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## The Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Prelude

#### Procession to the Altar

#### Hymn#401

*The God of Abraham praise*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

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 Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our  
neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.**

*Said three times*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

#### 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. **Amen.**

**A Reading from 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**

- 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.**

**A Reading from 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 #508 vss. 1-2**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to John**     (3:1-17)

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gradual Hymn #508 vss. 3-4**

*Breathe on me, Breath of God*

### **The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

#### **The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

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.***

### **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for our president, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church; the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Qu'Appelle .

(Canada), Quebec - (Canada), North Queensland - (Australia),

Raiwind - (Pakistan), Rajasthan - (North India), Rayalaseema -

(South India), and The Church of the Province of South

East Asia; our diocese, especially Ascension, Seattle; Epiphany, Seattle; St. Clement of Rome, Seattle; and our parish.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You called each of us to take up the cross; deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve to follow in your steps.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You forgave the thief on the cross; bring us all to penitence and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You were rich yet for our sake you became poor; move us to share generously.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You lived as an exile in Egypt; protect and comfort all who are alone, isolated, fearful, or victimized.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You come in our midst as the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace and an end of violence, hatred, and terrorism in every heart and every land. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You healed by your touch and word; bless all through whom your healing gifts are given and bless all of those on our prayer list, and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Marilyn, Keith, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Leanne, Terry, Garry, Nancy, Bea, and for those we now name....

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially and those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom in our Lenten fast. Mercifully grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his rising from the tomb; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

## Offertory

*Our Sunday loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.*



## The Great Thanksgiving – D

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 372]

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...

*Celebrant and People*

## Sanctus

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power....  
...we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy...

...through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,**

your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one or both of the elements or receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.*

*If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.*

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Celebrant and 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.**

## The Solemn Prayer over the People

*Celebrant*

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. **Amen.**

## Procession to the Neighborhood

### Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight.  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight.  
Angels descending, bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain*

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## St. Matthew Mission Statement

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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