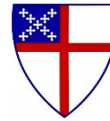


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March 13, 2022

Lent II

Rite II

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Prelude - The God of Abraham Praise

Wilber Held

Opening Hymn – *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal 401

Opening Salutation for Lent:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Response: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue: Contemporary

BCP 350

Confession of Sin

BCP 352

Absolution

BCP 353

Kyrie



March 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27

BCP 617 *Dominus illuminatio*

- 1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**
- 3 **Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;**
- 4 **And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.**
- 5 **One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of
my life;**
- 6 **To behold the fair beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 **Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.**
- 9 **Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- 10 **Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**
- 11 **You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**
- 12 **Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**
- 13 **You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- 14 **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will sustain me.**
- 15 **Show me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

- 16 **Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**
- 17 **What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!**
- 18 **O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the LORD.**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Gospel Hymn - *And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love* Hymnal 337

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

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.
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 (Form I)

BCP 382

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Frank our Bishop; Scott our retired bishop, for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest, Marcia, Stella, Patricia and Nancy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our president, Brian our Governor, and for those serving in the Armed Forces, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For Kathy Armstrong, Caty Carter, Dave Clark, Wavne Cook, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark, Janet Dickman, Barbara Gray, Laura Paine, David Perkins, Baby Rocky, Mary Thieme, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory - Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus Hymnal S124

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sara, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***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.*

The Celebrant may say 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.

Communion Hymns – *Lord Christ, When First thou Cam 'st to Earth* H 598
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said H 675

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Hymn – *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!* Hymnal 495

Dismissal

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude – Babilone

Michael Burkhardt

Children's Church will be held today during the 10:00 worship service. Father Perkins will dismiss the children at the appropriate time. Children (age older 3 to 5th grade) are welcome to join Keri Wilkin at the Gabard building.

Holy Conversations: Lenten Study, 2022 - Tuesday Evenings, beginning with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM. Our theme for the second Holy Conversation will be "The Things I Value..." What do you especially love about Christ Church? What event or experience at Christ Church has been most important to you? And, in what ways have you contributed to the life of Christ Church? What qualities do these experiences speak to? Nursery will be open and youth and children will have activities to attend. **Please sign up so we can anticipate for the meal and the logistics of the room. Inserts can be placed in the offering plate.**

Pub Night Rescheduled - Georgia Beer Company cannot host us for our chosen night for Pub Night, Thursday, March 17th. It's St. Patrick's Day and they will not have the space. Lenten schedule constraints will push us to Monday evening, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Let's gather then at Georgia Beer Company in the pump house. We'll set the next date then. The topic for this gathering, chosen by the group--Evangelism. Fr. David+

Tuesday Night Bible study (on Monday nights through Lent), led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on March 14th at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders, 1718 Williams Street. **We have changed the meeting day to Monday during Lent.** All adults vaccinated against the Covid virus are welcome (Some of our participants have compromised immune systems). The meeting last an hour: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring your bible, any version.

Children's Advocacy Center Stuffed Animal Drive - The Stuffed Animal Project for the Children's Advocacy Center is off to a great start. Thanks to those who donated so generously. The CAC has approximately 125+ clients each month. Thanks to our donations all had a stuffed animal to hold last month. They need more every month. Keep up the good work.

Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study - A Women's bible study continues at Tammy Borders' home at 1718 Williams St. Valdosta on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. It is open to all women. We will be studying Priscilla Shirer's book *Elijah*.

Serving Today

LEM: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Stefani Carroll

Lectors: Sallie Honeycutt, Emily Rogers, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko

Ushers: Carter Coleman, Sparky Greneker, Matthew Wilkin, Hudson Tanner

Coffee Hour: Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker