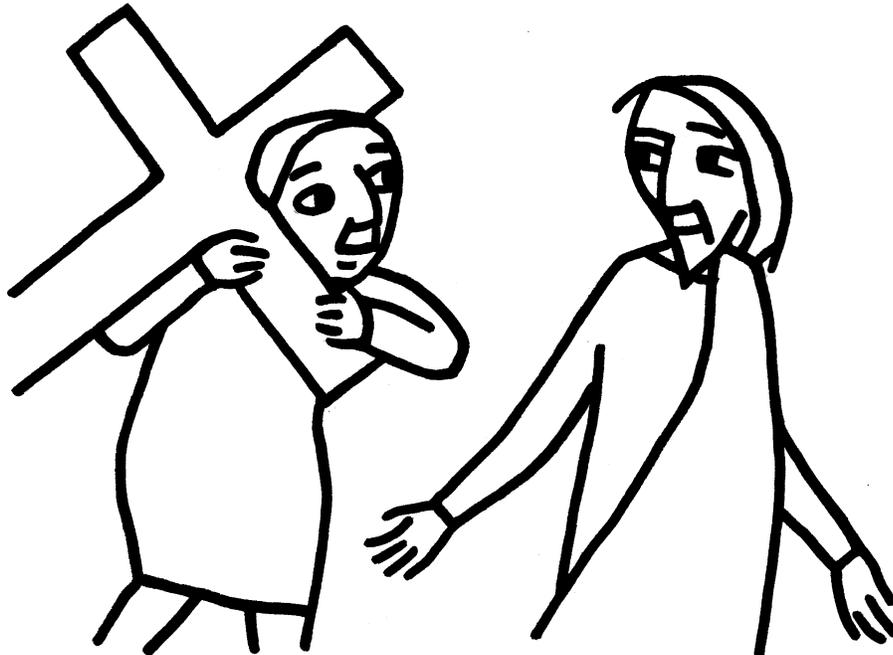


The Second Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer
February 28, 2021
10:00am



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Movement from “Spring”, by Antonio Vivaldi. Performed by Chris Pryce & Rebeca Rathlef.

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant:

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” *Mark 12: 29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8, 9*

Deacon:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence may be kept.

All:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
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 hearts:
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant:

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN (H 655) “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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| 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle,
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway,
if thou wilt be my guide. | 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Mater and my friend. |
| 2 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me
listen, thou guardian of my soul. | |

OPENING SENTENCE

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

CANTICLE (H 380) “From all that dwell below the skies”

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| 1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise!
Let the Redeemer’s Name be sung
through every land, by every tongue! | 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. |
| 2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more. | |

PSALM 22:22-30

- 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.

FIRST READING: 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**

SEQUENCE HYMN (H 707) "Take my life, and let it be"

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| <p>1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.</p> | <p>2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take thyself, and I will be
ever only all for thee.</p> |
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SECOND READING: Mark 8:31-38

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."

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

SERMON

Rev Eric Elley

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.
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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

OFFERTORY

"Mikotoba", sung by Adam and Carey Lape

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your minister with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let not the needy, O lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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.*

COLLECT FOR TRANSITION

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, as we enter a time of transition in our community. Guide the minds and hearts of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sins nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by his response)

*Intercessor: Loving God People: **Hear our prayer***

Intercessions are welcome at this time

PRAYER LIST AND PRAYERS FROM THOSE GATHERED ONLINE

CONCLUDING PRAYER: *Officiant and People*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and

delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.
(silence is kept)

CLOSING HYMN (H 401) “The God of Abraham praise” v. 1, 3, & 5

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o’er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion’s sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

5 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
‘Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!’
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Movement from “Violin Concerto” by Antonio Vivaldi performed by Chris Pryce & Rebeca Rathlef

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

- ***For those who are homebound:*** Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran, and Sandy Moore
- ***For those who are in need of God's healing and protection:*** Donea, Chris & Ashling, Gail, Sheila, Guss III, Dolly, Travis & Jaylin, Irene, Beth & Ethan, Winn, Maggie, Matthew Briggs, Rick Buckley, Fred S. Allan, Manny, Ryan, Sue, Chris, Maggie, Doreen, Dusty, Charlie, Barbara Volker & Dick, Beth Miner and her family Luis (Louis) & Hooper.

For those residing and working in nursing homes and hospitals.

For protection of Ryan & all the students at UMASS.

For COVID victims around the world and for those who mourn.

- ***For those who have died; may they rest in peace and rise in glory:*** For the repose of the soul of Tom. Comfort his family in their grief.
- ***Birthday this week:*** Gail Turgeon, Roy Butler, Doreen Tapper,

