



2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA
February 17, 2021

We welcome you to St. Andrew's this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we are delighted that you have come to visit us. We hope you will come again and again to worship with us and allow us to be your spiritual home and parish family.

On the Sundays in Lent, you will notice a difference in how we come together as God's people to worship God. Much of the festive nature of the liturgy is missing. Music is restrained and carries a more somber tone. We do not adorn our altar area with flowers. Crosses are covered. A dark purple is used as the color of the season. The word *Alleluia*, which is sung throughout most of our church year and offered in the dismissal during the season of Easter, is absent.

These changes are not because Lent is a dreary season, but because it is a time of introspection, of drawing within ourselves, to find the place of renewal and hope, placed there by the Spirit of God in our baptism. This is a time of limiting our distractions, so that we can listen to that small, still voice of God and respond with a renewed heart.

We gather each weekend in our worship service where our story as the people of God reminds us that God has met and still meets our needs and that God alone can quench our yearning for the source of wholeness and goodness in our lives. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources with which we can join Christ in his struggle against evil and death, so that we may also join him in his victory.

Together, may we keep a holy Lent. Mother Barbara

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME

GATHERING & CENTERING MUSIC

Dona Nobis Pacem Domine

Give to us your peace, O Jesus Christ.

Taiže Chant #31 Dona Nobis Pacem

SINGING BOWL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

THE DECALOGUE (*Kneeling or bowing your head*)

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 heart;
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.**

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.

TRISAGION # S102 *Blue Hymnal (Sung three times.)*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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GRADUAL MUSIC

Tai ze Chant #25 When night becomes dark

When the night becomes dark, your love, O Lord,
is a fire; your love, O Lord, is a fire.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Mother Barbara

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Bless our visitors today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship. Grant that we may serve Christ in them as we love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult; those who have difficult decisions to make, and who honestly do not know what is the right thing to do.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Edna, Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Linda Gatchel, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Helman, Rachel Mooney, and for those who care for them and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Stan, the family of Dick Weller, Dina and Patrick, Pierre and Sassie, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those who have difficult tasks to face, and who fear they may fail in them; those who have difficult temptations to face, and who know only too well that they may fall to them, if they try to meet them alone.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those who know that they can be their own worst enemies.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those who have difficult people to work with; those who have to suffer unjust treatment, unfair criticism, un-appreciated work.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those who are grieving because someone they loved has died; and any who are disappointed in something for which they hoped very much.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We hold before God those who are victims of violence, those who are neglected or misunderstood, those who are unemployed and frightened, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Lord God, may our prayers, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S JOY INTO OUR LIVES

Mother Barbara

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Kneel down before the Lord.

Grant most merciful Lord to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be changed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #654

Day by Day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Beethoven *Moonlight*

Kevin Gorman