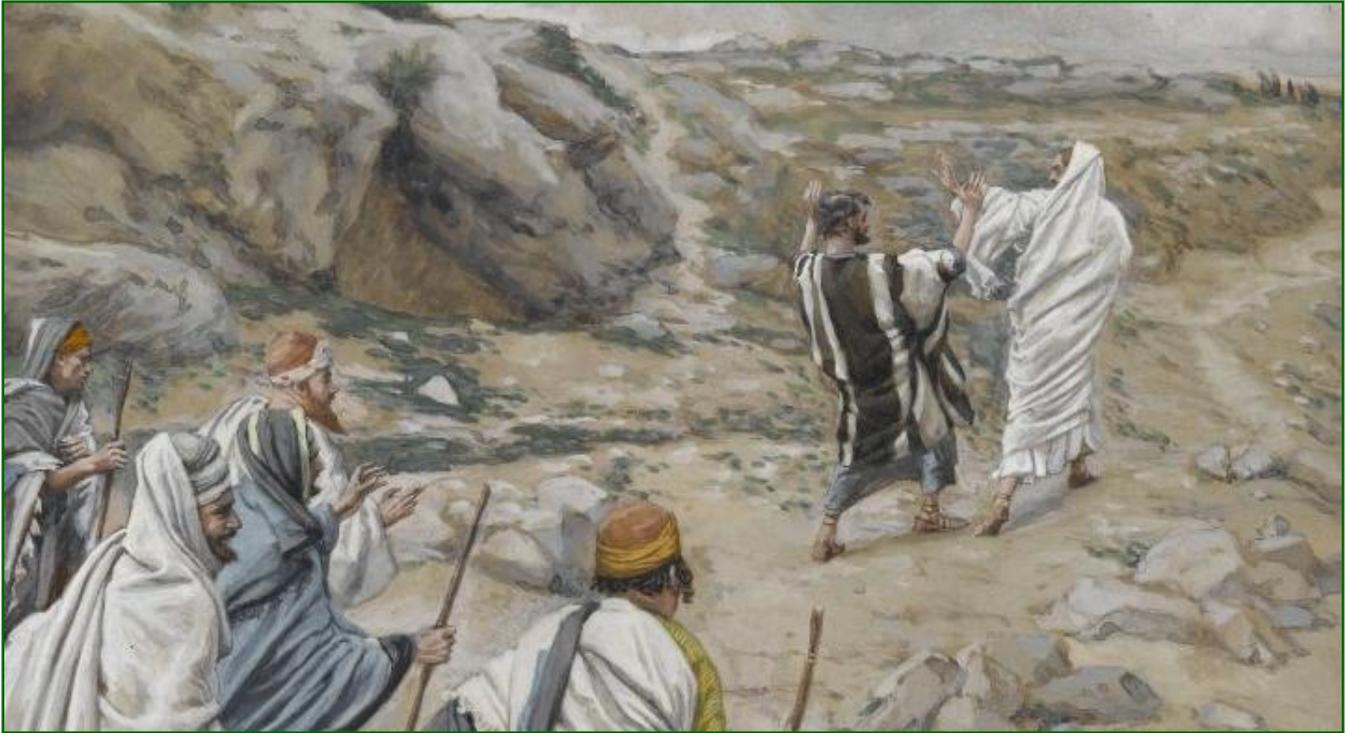


# The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.



*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania*

**WELCOME!** *It is a joy to worship with you. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in as fully as you are comfortable doing. We encourage children to participate as they can.*

*We take comfort in knowing that God's Spirit connects us more powerfully than any virus or physical distancing can separate us.*

*We gather for worship today on site ([sign up here](#)) and by [Zoom](#).  
Zoom call in information is available on Trinity's [website](#).*

*Our liturgy this morning features music intended to be singable by the whole family, including younger children. Parents or youth are encouraged to help their younger family members with the words.*

*Our liturgy today follows Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist. During Lent, we begin with the Penitential Order, Rite Two, which can be found beginning on p. 351 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Some elements, such as the response within the Prayers of the People, borrow from other sources within the Anglican Communion.*

## **Hearing God's Word**

**Gathering music**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

Natalee and Nate Hill

**Welcome**

### **A Penitential Order**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Bless the Lord Jesus Christ, who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

*The Presider may add a sentence from the scriptures.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

**Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.**

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.**

**Song of Praise**

*"Ain'a that good news"*

LEVAS #180

1) I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

2) I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

- 3) I got a Savior in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a Savior in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* 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

*Reader* Let us prepare to receive the living Word of God through the Scriptures.

*People* **We open ourselves to God in heart and mind.**

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis

*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."

*After the reading, the Reader says,*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 22:22-30 (Deus, Deus meus)*

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;**  
**all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**
- 23 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.**
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

**Hymn**

*"Bless the Lord, my soul"*

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

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

**Proclamation of the Gospel**

Mark 8:31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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."

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

**Homily**

## An Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything  
we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in  
the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you  
overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

## The Prayers of the People Form IV (adapted)

BCP p. 388

For each prayer, after "We give thanks to you, O God," the people respond, "**Your mercy endures forever.**"

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

We give thanks to you, O God.  
**Your mercy endures forever.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good...

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory...

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation...

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom...

*The priest offers a suitable prayer or absolution, after which the congregation shares a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Presider*        The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ. Announcements follow.*

## Offering and Presentation of Gifts

### Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

**Jesus, we cannot all gather in community round your altar as we desire.  
Yet, you are with God; you are of God.  
Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,  
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

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| <p>1) <b>All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</b></p> | <p>2) <b>All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</b></p> | <p>3) <b>All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.</b></p> |
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### Gathering around the Lord's Table

*Central to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is the notion of sharing from bread and wine consecrated to God and blessed by the Holy Spirit in the communal, Eucharistic feast. We who gather at the table enter into the sacrament of Holy Communion not only for ourselves, but on behalf of those worshipping at home. In doing so, united across time and space as spiritual members of Christ's body, we take comfort that God "...by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).*

#### The Great Thanksgiving (standing)

(EOW, Eucharistic Prayer 2)

*The People respond with the **words in bold.***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say)

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Presider and People*

**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 Presider then breaks the bread-host and says*

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

*The Presider then offers the gifts of God to the People.*

Music during Communion *"Be thou my vision"*

Natalee and Nate Hill

**Prayer after Communion**

(EOW, Bk. 1, p. 70, adapted)

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and offering spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Presider may offer a blessing here.*

**Hymn**

*"I have decided to follow Jesus"*

LEVAS # 136

**1) I have decided to follow Jesus, (X3)  
No turning back, no turning back!**

**2) Though no one join me, still I will follow, (X3)  
No turning back, no turning back!**

**3) The world behind me, the cross before me, (X3)  
No turning back, no turning back!**

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

*A deacon or priest dismisses the congregation, the people responding*

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

*Participants are invited to remain on Zoom and greet one another immediately following the service and then join in conversation in one of the Break-Out Rooms, as provided.*

*A New Sunday Adult Forum Series continues today for the second of a six-week discussion based on Amy-Jill Levine’s Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week. We begin at 11:15am via a separate Zoom meeting, click on the [Sunday Adult Forum Link](#). We hope to see you there!*

*Assisting this morning:*

Father Ted	Preacher
“Pastor Sabrina” LaBelle	Presider
Nate and Natalee Hill	Guitar and vocal
Catherine Caruso	Reader
Amy Caruso	Intercessor
Bella Englebach	Zoom host
Gale Donoghue	Zoom chat host
Suzanne West and AnnMarie Stanton	Altar Guild
AnnMarie Stanton and Claire Larson	Ushers

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