

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 8, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)
(Be merciful to me, O Lord God)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Reminiscere*

Anglican Chant: L. Dakers

Call to remembrance thy tender compassion and mercy, O Lord, and thy loving-kindnesses towards us, which have been ever of old: neither suffer our enemies to triumph against us; deliver us, O God of Israel, out of all our misery and trouble. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded.

– *Psalm 25: 6,3,22,1-2*

Hymn 401: “The God of Abraham praise”

Leoni, *stand*

Opening Sentences

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Missa Brevis, William Walton (1902–1983)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of Genesis. (12: 1-4a)

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Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 **The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 140: “Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun”

Donne, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
(3: 1-17)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Rob Voyle

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The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Lector: Our compassionate and yet all-powerful God has called us to repentance. May our journey through Lent aid us in coming before God with pure hearts and minds. Today is the acceptable time; let us pray, saying: Lord, have mercy.

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For all Christians, that embracing our Lenten discipline with joy, the cross of Christ may be our banner and the pledge of resurrection our hope, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those preparing for baptism, that their observance of the Lenten season strengthens their resolve to receive God's gift of new life, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our confirmands, that they find Lent a time of renewal and Easter a season of joy, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For all churches, that Lent be a time of repentance for sins against the unity of the body of Christ; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; and Deon, our Bishop-elect; for Rob, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; and for the members of our parish staff, that they follow Christ as they seek to serve in his name, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the members of our Search Committee, that enlightened by your grace and led by your counsel, they seek your glory and serve your will for this parish in calling our next rector.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our parish concerns, especially the people served by our ministry partners in St. Louis and Haiti, the people afflicted by the coronavirus, and the people working to eliminate its threat, that we remember the needs of others as we purify our own hearts and minds, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For this assembly, that as we celebrate our union with Christ in this holy meal we not grow weary of proclaiming his saving death and resurrection to the whole world, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who suffer from illness of body, mind or spirit, especially Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Steve Minton, Carl Schuldt, Meg Walters, Scott Weaver and Joey Wilson, that they receive the consolation of knowing the love of their crucified Savior and its healing power, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who have died, especially Peter Benoist and Maggie Jones, that they rest in God where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: O God, as you called the Israelites to repent of their sins, so now you call us to fasting and prayer, in repentance for wandering from you. Never let us lose our way, and guide us during our Lenten journey that we arrive at Easter morning, ready once more to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life, from despair to hope, trusting in the life of Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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.**

The Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

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The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread, Agnus Dei (*Hymnal S 158*)

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Administration of the Sacrament

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All are invited to the altar rail to receive Communion or a Blessing.

*To convey to the priest that you would like to receive a Blessing,
please cross your arms across your chest.*

Remember, Christ is fully present in both the Bread and the Wine.

Receiving only the bread is a full participation in this sacred meal.

*Out of care and concern for one another, please refrain from intinction
(dipping the bread into the common cup).*

*To convey to the eucharistic minister that you will refrain from consuming the wine,
cross your arms across your chest after eating the bread.*

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

Motet

William Byrd (1543–1623)

Ave verum corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine.

*Hail, true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
truly you suffer, offered in sacrifice
on the cross for man.*

Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*From whose pierced side
flowed the blood:
may we have tasted of you
when we come to the hour of death.*

O dulcis, o pie, o Jesu, Fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

*O gentle, loving Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

– 14th century Eucharistic hymn

Hymn 313: "Let thy Blood in mercy poured"

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

Priest: The God of Creation grant you grace to see yourself as God made you.
The God of Love grant you grace to value yourself as God values you.
The God of Life grant you grace to discover God's purpose for you and
the courage to live it from the depths of your being.
And the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with
you and those whom you love and struggle to love now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn 691: "My faith looks up to thee"

Olivet, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Praeludium in E minor, the larger

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

MUSIC NOTES: I lift up mine eyes unto the hills by English composer *Judith Bingham* (b. 1952) was commissioned in honor of Sarah Bryan Miller, a member of the St. Peter's Choir, "the dedicated music critic of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and a true musician." The commissioners, in addition to St. Peter's, include the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus; the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, University City; Third Baptist Church, Grand Center; the Music Department of Washington University, and Congregation Shaare Emeth, Creve Coeur. The first public performance of the full scoring for choir, piano, and organ was held last month under the direction of Philip Barnes.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Bryan Miller, Annie Vogt

Ushers:

Jeff Yount, Mark Pye, Bob Butler, Bruce Mardis

Acolytes:

Will Frank, Parker Leatherman, Thomas Leatherman

Charles Martin, Nell Melton, Henri Sokolich

Acolyte Master:

Julie Ferrie

Hospitality:

Jane Gilbert, Loura Gilbert, Ann Randazzo

Altar Guild:

Merrill Buettner, Frances Gay, Susan Schettler, Jan Craig

Counters:

Ann Randazzo, Lisa Acker

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Carl Schuldt and Meg Walters.

For Family and Friends: Steven Minton, Scott Weaver and Joey Wilson.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For the Faithful Departed: Peter Benoist and Maggie Jones.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Chris Canepa, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Lucy Dolan, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Clayton Hicks, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Rory Sabbah, Kathy Sheehan, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rebecca Tyler, Rolla Wetzel and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. this morning. Note that we will not meet on Sundays, March 15th or 22nd.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

SUNDAY FORUMS IN LENT – **“Learning How to Forgive and Return to Love”**

Beginning this morning, 9:15-10:00 in the Undercroft, Rob will lead a series focused on forgiveness. Learn the mechanism of resentment and forgiveness, and how to distinguish forgiveness from reconciliation. Explore the possibilities for forgiving and staying in love on your terms, even while people continue to behave offensively and injuriously. Rob promises that the gatherings will be very practical in nature. He invites you to bring your resentment and leave without it!

CHORAL EVENSONG – **Today at 5:00 p.m.** This is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music. The choral music is by American composers Searle Wright (1918–2004) and Craig Phillips (b. 1961). The canticles are Wright’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E minor. The anthem is Phillips’s “Keep watch, dear Lord,” a setting of a beloved prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER’S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpeterseiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

MEN’S BREAKFAST – Join us in the Undercroft this Tuesday at 7:15 a.m.

WOMAN’S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program, “Celebrating 100 years of the Munny.” Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

BOOK GROUP – All are welcome to the Elliot Room this Tuesday, March 10th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. Join us!

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER SERIES FOR LENT – “Yes!” Join our Interim Rector for a Lenten program designed to help you discover and live a life in which you can simultaneously say *Yes! To God – Yes! To your Neighbor – Yes! To Yourself*. Come learn from Rob about discerning your core purpose in life, and how it can lead you to Yes! The program, accompanied by simple supper, will follow our 5:30 service of Holy Eucharist in Grace Chapel on every Wednesday of Lent. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. Sign-up online or call the Church Office.

YOUNG ADULTS – This Wednesday the Young Adults Group is encouraged to come for Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Lenten Supper Series. Please RSVP to the Church Office for dinner.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Friday mornings in the Elliot Room.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – We are nearing our goal! Thank you to all who have pledged support to date. It is so important to have the support of all parishioners. Please help us wrap up our 2020 campaign by sending in your pledge, or pledge online.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 in the Elliot Room for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Your children will learn valuable lessons about Jesus and how he taught people through parables, so sign them up for St. Peter’s Vacation Bible School, June 1-5, 9am to Noon, ages 4 to 10. You can easily register today at stpeterseiscopal.org/vbs2020 for \$50 per child or \$90 per family for an amazing week of Christian Fun! Questions? Contact Director of Christian Education, Ann Babington, annbabington@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SHOE DRIVE – The Trinity Food Pantry will host a Maundy Thursday Foot Clinic to address foot health and provide everyone with a new pair of shoes. St. Peter’s is collecting new and gently used sturdy walking shoes in men’s sizes 8-16 (the unhoused population Trinity serves is predominantly male). Drop shoes in the baskets in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the Church Office during the week. The final shoe collection day is Palm Sunday, April 5. Our goal is to collect 80 pairs of shoes. Thanks for helping to make someone’s journey a little bit easier.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 15, 2020

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| Sunday | 3/8 | | The Second Sunday in Lent |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 8:45-10:00 | Parish Breakfast – Undercroft |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday Forum – Undercroft |
| | | 10:15 a.m. | Children’s Chapel |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Evensong |
| Tuesday | 3/10 | 7:15 a.m. | Men’s Breakfast |
| | | 12:15 p.m. | Woman’s Guild Lunch |
| | | 2:00 p.m. | Book Group |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | Choristers |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | Vestry Meeting |
| Wednesday | 3/11 | 1:00 p.m. | Searching for God in the Daily News |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Lenten Supper Series |
| | | | Young Adults (<i>join Lenten series</i>) |
| Thursday | 3/12 | 5:15 p.m. | Probationers |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Choristers |
| | | 7:15 p.m. | Parish Choir |
| Friday | 3/13 | 7:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group |
| Sunday | 3/15 | | The Third Sunday in Lent |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 8:45-10:00 | Parish Breakfast – Undercroft |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday Forum – Undercroft |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |

Easter Flowers

It is time to order flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. We hope that you will contribute **\$50.00** to the general cost of Easter flowers. You may order and make your donation through the parish website (www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give/ and click on Online Giving and Payments), or you may place your order by completing this form and submitting it to the Church Office with your check, marked for “Easter Flowers”. The address, if you choose to return it by mail, is: 110 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

If you wish to have your acknowledgement appear in the Easter service booklet, all orders must be placed **by Monday, March 23rd**. Easter Flowers donations received after that deadline are appreciated, and will still be designated for the flowers, but the acknowledgement will not meet the Easter booklet print deadline.

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