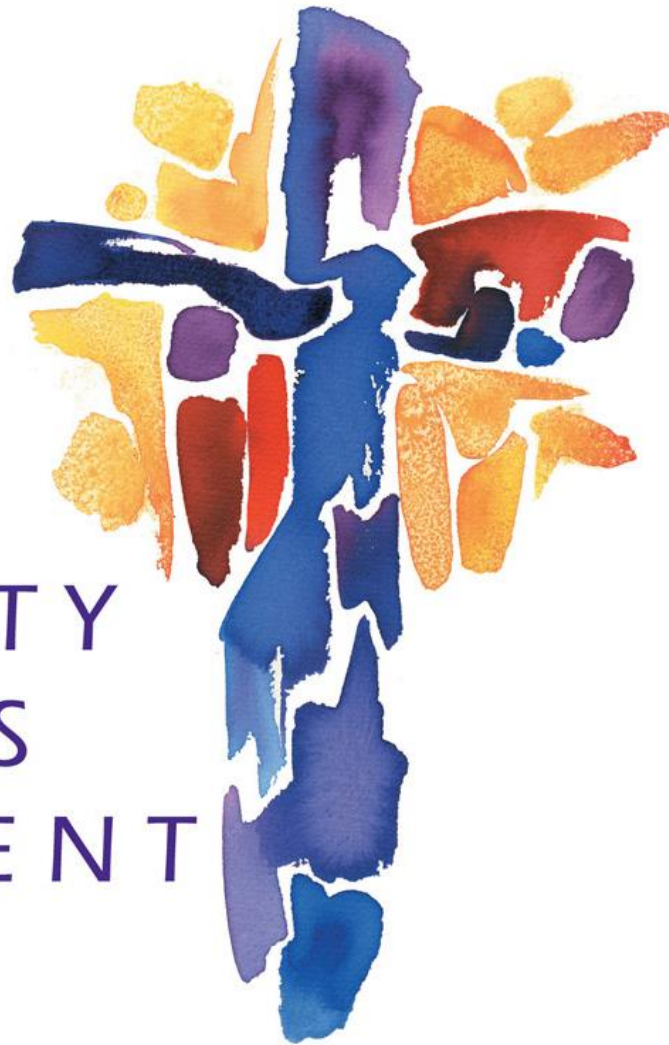


The Second Sunday in Lent

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Sunday Morning Prayer

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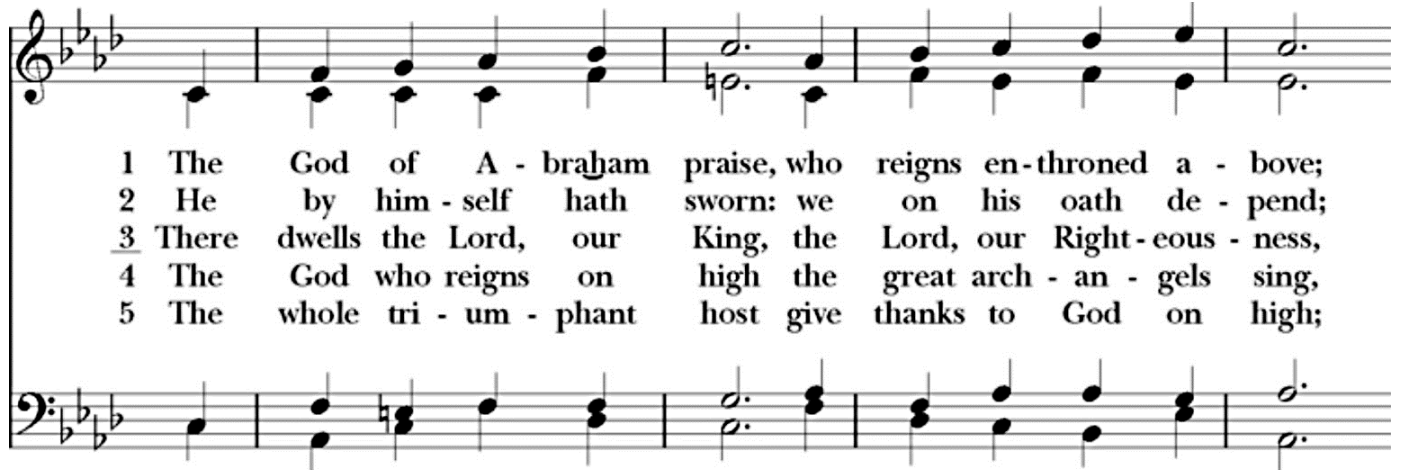
Prelude Wer nur den lieben Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach

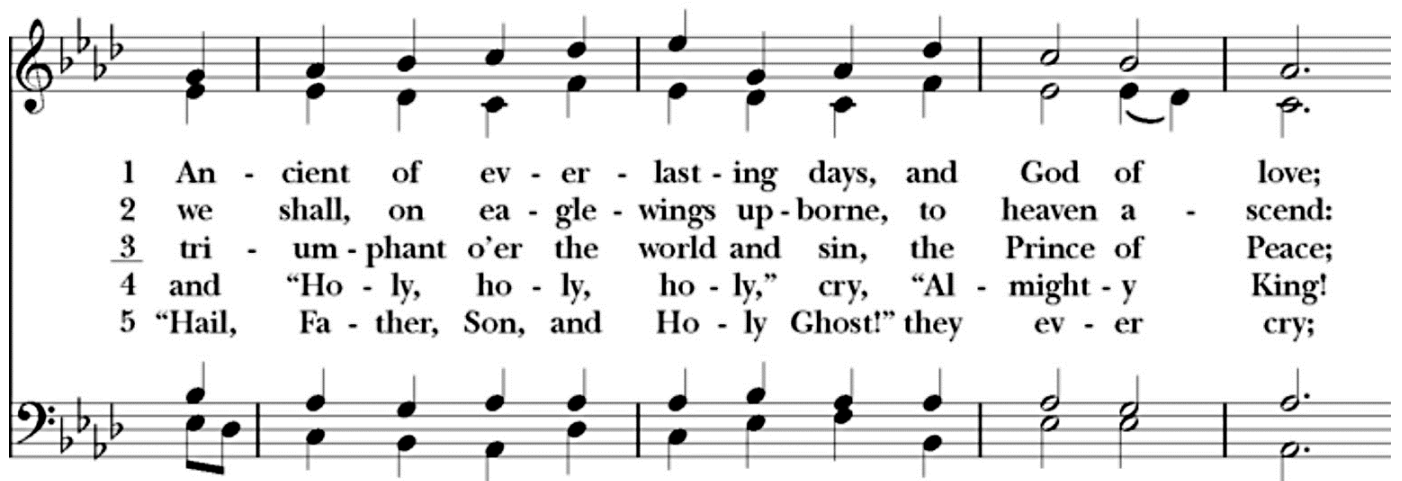
Opening Hymn

*The God of Abraham praise,
Leoni*


Hymnal 401



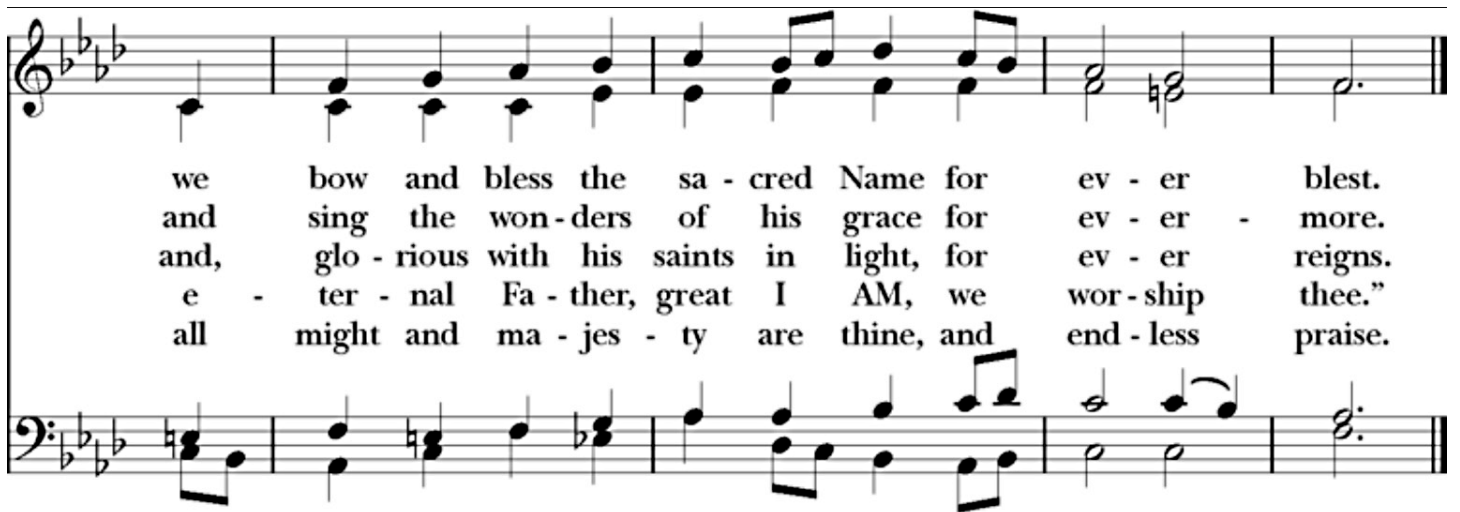
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Opening Sentence

Leader Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Joel 2:13

Confession of Sin

Leader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Leader 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 Invitatory and Psalter

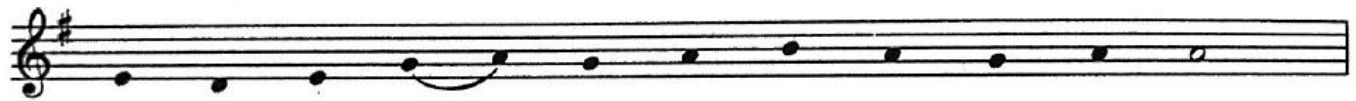
Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Invitatory: Venite

Plainsong



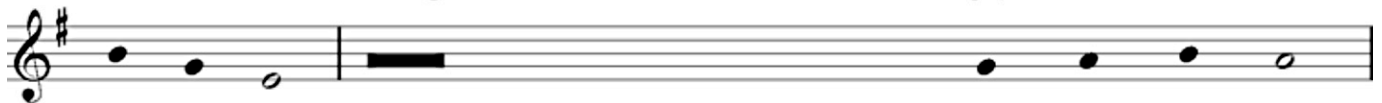
The Lord is full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy:



Come let us a - dore him.



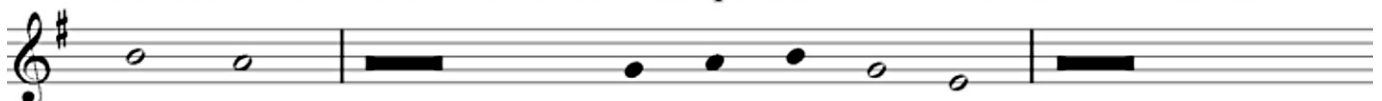
1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our



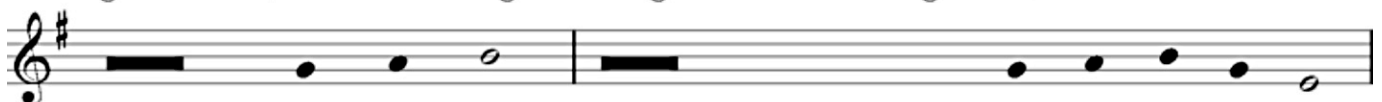
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a



great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are



the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.



5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.



6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord



our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture



and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

Then follows

Psalm 22:22-30

Tone II.1



- 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 as/sembly;*
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.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, *
and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now, *
and will be forev/er. Amen.

The Readings

The First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of Praise

Frank W. Boles

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are wor-thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you for the rad - iance of your
ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for e - ver.
Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty,
glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be-tween the
Che - ru-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.
Descant
Glo - ry to you, Glo - ry to you,
Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven,

Glo-ry to you, Glo - ry to you, Glo - ry
glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly
to you, we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you.
Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

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.

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Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb

Frank W. Boles



Descant (Soprano/Tenor)



1. Splen - dor and hon - or, ma - jes - ty and pow - er,
 2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
 3. To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



splen - dor, and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb

are yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - ery bless - ing,
 by whose self - off'r - ing we are made God's peo - ple:
 and to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



Shep - herd, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,

for by your bid - ding was the whole cre - a - tion
 a priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and na - tions,
 be a - dor - a - tion, praise, and glo - ry gi - ven,

1. 2.

now and for e -
called in - to be - ing.
called to God's ser - vice.
now and for e -

3.

ver. Ah
ver.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

Reader A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

All **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**

Suffrages B:

Leader Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Leader Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Leader Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

Leader In you, Lord, is our hope;

People And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Leader 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.**

A Prayer for Sundays

Leader O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

Leader O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite**

myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787*)

The Offertory / Parish Notices

Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today. We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.

As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:

Morning Prayer continues each weekday at 9:00 am and Candlelight Compline on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm Join us on Facebook Live.

CH@Ts will meet today to discuss the Lenten devotional sent home this season: Living Well through Lent: Listening with Our Heart and Mind and Soul.

Meeting ID: 937 9954 3941 Zoom Link: [Here](#)

If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing “Learn More” on our Facebook Page.

Offertory Sentence

Leader Jesus said, “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.” *Mark 8:34-35*

Offertory Anthem:

If God be for us

Heinrich Schütz

If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all

things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifieth, and who condemneth? Yea, it is Christ that hath died - it is Christ rather who is risen again - at the right hand of God, who maketh for us intercession.

Prayer for Mission

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People, Lent

Leader Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

Leader We pray for the church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Philadelphia Theological Institute. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Miguel y Todos los Angeles, (Church of St. Michael and All Angels), Bananera, The Rev. Rev. Sacramento Niassaca and for all leaders, ministers and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

People **And cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

People **And we shall be pure.**

Leader 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. For those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely,

especially Barbara, Robert, Maggie, Rudi, Ruben, John, Nancy, Emily, Brad & Family, Natasha, Mihayo, MomMom Carol, Emily, Jennifer, Rayelenn, Gordon, Joel, Alyssa, Otis, Valeria, Beth, Devon, Eleanor, Julie, Janette, Dutch, and those you wish to name. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

People that those who are broken may rejoice.

Leader 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,

People and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader 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,

People and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Leader We pray the prayers our children and youth have asked for: giving thanks for lighter homework and teachers who are learning and doing new things, just like us; praying for the families and friends of all who have died from COVID and other reasons; remembering families who lost their children in school shooting as anniversaries come and go; praying for all lives lost unexpectedly and what feels prematurely, and all the people in Texas who are suffering. Give them the joy of your saving help,

People and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Leader We pray for those things for which we are thankful this week.

Leader 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 General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Sentence

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*How firm a foundation,
Foundation***Hymnal 636**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Postlude: *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit (BWV 672)* **Johann Sebastian Bach**
Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 673)
Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 674)

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