

The Second Sunday Lent

March 7<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

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

Hymnal 1982 #518

*1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.*

*3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.*

*2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three  
in glad hymns eternally.*

*4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
adoring and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.*

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. 518, 653, 755

***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.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-7

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who love me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## The Psalm

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Hymn

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Hymnals 1982 #653

*1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!*

*2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.*

*4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.*

## The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 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

Lord Jesus, it was your will that your Father's House would be a place of prayer for all people; grant us the strength and wisdom to be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day and always. Amen.

#### Closing Hymn

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*      *Wonder, Love and Praise #755*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:*

*God's mercies never come to an end;*

*they are new every morning;*

*your faithfulness O Lord is great.*

*You are all that I have:*

*and therefore I will wait for you.*

*You, O Lord, are good to those who wait for you:*

*to all those who seek you.*

*It is good to wait in patience*

*for the salvation of the Lord.*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:*

*God's mercies never come to an end;*

*they are new every morning;*

*your faithfulness O Lord is great.*

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

#### **Serving Today**

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