



**Welcome!** As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

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**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 5, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

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**Prelude:** *Folk Tune*

**Percy W. Whitlock**

**Opening Hymn....."The God of Abraham praise".....Hymnal #401**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Penitential Order**

Found also in the *Book of Common Prayer*

**BCP 319**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People:* His mercy endureth for ever.

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People:* Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest, stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The Kyrie**

“S hymns” found at beginning of the *Hymnal 1982*

**Hymnal S91**

## **Children’s Time**

### **The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* 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.*

## **First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4**

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.

## **The Second Lesson: 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.

**Sequence Hymn**                    *”Bless the Lord, My soul*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

Text: Psalm 103; Taizé Community  
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## **The Gospel: John 3:1-17**

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

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

*.Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Seth Raymond

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

At the bidding, "Let us pray to the Lord," please respond with "Lord, have mercy."

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. Romans 5:1-2

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* And with thy spirit.

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory:** "My faith looks up to thee" **Karl Osterland**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Please kneel if able.* **BCP 333**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy*.....**S114**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption . . . By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

# The Lord's Prayer *Kedro*

*Celebrant:* As our Sa-vior Christ has taught us we now pray, Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, —  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for -  
give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

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**Fraction Anthem:**

*“O Lamb of God”*

**Hymnal S158**



## The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## Communion

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

**Communion Hymn**....."My faith looks up to thee".....**Hymnal #691**

## Post-communion Prayer

.....**Please stand**

***Celebrant and People:*** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

## Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

***Celebrant:*** (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).  
***People:*** May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.  
***Celebrant:*** May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
***All:*** Amen.

## **Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing ...

**Recessional Hymn**..... *"O Love, how deep, how broad, how wide"* .....**Hymnal #449**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude:**                    *"O Love, how deep, how broad, how wide"*                    **Stephen Gabrielsen**

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher. Always feel free to call or e-mail Fr. Seth at 414-379-2228 or [seth@hospitality-center.org](mailto:seth@hospitality-center.org)

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**ACOLYTE:** Roger Mertins, Michelle and Sofia

**ALTAR GUILD:** Tricia Frost, Darice Griffin

**FIRST READER:** David Lang

**SECOND READER:** Marshall Cushman

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Becky Turk

**CANTOR:** Jenna Meola

**PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:** Everett McKinney

**USHERS:** Darice Griffin, David Groth

**COFFEE HOUR:** Birthday Sunday

**NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR:** St. Monica's Guild

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**For our Parish**

**For this week:** David Lang

**For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound**

Doris, Debbie, Bethany, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Bob, Tania, Katie, Ernie and family,  
Laandan, Naomi, Jane and John, Luann and Bill, Olivia, Jason, Sam

**Homebound:** Barbara, Jeanne

**For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:**

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

**For the Church: In the World**

Church of the Province of South East Asia

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

**For Recent Immigrants to Racine**

Khalid, Christina, Ayo, Ako, and those arrived from Afghanistan

**Thanksgiving for Birthday:** Marshall

**Special Offering**

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

**Note from church office:**

Thirteen years ago, I was presented with an opportunity to work at St. Luke's Church as secretary; over the years it was an honor to become Parish Administrator. I believed then, and still believe today, that God led me to St. Luke's for a reason and it's to serve God together with you. With much appreciation to **ALL** for the opportunity to be part of you and St. Luke's. I hope that I have been able to give back to you a fraction of what you have given me and look forward to serving together in the future. I always thank God for all of you in my prayers. May the peace of God be with us in all that we do. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, God's anointed, be with you all. – Martha

**Next Week Spring forward don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2am Sunday,  
March 12**

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