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The Second Sunday in Lent

February 17, 2008

10:00 am

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: *"If thou but suffer God to guide thee"* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Opening Hymn: *"The God of Abraham praise"* Leoni Hymnal 401

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue *(The Decalogue is said, the people kneeling.)*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant continues

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

The Deacon or 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 Priest, stands and 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 Word of God

Lord, have mercy - Hymnal S 96

The following hymn is said or sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people 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.
Amen.

The Lessons (*The people sit.*)

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

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

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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.

Gradual Hymn: "And now, O Father, mindful of the love" Unde et memores Hymnal 337

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 (The People Stand)

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

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon — The Reverend James Stevenson

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

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 III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Dale, Ed, Dana, Carole. And for Lynn & Sandy Sheehan as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace (All stand.)

The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Junior Choir Anthem: *"Fly Like Eagles"* Isaiah 40:28-31 Joel and Russell Nagy

Presentation Of Offerings: "Lord, I Want You To Touch Me" LEVAS 140 verse 1

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 125

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.*

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

The Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*—Hymnal S 165

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Anthem: "Let thy Blood in mercy poured"
Words: John Brownlie (1859-1925) Melody: Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
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 heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "Lift high the cross" Crucifer Hymnal 473

Postlude: "Faith" Op. 102, No. 6 Felix Mendelssohn

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God in Thanksgiving by John & Florence Juris.

MINISTERS

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Chris Sutton, TBA
Lectors	Dominic Wright, Lindsey Jacobs
Intercessor	Kelly Jacobs
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Sutton
Ushers/Oblationers	TBA
Altar Guild	Sandy Sheehan, Megan Palmer, Grace Goeringer
Vestry Counter	Dan Plashinski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 17, 2008 ✠ The Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

Here are a few items to assist you with this morning's service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
 - The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace") is also located in the pew rack.
 - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

PRAYER LIST We have renewed the prayer list. If you would like to place a name on the list, please write it in the book in the back of the church or contact the Church Office.

EDUCATION COMMISSION will have a meeting at 9:00 am next Sunday, February 24. Note the time has been moved from after the 10 am service, to between services.

PHOTO PRESENTATION Dave Dillon will presenting photos from his recent Photo Safari in Tanzania after the 10:00 am service next Sunday. Please join us.

FRIDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

Worship 6:00 pm

February 22—Stations of the Cross

February 29—Order of Worship for Evening

March 7—Family Night, Stations of the Cross for Youth

March 14—To Be Determined

Soup Supper

Please sign up in the Parish House to bring Soup or Bread

Educational Series: "Why We Worship the Way We Do"

Father Stevenson will lead this series. If you have one or more questions on why we worship the way we do, please write them on the paper in the pews and place them in the plate OR email the [church office](#) with your question(s) about our worship.

Each Friday, we will use a different form of worship, so we can experience more of the beautiful liturgy in our Prayer Book.

Please take a little extra time for prayer and reflection this Lent by joining us on Friday evenings.

THE WATCH OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENTS A sign up sheet for the overnight watch which runs from Maundy Thursday (following the service) through Good Friday (at 3:00 pm) is now available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please sign up as you are able. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Stevenson or Deacon Lou.

FAMILY NIGHT Friday, March 7 will be Family Night at the “Friday Nights in Lent” series. The service at 6:00 pm will be Stations of the Cross for Youth & Families. The service will be followed by a light supper and educational activities for youth and adults.

THE ECW will meet on Wednesday, February 20, at 10 a.m. The project for the day will be to prepare the Easter "baskets" for our parish shut-ins and nursing home patients. If you would like to contribute candy for these token baskets, please place it on the center counter in the kitchen. Many thanks. The ECW will then "go for lunch"!

THE NEXT...

- ...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Family Service**, this morning, 10:00 am.
- ...**Outreach Commission, Sunday**, February 17 following the 10:00 am service.
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, February 18, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, February 19, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm.
- ...**ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 am.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, February 21, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, February 22, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ... “**Friday Nights in Lent**” Friday February 22, 6:00 pm—7:45 pm.
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday, February 24, 9:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School**, Sunday February 24, 10:00 am.
- ...**Church Cleaning**, Monday, February 25, 9:00 am—noon.
- ...**Family Night at “Friday Nights in Lent”**, Friday March 7, 6:00 pm.
- ...**Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms**, Sunday March 16 8:00 & 10:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School Bake Sale**, March 16 following both services.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Potluck**, Thursday March 20, 6:00 pm.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Liturgy**, Thursday March 20, 7:30 pm.
- ...**Good Friday Liturgy**, Friday March 21, 7:00 pm.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!