

Second Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Munich"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYM

God Loved the World

ELW 323 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

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| 1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive. | 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone. |
| 5 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally! | |

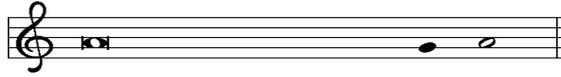
(Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923; Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



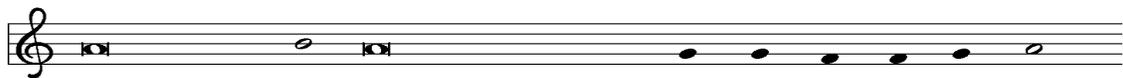
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Return to the Lord***

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL**Mark 8:31-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach them 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY*****Will You Come and Follow Me******ELW 798 (vv. 1, 2, 5)***

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| <p>1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?</p> | <p>2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?</p> |
| <p>5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.</p> | |

(Text: John L. Bell; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition **Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**

PEACE **The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and
ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW 325

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

(Text: African American spiritual; Music: African American spiritual; arr, hymnal version; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

Announcements

- **Join us online for our remaining Midweek Evening Prayer Service beginning 12 noon each Wednesday during Lent. (3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24)**
- **We will continue to live stream our worship services at 10 am on our YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/3nzgAWy> but services will be available any time after the live streaming.**
- **We are suspending in-person worship until further notice.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of our 58th wedding anniversary by Phil and Marie Kramer.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2021. The dates available are: March 7th and 21st, April 4th, 11th and 18th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.



Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter Plants. The order form may be found in the monthly newsletter, the weekly email and in the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, March 7th.

We are excited to announce that we are resurrecting our St. John's Cares Program. This program is designed to cheer up students while they are away at school and to let them know that their church family is thinking of them. If you know of a college student who would like to receive a package, please have them fill out the form that is located in the newsletter or by contacting the church office. If you would like to make a donation to the program, items needed are: Target, Walmart or Weis gift cards – any denomination and Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, Qdoba, Subway or Chick-Fil-A - \$10 gift cards. Thanks for your support of our Youth!



Our Confirmation Class will be completing some service projects during the next couple of months. One of their projects will be making cat and dog toys to donate to local animal shelters. Items needed are: baby socks (new or gently used – any colors/patterns), 2” foam balls (slightly larger than a golf ball), catnip, adult size cotton t-shirts (any colors –cotton on please – gently used are fine), adult tube-size socks (any color – new please) and tennis balls. We need all donations by the end of February.

The church directories have been distributed to those who were photographed. We purchased a few additional copies for anyone who might like to have a copy. They are available for a monetary donation.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Salvation"

David Paxton

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Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: John Kraft, Betty Hedgespeth, Cass Tracey, June Franz, Larry Addison, Tammie Lindsay, Robert Scott, Richard Bauer, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Gerry Steg, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, and Cynthia Kraemer

For family & friends: Jessica Collett, Elizabeth Brooks, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, John & Jean Bartenfelder, Kathy Thompson, Larry & Mary Tuley, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Robert Scott, Jr., Robert Scott, III, Dale Miller, Pam Harmen, Delphine Peck, Jessi Powers, Margaret Iovino, Bill Johnson, Karen Ehrenberg, Randy Powell, Linda Fliegel, Cheryl Aydelotte, and Mary Jo Rother

For the military and their families: Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Bill Carroll, Bill Eubert and William Alt

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Ann Powell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal