



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The Second Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* Georg Böhm
(based on Hymn 635, "If thou but trust in God to guide thee")

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People let all the peoples praise you.

Morning Psalm: Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

Officiant and People

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 22:22-30

Officiant and People

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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Hymn 679 (metrical setting of Canticle 9: *The First Song of Isaiah*)



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Will you come and follow me

Scottish melody

A Reading from the Gospel of 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

The Rev. Tanya Watt

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers 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 your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

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.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Nicholas, for all the clergy and people, and for St. David's on-the-Hill, Cranston. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, Joseph, for our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, for those who are afflicted with Covid-19, and for all of those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Anne G., Astrid, Beth Hunter, Alex Myers, Steve Mazur, Joe Taylor, Elaine Decker, Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Paula A., Mike, Roz, Thomasine Manickas, Janet Kitchen, Kenneth Hunter, Christopher Gormley, Arlene & Bill Dubois, Joanie B., Cole R., Doreen Gardner, Kerri Turgeon, Samantha Mossey, Sophia Martin, Don B., Paul M., "C", George Graham, Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, Gary & Cindy M., Sylvia DeFalco, Lou R., Claire LaFontaine, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, Bob Richert, Paula Thompson, Logan, Dan Larkin, Doreen Putnam, Andre Cabana, and Candy Weeks-Read, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we pray especially for Eleanor Tyler-Menzies and her family and friends in their time of grief, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, and for those who serve in our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

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 Prayer of Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymn 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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Participants

Preacher	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Officiant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Anthem	Choristers from the St. Cecilia Choir
Hymn Quartet	Deborah Collins, Bruce Dearnaley, Laura and Michael Sullivan
First Reading	Leila O'Connell
Second Reading	Bill McClintick
Gospel Reading	Fran Gammell-Roach
Prayers	Diane Rich

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 2/28

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

Monday, 3/1

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 3/3

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Thursday, 3/4

7 pm Kids Compline via Zoom

Friday, 3/5

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

4 pm St. Cecilia Choir

Sunday, 3/7

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

**If you have requested pledge envelopes, they are
located in the atrium.**

Lent Blog

Seeking writers! This Lent, we are continuing our seasonal blog series where members of our community share their reflections on the day's scripture readings. If you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have written before or want to try it out for the first time, this is an opportunity for us to walk the road of Lent together even while we are physically apart. Please contact Mtr Tanya if you'd like to join: tanya@stlukeseg.org

Please visit this link to view our Lent Blog which began on Ash Wednesday:
<https://stlukeseg.org/lenten-blog/>

Kid's Compline

We are offering a new family friendly prayer service in the spirit of compline on Thursday nights at 7:00 via Zoom, crafted especially with children in mind.

Compline is a night prayer that marks the closing of the day. During Lent, we are invited to consider giving something up or picking something up, and this is an opportunity for families to pick up an enriching practice. (And we promise to be done no later than 7:30!)

The link will be posted in our weekly announcement. Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 838 6319 3679

Passcode: 136624

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lenten Adult Faith Formation series has begun, Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

We are reading *Seven Last Words: An invitation to a deeper friendship with Jesus*, by Fr. James Martin. Even the titles of the chapters are a source of comfort: *Jesus Understands the Challenge of Forgiveness, Jesus Understands Doubts about the Afterlife, Jesus Understands a Parent's Love, Jesus Understands Feelings of Abandonment, Jesus Understands Physical Pain, Jesus Understands Disappointment, Jesus Understands Self-Offering.*

What wonderful news! Jesus understands. We hope you will join us as we dive more deeply into this welcome invitation. Please read Chapter 3 in preparation for our discussion.

The link will be posted in our weekly announcement. Log-In information is below:

Meeting ID: 867 3899 9469

Password: 427552

Theology on Tap

The men of TOT plan to meet virtually on Monday, March 1, at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars!

We are looking forward to reconnecting for some camaraderie and conversation.

Please join us via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/99585722285?pwd=K2pLczlhSWN5VWMyNk1taklKQ2dsdz09>

If you'd like to join us and are not getting TOT emails, contact Brent Bostick brentbostick1@gmail.com or 908-230-7569 and he'll get you added to the list.

Women of Grace

Our next meeting of Women of Grace is just around the corner – Monday, March 1, at 7pm! Our speaker will be Doreen Putnam (www.dcpotnamconsulting.com), a professional consultant, educator and trainer in the area of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. To prepare you for her presentation, Doreen provided this summary of what she plans to share with us ...

What I Still Don't Know About Alzheimer's and Dementia

Unless you have had a loved one or someone you know who has had Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, you may still in 2021, have questions about these diseases. We will be talking about some basic understanding about dementia as well as the "10 Warning Signs" -- risk factors for all of us and what physically happens to the brain. Bring any specific questions you may have.

This is a topic of great interest to many of us, our families, and our friends. With that, Doreen encourages you to invite others to join us who might benefit from this presentation and discussion.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering opens with prayer and a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm!

Details for linking via Zoom and any additional information for the discussion will be emailed to the WOG list prior to the meeting. If you are not currently on our mailing list, please email Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com) to add your name and email address and receive updates on meeting logistics and resources. *Or, as Doreen suggests, if this topic specifically appeals to you, just email Deborah that you want to attend and Zoom info will be forwarded to you.*

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view via the link in our Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this form, you will help us to keep in touch.

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

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Thank you,
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