

Grace Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday in Lent

10AM Holy Eucharist

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light vs. 1-3 1982 Hymnal #490

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Centering Chant

What We Need Is Here

What We Need is Here;

What We Need is Here.

Repeat 2x

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Lessons

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not

reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

The Saint Helena Psalter

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from God, *
 the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; *
 the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you *
 and is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
 nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil, *
 and is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

Gospel Song

If You Believe As I Believe

WLP #806

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered

him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Song

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The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga

During the season of Lent, we will hold three minutes of silent meditation following the sermon, begun and ended by a bell.

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness
in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory

As a Father

Composed by Luigi Cherubini

*Joe Pesch, Chuck Dresel, and Ted von Pohle, vocalists.
Elle Wheeler, accompanist.*

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from EOW

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo

WLP #785

**¡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*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb,

the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Jesus is our host; all are welcome at God's table. To receive communion, come forward at the usher's instructions and kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may either hold on to the bread and "intinct" (dip) it into the bowl of wine when it comes to you, or consume the bread and drink from the cup. Communion in one kind (bread only) is a full communion; gluten free wafers are available if needed. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know. Children and infants are welcome to receive communion, either the bread or wine or both, as long as their parents are comfortable. If you or your child prefers to come forward to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Music At Communion

Post-Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs. 1-3

1982 Hymnal #657

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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