

Sunday, February 28, 2021 | St. Francis' Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday in Lent

*Liturgy of the Eucharist
Book of Common Prayer*



Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

A Penitential Order

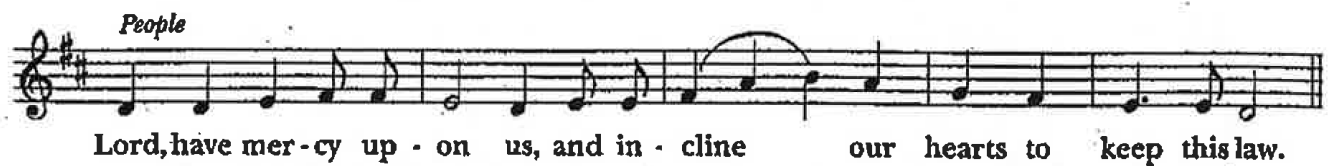
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me."

Antiphon:



You shall not make for yourself any idol. (a)

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

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (a)

Honor your parents. (a)

You shall not commit murder. (a)

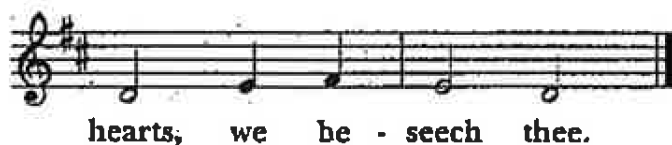
You shall not commit adultery. (a)

You shall not steal. (a)

You shall not be a false witness. (a)

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the 10th Commandment



Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

John 1:8-9

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant will elevate slips of paper left at the "Facing the Cross" prayer station where visitors left thoughts responding to: "Ask the Lord to reveal anything that removes you from God, other people or your authentic self."

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

Deacon and People:

**Almighty God,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time grievously have committed,
in thought, word, and deed, against your divine Splendor,
provoking most justly your anger and unhappiness with us.
We turn away from these evil thoughts, words and deeds and turn toward you.
We are deeply sorry for our misdoings;
thinking of them grieves us,
the burden of them is horrible.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
for the sake of your Child, our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this moment forward we may
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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

A Reading from the Old Testament

Reader: 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."

The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 22

v. 22-30

Psalm Leaders, Leah Milton and Lynn Grames

All the ends of the earth shall re-mem-ber and turn to the LORD.

A B

- 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. (a)
- 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!" (a)
- A 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.
- A 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.
- B 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him. (a)
- 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 savings deeds that he has done. (a)

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

Hymn Leaders, Susan Oris and Clark Burton, St. Barnabas'

**I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!**

**Though no one join me, still I follow,
Though no one join me, still I follow,
Though no one join me, still I follow,
No turning back, no turning back!**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!**

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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."

People: The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 human.
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.**

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, and may our response be, "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Incarnate God, through your Word you teach us to be prayerful, and to be thankful for all people. Today, we pray that your Church Universal may continue to be inspired by the Spirit of truth, unity, and peace. And as we confess the holiness of your Name, bring us to live according to your Truth. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon, our Bishop, Laurie, our Vicar, Rebecca, our Deacon; that their actions and words be reflective of your life-sustaining Teaching, so to administer your holy Sacraments with a spirit of love and respect. In our Diocesan cycle of Prayer we remember the deacons of this Missouri Diocese, and Archdeacon Rebecca. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Draw all people into your protective fold, and especially this congregation gathered here; that, we may receive and inwardly digest your life-giving Word of Love, so that we may be united by the Spirit of Christ, and generously serve others in his name. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of Wisdom, bless those who are charged with the authority of government with a vision of peace and reconciliation. Give them knowledge of your will, regard for your laws, and respect for the whole human family. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of all Creation, since the beginning you have created all things, and you have invited us to be faithful stewards of your creation. Give to all persons a reverence for our earthly home that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Abiding Spirit of God, we place in your hands those for whom we want to pray: for our parishioners Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann; and for those who have asked for our prayers for Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, and Darlene, that they may find comfort in the goodness of your love for their trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Eternal Spirit, we pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, especially Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy, grant to them eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life that knows no age. May we, following the good examples of Francis and all the saints, and in our own time, come to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 14 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Instrumental music plays as our ushers collect our offerings to God.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 Maker of all.

Jesus 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.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 undending 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior. By Christ and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

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

People: **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 and People:

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

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

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car .

Hymn Leader, Sally Boyd, St. Barnabas'

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
 2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
 3 Thy faith - ful guard - ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
 4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
 with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
 nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
 and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of hearts; Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May this blessing be the road that returns you. Let it be the strength to carry through the wilderness, and in the name of God—Parent, Child and unending spirit—be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn Leader, Kathleen McDonald

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann

For those who have asked for prayers: For Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, and Darlene; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters around our world; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the deacons of this Missouri Diocese, and Archdeacon Rebecca

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Music Director	Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild	Linda Doolittle
Greeter	Sue Schmidt
Ushers	Joe Bernert and Michael Booker
Lectors	Jackie Selle and Michael Rohan
Intercessor	Barb Sacco
Cantor	Tatum McCart
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Jackie Selle
Tellers	Suzanne Jones and Rich Mayfield

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Prayers of the People Rite 1, BCP pg. 328-30; modified for use at St. Francis' Episcopal Church.

AUDIO

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SINGING

We encourage you to sing along. Mask free is safe while you're in your car; if you exit your car or roll down your windows, please leave your mask on.

RECEIVING EUCHARIST

Everyone is invited to receive. Clergy members will come to the driver's window wearing a mask and hand the driver wafers for everyone in your car. Each wafer is individually wrapped in a sanitized plastic bag.

We will only be receiving in one kind. The bishop's guidelines do not permit the distribution of wine or juice at this time. Our cup remains a common cup by our inviting one parishioner to drink from it at each service.

If no one in the car would like to receive, simply cross your arms over your chest with your car window up.

MASKS

All attendees 2 years and older must wear masks any time you open car windows or step out of your car.

DISTANCE

Please stay within your car's parking spot, whether you remain in the car or sit outside of it. Greet one another with waves for now until we can safely offer hugs and handshakes.

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We welcome donations to support the work of St. Francis', whether a payment on a pledge or simply an offering. Ushers have baskets to collect offerings.

