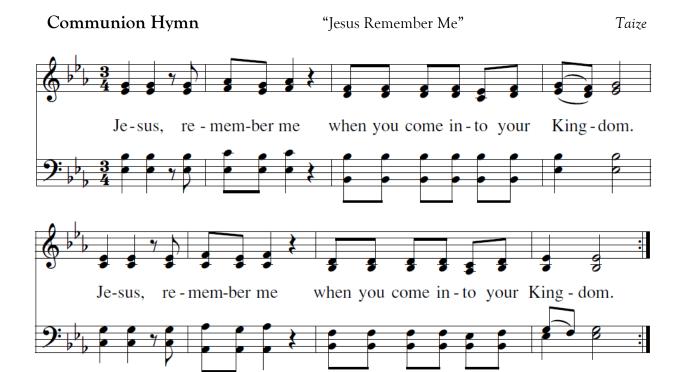


Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

♥ Communion is distributed at a station at the foot of the steps to the altar.

All enter via the center aisle (alternating sides for each person) and return via the side aisles.





Post Communion Prayer

♣ All stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray

LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

₱ Please quietly exist following the dismissal



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