



St. John's Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
FEBRUARY 28, 2021
10:00 AM

Voluntary

Preludio sine nomine

Herbert Howells

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 401, vv. 1-2

The God of Abraham praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Ten Commandments

Read by a Sunday School student. The people's response is in bold.

Hear the commandments which God's people were given through Moses.

You shall have no other gods but me.
You shall not make yourself idols;
You shall not worship them or serve them.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness.
You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Jesus said: "There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

The Collect for The Second Sunday in Lent

Priest: The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

People: **The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

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. **Amen.**

The First Reading Romans 4:13-25 (*Seated*)

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, (3x)
No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow, (3x)
No turning back, no turning back!

The Holy Gospel Mark 8:31-38 *(Standing)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily

The Sermon *(Seated)*

The Reverend David C. Killeen

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church, remembering Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest. Father, remembering our companion parish San Pedro Apóstol in Zorrilla, Cuba, enliven the Church for its mission **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

In gratitude we pray for Kenneth Cole Miller, baptized this week. Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace

that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for our nation, state, and community, remembering Joe, our president; Ron, our governor; and John, our mayor. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

We pray for those in need, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Betzi Welch, Stephon Williams, Connie Dozier, Lisa, Kaetlin, Amy, Carolyn, Charles Minai Murira, Ceil Bare, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries, either silently or aloud.

Silence.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Ain'a that good news!

William L. Dawson

We encourage you to place your offerings in the offertory plates at the exits of the church if you are worshipping with us in person. If you are worshipping with us online, you can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56. You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage. You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord is here.

People: **God's Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature, who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Priest and People:

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Priest and People:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Said by all*)

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion: *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymn 328 (*Sung by the choir*)

Postcommunion Prayer

Priest: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

People: **Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 455, vv. 1-2

O Love of God, how strong and true

O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

A solemn recessional

Colin Mawby

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