

St, Matthew's Episcopal Church
2001 Windsor Drive
Newton, Kansas 67114



Sunday, February 28, 2021
The Second Sunday in Lent
Worship at 10:15 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Spiritual Communion

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/stmattsnewton/

Holy Eucharist:
A Penitential Order: Rite II

Prelude

Ethan Moulds

Processional

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

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 Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lesson

The First Reading

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I

will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 22: 22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * “May your heart live forever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord: * he rules over the nations.

To him all who sleep in the Nation bow down in worship; * all who go down to dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord’s forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness. “Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Seq. “Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear” 145

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

The Gospel

Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The Sermon

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.

The Prayers of the People

Bring us to moments of insight these forty days of Lent; that we may know that you are God Almighty, and so mark us with this knowledge that we may be made new, as Abram became Abraham, and Sarai was then called Sarah:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

Focus us in contemplation on the cross of Christ; that we may begin to understand your call to us to take up our own cross and to follow in the difficult way of our Savior:

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the Lord.

Give us faith and trust in you, and reckon our faith as righteousness, that we may find the gift of hope and be convinced of your promises:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

For all the descendants of Abraham, that they will know a zeal for the peace proclaimed by prophets and those endowed with wisdom. Reconcile those not easily reconciled, and make all who follow Christ to be ministers of reconciliation:

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the Lord.

For those who are sick, remembering especially those for whom we now pray
Adella, Becky, Beth, Brooks, Bertha, Chris, Dalinda, Darlene, Danny, Dave, Denny,
Gerry, Ian, Jeanette, Jerry, Joan, Kent, Marge, Nancy, Steve, Suzanne, Ralph, Robby,
Robert, and Susan and her patients and all medical personnel administering COVID
vaccines. Grant relief in body, mind, and spirit:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

For newcomers to this parish church, that they would find the disciplines of this
holy season to be a guide and help in the formation of strong lives, and that they
might sense the work and presence of God within:

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve the Lord.

For our own challenges and sufferings in our earthly course, that they might be
bound together with the sufferings of Jesus and held within your heart, O God, our
strength, and our redeemer:

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Congo

Pray for the people of Germany and France

Pray for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Derby, The Rev. Mike Loyd, The Rev.
John Roper, Deacon, and their lay leadership.

We give thanks for St. Matthew's and Trinity and pray for St. Matthew's Payee
Program, Northridge Elementary School their Teachers, staff, students, and
families, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach of our churches.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept
the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Instrumental Music

Ethan Moulds

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. **AMEN.** +++

The Lord's Prayer

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 today 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

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

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.*

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.

Spiritual Communion

Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered and remembering this day St. Matthew's and Trinity Episcopal Churches and those who worship there. We long to offer you 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. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts,

souls and minds. Let nothing separate us from you: let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious and unending peace. **Amen**

Hymn “Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace” 593

The Post Communion Prayer

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

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.**

Recessional: “Lift High the Cross” 473

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Ethan Moulds

Ministers for This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

The Rev. Diane Kruger, Deacon

Ethan Moulds, Music

Denise Irwin & Iris Schlabach, Social Media Ministry