

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Service

February 28 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Fountain of living water,

Pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 17: 1—7, 15--16

Pg. 1140

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 22: 23--31

Pg. 981

PS 22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

PS 22:24 **For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

PS 22:25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

PS 22:26 **The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him--may your hearts live forever!**

PS 22:27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

PS 22:28 **for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

PS 22:29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him--those who cannot keep themselves alive.

PS 22:30 **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.**

PS 22:31 They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn--for he has done it.

Second Reading:

Romans 4: 13--25

Pg. 1781

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Instrumental Offering Hymn # 319 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"
Setting by Ronald A Nelson*

(Please rise for the Gospel.)

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8: 31--38

Pg. 1553

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song” sts. 1, 3

1. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
3. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ,

***God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.***

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

Gracious God, who has named and claimed us, calling us your beloved children, you know the secrets of our hearts. When we sin and stray from your paths, you astound us with your saving grace. For this Word of life, **we give you thanks.**

Loving Jesus, living Word, in you the Kingdom of God has come near; through you all that was lost has been found. Help us to boldly follow wherever you may lead, trusting your promise that we need not fear, for you are with us. For this Word of life, **we give you thanks.**

Holy Spirit, the mystery in which we dwell, into our scarcity, your abundance flows. Enliven all communities with your good news. Guide us to love and serve Jesus, giving ourselves away for the sake of the world. For this Word of life, **we give you thanks.**

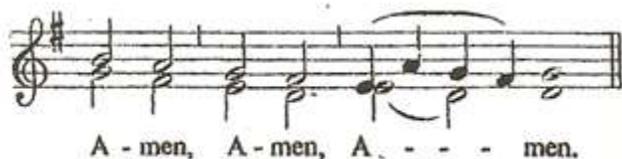
All glory to you, holy God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Blessing



1. O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
4. Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude