

*St. James Episcopal Church, Westernport
Peter's Episcopal Church, Lonaconing*

February 28, 2020

**The Second Sunday of Lent
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Current diocesan COVID-19 regulations require us to worship through online services and personal devotions only.

We are asked to remember in our prayers: Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Evonne, Judy, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Betty, Joe, Gail, Elaine, and for Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, and Melanie, and those known to us and to God alone.

If you know of others that should be added to the prayer list, please let one of the clergy know.

Organ Prelude

Words of Welcome *During Lent, the service begins as follows:*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

The Penitential Order

The Decalogue: the Ten Commandments

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any
thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under
the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.***

The Celebrant then says

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 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray together:

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.

THE LESSONS

The Epistle: A Reading from the Letter 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.***

Organ Gradual

The Holy Gospel of our LORD according to 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 Gospel of the Lord.

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

Organ Gradual

The Sermon

The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr.

The 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

(BCP, p. 392)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;'

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; and especially for Joseph our president, and Larry and Jim our governors;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregations: We are asked to remember in our prayers: Shirley, Mary Ellen, Jerry, Rowland, Daniel, Robert, Judy, James, Joey, Cara, Pam, Jean, Bev, Betty, Joe, Gail, Elaine, and for Kathy, Bob, Andy, Ann, Violet, Evonne and Melanie, and those known to us and to God alone.

Silence; The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence; The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence; The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of *your* servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by *your* gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

With our parish churches being closed due to the pandemic, let us remember to be kind to those with whom we live, and to keep tabs on our close neighbors, family, and friends. We encourage you to check with your doctor to see if the COVID inoculation is right for you and, if so, to sign up at your earliest convenience.

Since we cannot receive your offerings in the normal fashion, please do continue to support the needs of St. James' and St. Peter's churches by mail, (St. James Episcopal Church, 32 Main Street, Westernport, MD 21562, or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 6 St. Peter's Place, Lonaconing, MD 21539) or through the diocesan website, www.episcopalmaryland.org.

Offertory Meditation Music

Celebrant Let us say together the Doxology

***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. Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant
 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...
(Proper Preface) ... Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People
***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel

Celebrant
 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Celebrant now receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of all those participating in this service.

Communion Meditation Music

Silence.

Celebrant Let us pray.

[A Prayer for Spiritual Communion,
Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces]

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Closing Prayer *The people kneel and the Presider says: [Lent 2]*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Benediction: The Blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and forevermore. ***Amen.***

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Rector and celebrant
Assoc. Priest and preacher
Organists

The Rev. Garrett H. Carskadon
 The Rev. John C. Martin, Jr.
 Rev. Tom Hudson, St. James
 Mr. Mark Steiner, St. Peter's

Individual and Family Evening Prayer

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Psalm for the Second Sunday of Lent

Psalm 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus

- 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.

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

Antiphon:

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake
 we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Let us pray:

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy;
 let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let
 your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless us and keep us. *Amen.*