



Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!

- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said
Verses 1, 2, & 5

Bourbon

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

CELEBRANT

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

PEOPLE

His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

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."

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept.

CELEBRANT 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.

The Celebrant says

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON

S-91

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

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.”

READER The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

The congregation stands.

GOSPEL Mark 8:31–38

DEACON 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.”

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Susan Beebe

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

NICENE CREED

The congregation stands.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM I

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, for every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and all who are sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity.

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.*

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

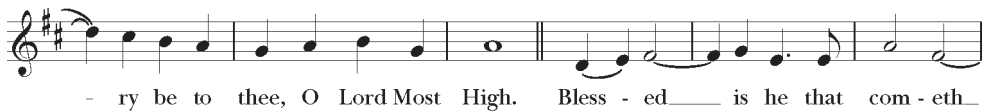
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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Healy Willan (1880–1968)



The People kneel.

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. He 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

CELEBRANT

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Cambridge Mass) Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be

mp
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The bread which we

poco a poco cresc.
break is the com - mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, for though ma - ny we share one

dim. *p*
bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, and all baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest.

During Communion

Hymn 691 My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

The congregation kneels when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

CELEBRANT Bow down before the Lord.

CELEBRANT 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.*

The People stand to sing.

HYMN 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

Old 124th

THE DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

RESPONSE *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Lenten arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Daniel Henry Rowe and Sal Rossi

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Abby, Alyssa, Andrea, Barbara, Beckett, Becky, Bill, Birgit, Bob, Carlan, Carol Ann, Caroline, Carolyn, Christel, Connie, Cordelia, Daniel, David, Denise, Denny, Diane, Ed, Eleanor, Ellie, Erik, Francys, Gil, Glen, Hap, Henry, Isabel, Jaden, Jason, Jay, Justin, Katharine, Kelly, Jacob, Leslie, Lizz, Malcolm, Marcia, Mark, Marilyn, Marlene, Martie, Martin, Mary-Jane, Meegan, Nancy, the Nesselhauf family, Nick, Oliver, Raz, Rebecca, Robin, Roger, Ron, Roosey, Ruth, Salvatore, Sherry, Theresa, Timmy, Vince, Viola-Cleo, Wayne, Wendy, Xavier, **and all those serving our country**, including Alex, Austin, Benjamin, Christian, Elizabeth, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lee, Lorne, Luster, Michael, Mantis, Sean, Thomas, Tommy, and William

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