



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, March 13, 2022

The Second Sunday in Lent



Return to God

ABOUT WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF LENT

Colors: We replace the green of Epiphany with purple and burlap. Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our attempt to be as such to the world as well. In penitential theology, purple is the color of inward reflection, which is one of the important things we are called to do each Lent in preparation for Easter. Burlap is a rough and simple cloth. It signifies the fasting, doing without, of Lent. (Attribution: <https://doers.org/liturgical-colors-of-the-church/>)

Seating: Our chairs are turned to face one another. This stark contrast from our usual forward facing chair arrangement wakes us up to Lent as a season different from all others. In Lent, we seek to turn to God more fully. We face one another to confess our need for God and the ways in which we have not loved God and our neighbors with our whole hearts.

Baptismal Font: The baptismal bowl is removed and Christ's cross replaces it. This serves as a reminder that "the spiritual grace of our baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection" (Book of Common Prayer, Catechism, p. 858).

Lectionary: The lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. This lenten season, with the encouragement of the Bishop and the full endorsement of St. Francis' Worship Committee, our readings come from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Wilda Gafney. Gafney writes that the aim of her lectionary is to "specifically and intentionally make women visible in the lectionary text. This will inevitably seem strange to some hearers or readers. Some will find it welcome and a signifier of inclusion. Some will find it discordant ... My language, like all language, is simply inadequate to express the fullness of God in and beyond the world or even in human creation." If you would like more information about *A Women's Lectionary*, watch the Forum on it led by Rev. Laurie on our YouTube channel or ask at the office for further reading. Questions or comments? Schedule a time to speak with seminarian David Luckes or Rev. Laurie.

Music: As a season of fasting and quiet contemplation, our music is scaled back. We open in silent meditation and speak the parts of the mass—Holy, Great Amen and Lamb of God.

At St. Francis we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." If you sit or stand at a different time than others or sing off key, it is all pleasing to the God we worship. All we do and all we are is brought before God as an offering in our Eucharist.

Bell rings three times to initiate silence. Silence is kept for a time of prayerful reflection.

Silence ends when the bell rings one time.

Stand as the Presider enters.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Jesus said, "The first [commandment] is: Hear, O Israel: the Holy One our God, the Holy is One; you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Presider 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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Steadfast God, you search for us when we are lost like a woman who searches for one lost coin: Help us evermore seek your face, that we may reveal your glory in all the world; in the name of our Mother, our Wisdom, and our Comforter.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from Genesis.

3:1-7

Now the serpent had more naked intelligence than any other animals of the field that the Sovereign God had made. And it said to the woman, "Indeed, did God say, 'You two shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of any tree in the garden we may eat, though of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden God said, 'You two shall not eat and shall not touch it lest you two die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You two will certainly not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you two will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her man, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



- 1 It is good to give thanks to the Ageless /God,
to sing praises / to your name Most High;
2 to declare your faithful love in the / morning,
and to your trust/worthiness by night,
3 upon the ten strings and the / harp,
upon the murmur/ings of the lyre.
4 For you have made me glad,
Wellspring of Life, by your / work;
at the works of your / hands I sing for joy.
12 A righteous woman or man flourishes like a palm / tree,
and grows like a ce/dar in Lebanon.
13 They are planted in the house of She Who Is / Holy;
in the courts of our / God, they flourish.
14 Still producing fruit in their elder / years;
fat with / sap and ever green.
15 They declare that the Mighty God is / upright;
she is my rock, and there is no un/righteousness in her.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Ephesians.

2:4-10

Now God, who is rich in mercy, loving us with a great love when we were dead through our trespasses, brought us to life together with Christ—by grace have you all been saved. And God raised us up together with Christ and seated us all together in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. This, that God might show in the ages to come, the abundant riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace have you all been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God. It is not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has crafted, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our path.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2 Jus - - - tice, kind - - - ness,

3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,

what does the Lord re - quire of you? (♩) *last time*

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

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THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 7:15-20

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

"Beware of false prophets, who will come to you all in sheep's clothing but inside are rapacious wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or from thistles, figs? Thus, every good tree bears beautiful fruit, but the rotten tree bears wicked fruit. A good tree cannot bear wicked fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bear beautiful fruit. Every tree that does not bear beautiful fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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

The people respond, "Lord have mercy."

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

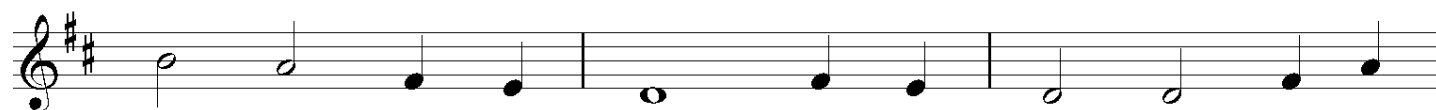
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COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

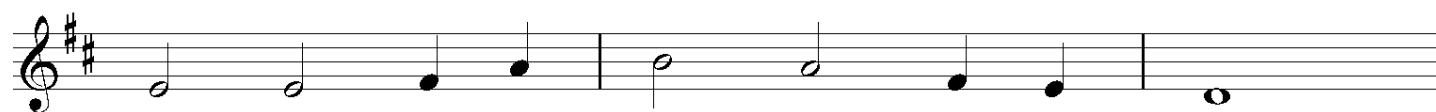
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1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



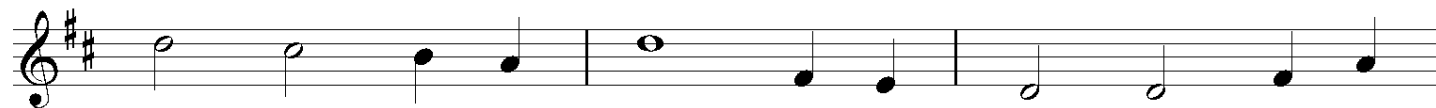
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

OFFERING PRAYER *Stand*

During the 10:30 worship service, the following is said as the offerings are presented.

Presider All things come from you, O Lord
People **And of your own have we given you.**

EUCHARIST

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled + with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.
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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. 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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
 whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
 heal the sin - sick soul. 1 soul. 2

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you
 think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of
Repeat Refrain
 Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**



1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine
 2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -
 3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may
 4 Now near - er draws the day of days when
 5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that
 2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your
 3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing
 4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at
 5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

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DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.