

The Second Sunday Lent  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Welcome!**

**Please tune your car radio to 100.1**

*The Lenten greenery is provided for and arranged by Betty Camp.*

Opening Hymn

*New every morning is the love*

Hymnal 1982 #10

1 New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

2 New mercies, each returning day,  
around us hover while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3 If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

4 Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,  
as more of heaven in each we see;  
some softening gleam of love and prayer  
shall dawn on every cross and care.

5 The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask;  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

6 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

Officiant Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People His mercy endures forever.**

Opening Sentence

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*

*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.

Trisagion

*"Thrice Holy"*

*EOM 1 #22*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us, mercy on us.

### Collect of the Day

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.*

### The First Lesson

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 Psalm

Psalm 22:22-30

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

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Hymnals 1982 #675

1  
Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

2  
Take up your cross, let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

4  
Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through, And cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin, And we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness, that those who are broken may rejoice.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

We pray for Jesse Flack, Danville Utilities lineman, very seriously injured restoring power in Pittsylvania County. Clothe him with your healing light and love. May his caregivers be lead to wise decisions and have kind hearts and soft touches.

We especially pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Jackie, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, and Marlin.

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that you must undergo great suffering and be killed before rising again; grant us the strength and wisdom to be your followers and to take up our cross to follow you, this day and always. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## Lenten Blessing and Dismissal

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn      *God, beyond all human praises Wonder, Love and Praise #745*

*1 God, beyond all human praises,  
wings of cherubim your throne,  
hid by light's engulfing splendor,  
rule in heav'n as God alone.*

*Refrain You are the Holy One.*

*You are the Holy One, the Holy One.*

*You are the Holy One.*

*3 God of history's plan unfolding,  
justice as its goal and crown;  
God of freedom, God of myst'ry,  
rule through time as God alone.*

*Refrain*

*4 Human sin your plan has twisted,  
human wills defy your own;  
all the world reverts to chaos.  
Rule and judge as God alone.*

*Refrain*

*5 You, by Jesus' Cross and Passion,  
made in hope creation one.*

*Now we live by your forgiveness.*

*Rule in love as Love alone.*

*Refrain*

*6 Keep us ever in your presence;  
in your Love our love has grown.  
Wash us, feed us, turn us, heal us,  
rule our hearts through Love alone.*

*Refrain*

*8 Lead us onward to your kingdom  
on the way your Love makes known.  
God, our joy, our peace, our glory,  
Holy Love you rule alone.*

*Refrain*

**Even in Lent, please greet each other with some extended "Holy Honking"!**

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**LIFE TRANSFORMED: THE WAY OF LOVE IN LENT.** Lent is a chance to reevaluate our patterns of living. Explore the rule of life – The Way of Love through the scripture of our Easter Vigil service. The handout was in your Lent Bag. A group discussion of the week's lesson will be offered via ZOOM, Wednesdays. 10 am. Join us!

**BOOK STUDY:** Read *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Curry. We will meet after Easter on **Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** to discuss the book. I have a copy if you would like to borrow it.

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