



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James



Gabriel Loire, "Carrying the Cross of Christ," mosaic at St. Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen, Great Britain.

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

H484 The God of Abraham praise

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, 4/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are provided in five-line staves below each staff.

1 The God of A - bra_ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The great I AM has sworn; we on this 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 God's face; I shall God's 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 - bra_ham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
2 and sing the won - ders of God's Grace for ev - er - more.
3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
4 Je - ho - vah, Lord, the great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
5 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant:

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."

CONFSSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept, then minister and people say together

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

A musical score for two voices (SATB) in G minor, common time. The top voice (Soprano/Tenor) sings the upper line, and the bottom voice (Bass) sings the lower line. The lyrics are as follows:
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
The music consists of four measures per line, with each measure containing either a single note or a pair of eighth notes. The vocal parts are separated by a vertical bar line.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence will be observed, ending with a closing bell.

THE PSALM Psalm 22: 22 - 30

Deus, Deus meus

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.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4 :13 - 25

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence will be observed, ending with a closing bell.

All stand and sing before and after the Gospel is read

HYMN I want Jesus to walk with me (Verse 2)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8: 31- 38

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Harlon Dalton, Missional Priest in Charge

JAZZ RESPONSE

THE NICENE CREED

Standing, as able

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

Leader: Covenant-making God, you are faithful to your People. Help us to focus on the Church, the Body of Christ, with all its diversity. May we experience the abundant life of the Spirit, as we journey through this Lent.
Our praise is of Almighty God in the congregation,
We will perform our vows in the presence of those who worship God.

Leader: God who suffers with us, strengthen us to bear our own cross, as we follow Jesus in his way of Love. We pray for those in our world who crave support, safety, and hope.
Our praise is of Almighty God in the congregation,
We will perform our vows in the presence of those who worship God.

Leader: Most high God let your light and your truth lead us as we make choices about the way we live every day. Show us how to protect the good world you made, from carbon emissions, global warming, population displacement, environmental poverty, harm and destruction.
Our praise is of Almighty God in the congregation,
We will perform our vows in the presence of those who worship God.

Leader: Most near God, we pray for our city of New Haven. As the psalmist said, "You do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty, neither do you hide your face from them." Thank you for the volunteers and staff of Sunrise Café and Loaves & Fishes who show up regularly to nourish others. We also pray for all who suffer from addiction, violence and despair.

Our praise is of Almighty God in the congregation,
We will perform our vows in the presence of those who worship God.

Leader: God, our Counselor, who ministers to the whole human family, we pray especially for Bill, Butch & Trudy, Jason, Kathie, Krista, Laura, Olav, Olivia Rose and her family, Paul & Chastity, Vanetta, and Thelma for those on our prayer list.

We give thanks for our friends and others who are celebrating milestones.

We pray for those who have passed from this life to the next, thinking of family members whom we miss. May they rest in your eternal glory.

Our praise is of Almighty God in the congregation,

We will perform our vows in the presence of those who worship God.

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness; this Lent, may we:

Fast from discontent;

Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;

Feast on patience...

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **AMEN.**

Following the Prayers of the People, all sing

HYMN **W827** O Lord hear my Prayer

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a quarter note 'O' followed by a repeat sign and a half note 'Lord'. The second staff begins with a half note 'Lord'. The lyrics are: O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r, When I call, ans - wer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis-ten to me. O.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes. *People:* **Y con tu espíritu.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRESENTATION/OFFERTORY HYMN

* *Where charity and love are, God is there*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Oh, how we long to take the bread and share the cup, in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Savior, but in these times of pandemic, we fast instead of feast out of love for ourselves, out of love for one another, and out of love for the whole human family. We take refuge in the knowledge that Christ is with us, even now, and so we honor him as we pray the words he taught us to pray.

OUR FATHER
in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN.

PADRE NUESTRO
que estás en los cielos,
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino,
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día y
perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la Gloria,
ahora y por siempre. AMEN.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food... and for assuring us... that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, 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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

We've come this far by faith

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first staff starts with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a dotted half note. The third staff starts with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note.

1
We've come this far by faith,
Lean - ing on the Lord;

6
Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,
He's ³nev-er failed me yet.

10
Oh ³ can't turn a - round, We've come this far by faith. Fine

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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GRACE NOTES

— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

We continue to livestream our
Sunday morning service at 10:30 am.

*Please note that you cannot access the Sunday morning service
via Zoom.*

You can, however, use Zoom to participate in our Compline services every Thursday at 8 p.m. by clicking the following link:
[St. PJ's Compline](#)

Alternatively, you can go to Zoom.com, click on "Join a Meeting", and enter meeting #: 962885125 and passcode 5700, if prompted.

For Zoom access to our Wednesday Noonday service at 12:20 p.m., go to Zoom.com, "Join a Meeting". Enter meeting#: 824248223 or click [St. PJ's Wednesday Noon service](#)

SERVING TODAY

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

Celebrant and Preacher:
The Reverend Harlon Dalton

Worship Leaders:
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Spring is close;
God is closer

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Creator God, we give thanks.

*Holy be the bodies of those
who know hunger.*

*Sacred be the bodies of those
who are broken.*

*Blessed be the bodies of those
who suffer.*

In your mercy and grace,

soften our callous hearts

*and fill us with gratitude for all
the gifts you have given us.*

In your love,

*break down the walls that
separate us*

*and guide us along your path
of peace,*

*that we might humbly worship
you in Spirit and in truth.
AMEN.*

(“Common Prayer”)

2021 Lenten Studies: Praying
with the Gospel of John

LENTEN



STUDY GROUP

Every Tuesday from 7:30-8:15 pm, Brother David, an Episcopal monk of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (“SSJE”), will lead us in prayer and study.

It is not too late to join!

Brother David summarizes his previous messages, and boosts my own understanding of a previously ‘intimidating’ gospel.

The remaining Tuesday sessions are:

- March 2 (not March 9)
- March 16
- March 23
- March 30
- April 6

Please register to receive the link by going to:

<https://www.ssje.org/2021/01/05/praying-with-the-gospel-of-saint-john/>

Judy Hill

Minister of Spirituality and Aging

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

*Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.
-Revelations 14:13*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We give thanks for the birthdays of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ's community.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...
-Romans 15:13*

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Harris	Joanie Gillette	Ebenezer Caine
Eleanor Barrett	Claudia Holmes	Gwen Chapin
John DeRosa	Hanne Howard	Dwayne McDowell
Laura Noe	Charles Amore	Henry Noyes
Krista Fanelli	Leota Tucker	Tiras Jäske
Sandy Sanford	Vanetta Lloyd	Roger Greeley
	Sally Edwards	Bernard Walker
Olivia Rose and Family		
Robert	Jason Greer	Gary & Susan Sapp
Alexander	Ann & Rick	Margaret & Elliott
Wilma & Thurmon Whitley	Jill Strawn & Harlon Dalton	
Butch Fishlock &	Dolph Santello &	
Trudy Michaud	Sandra Willmott	

OUR STAFF

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OUR VESTRY

Wardens: Brian Fillmore, Claire Cody
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