

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Lent
The Holy Eucharist
February 21, 2021

Prelude *"Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word"* J. S. Bach

Hymn 121 Caithness

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.*

*God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.*

*Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins..
People His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison S-91

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (*seated*) **Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

Psalm 25:1-9 (sung)

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from ever-lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gradual Hymn 147

Bourbon

*Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast.*

*The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime.*

*Your love, O Lord, our sinful race has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face and grant repentance for our pride.*

*Remember, Lord, though frail we be, in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety, we cause your Name to be betrayed.*

*Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you forever live, in love and unity and peace.*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jim Horton

The Nicene Creed *(standing, read in unison)*

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.

Form V

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Rob* our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

God of patient and gentle strength, who knows our needs before we ask, may your loving presence guide us as we seek the next rector for Saint Peter's. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us and become ever more united in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Inspire our conversation, deepen our prayer, and make us a community of humility and grace. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *(standing)*

Celebrant 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.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Lamb of God

R. Shepard

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

Sursam Corda

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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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Memorial Acclamation
Celebrant and People*

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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 your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

And now, as our Savior 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, 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.

Fraction Anthem

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Thanksgiving

Celebrant 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

Hymn 149

Old 124th

*Eternal Lord of love, behold your church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and towards your presence bent:
far off yet here the goal of all desire.*

*So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

*If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
So in the Father's glory shall we wake.*

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please Pray for: Ryley Alderman and family-friends of St. Peter's, Annie-friend of Katherine Mitchell, David Barillaro-friend of Kathie Kriss, Maria Bonitez-friend of Ann Peters, Charlotte Grace Buckner-granddaughter of Bruce & JJ Jarvah, Matthew Burns-friend of Kathie Kriss, Mavis & Rudy Burns-members, Charles Cantwell-friend of the Marles, Shirley Causby-friend of Ann Peters, Mary Alice Chapin-friend of Betty Cochran, Patricia Coffie-daughter of Terry Young, Victoria Gachuz-member, Camden Green-friend of Janet Bradbury, Sam Grimes-member, Gerald Heggie-friend of Saint Peter's, Richard Higgins-father of Shana Robinson, Fred Holscher-member, Dr. Frederick Howdy, Sr.-father of Katherine Tate, Nell Howell-friend of Betty & Bill Cochran, Maryann Jenkins-friend of Sharon Yakubowski, Virginia Keech-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Jay Marle-member, Iris Lilley-friend of Rosalyn Edwards, The Marshall family-friends of Cindy & William Cochran, The Reverend Deacon Katherine Mitchell, Kim Moulden-friend of Sharon & Rick Yakubowski, Gayle Nadel-friend of St. Peter's, Frances & Clifton Nance-sister & brother-in-law of Anna Sizemore, Joyce Nelson-friend of Delores Darden, Helen Nicholson-sister-in-law of Katherine Mitchell, Natasha Patrick-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, Angela Powers-cousin of Ann Peters, Charlotte Reynolds-friend of Jean Sterling, Shana Robinson-member, Grayson Rudolph-friend of Ed Hodges, Phil Ryals-friend of Cathy Whichard, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Esteban Sanchez-member, Amy Sasnett-sister-in-law of Bonita Arvizu, Eugenia Serrano-member, Larry Smithwick-friend of Cindy & William Cochran; Raymond Spencer-friend of Pam & Ed Hodges, David Steenbergen & Family-nephew of Bill & Betty Cochran, Douglas & Myra Steppe-friends of Diane Furlough; Rick Stevens-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Gary Strang-member, Sharon Swartz-sister-in-law of John Tate, Dr. & Mrs. John Tate, Sr.-parents of John Tate, Wendy Tate-sister of John Tate, Carolyn Thomas-member.

Please also pray for those who requested financial assistance this week: Paula, Leander, Angela, and Natasha.

