

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Cara Rockhill, Priest-in-Charge

February 28, 2021

10:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace! ~



"The Sanctuary Between Us" by Jan Richardson

~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

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Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Cara Rockhill
Accompanist: Brenda Carter
LEM: Allan Parker (*Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People & Dismissal*)
Readers: Chris Gruener (*reading 1 & Psalm*), John McDargh (*Psalm & reading 2*),
Mandi Rice (*response leader*)
Service Welcome: Bernice Cramer
Announcements: David Montgomery
Attendance: Ken Anderson

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Oliver Karr – March 2nd and Vincent Campagna – March 5th!

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs, Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans, St. Peter's Church, Osterville, Christ Church, Plymouth, and the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

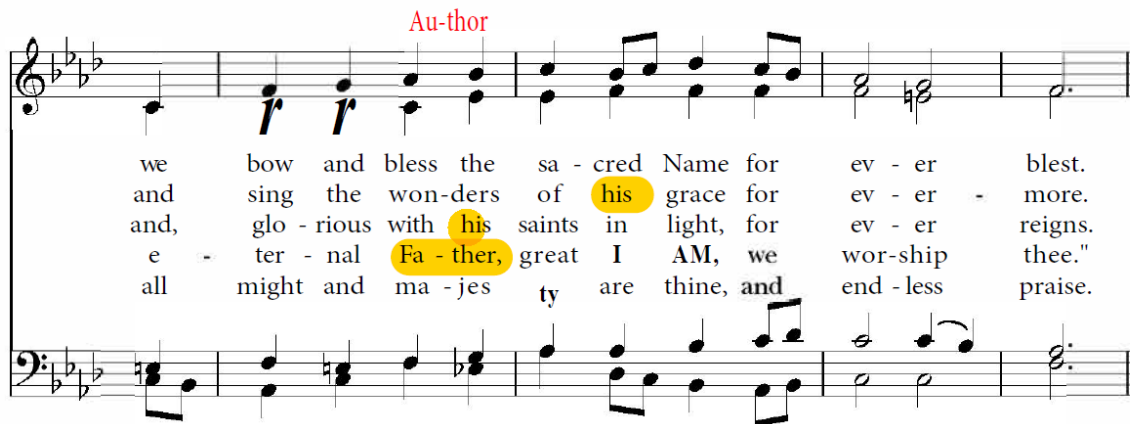
February 2021: James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Tori Simmons, Sara Radin, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig, Sally Montgomery and Robin.

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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.
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Officiant: 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

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

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.**

KYRIE (*recording*)

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Officiant: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray together.

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 loves, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE HEBREW BIBLE

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:22-30

22. May all who fear you, O God, give praise;
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe,
and all of Jacob's line give glory.
23. For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,
neither do you hide your face from them,
but when they cry to you, you hear them.
24. My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you:
"May your heart live for ever!"
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations
shall bow before you.
27. For yours is the royal power, O God;
you rule over the nations.
28. To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you.
29. My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done.

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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 God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals* Copyright: © 1992 Carl Haywood. Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Then he 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.'

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Cara Rockhill

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(read out loud by the LEM)*

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
we put our trust in God;
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,
in the service of others,
to seek justice, and to live in peace;
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,
for the glory of God alone.**

Amen.

Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(read out loud by the LEM)*

LEM: Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church.

All: **That we all may be one.**

LEM: Grant that every member of the community may truly and humbly serve you.

All: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

LEM: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the ministers of the Gospel.

All: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

LEM: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

All: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

LEM: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

All: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those listed on our Parish Prayer List*(read the names)*. We hold them in our hearts.

All: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

One: We pray in loving memory of families and friends, including all whom we have lost during this pandemic but whose bright lights are not forgotten. Give to the departed eternal rest.

All: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

LEM: We hold these special prayers and thanksgivings in the heart of our community *(read from the community prayer book)*. We offer our love and support. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life and for this faithful community.

All: **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of God be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

Officiant: As Jesus taught us we now pray:

All: **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 forever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant: Let us pray together.

All: **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the fears that infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us. Unite us in the bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth. In your good time, O God, let all nations and peoples live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *(recording)*

Take Up Your Cross

DISMISSAL

LEM: Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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