

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHAPEL



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021



MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Prelude *Christ, Thou Lamb of God* BWV
Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
Thou that bear'st the sins of men,
Have mercy on us!
Grant to us Thy peace!

Bach could be brief when brevity is required. The Agnus Dei is so familiar that parishioners in Bach's day as well as our own will flesh out the meaning behind this musical glance. Yet Bach manages to fill this chorale prelude with the chorale tune in canon accompanied by symbolic descending scales, also in canon.

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn 665(1982) *All My Hope on God is Founded*

1. All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
2. Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendor, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.
4. Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow; his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
5. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Officiant If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8,9

Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

*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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia!

The Morning Psalm Deus, Deus meus

Psalm 63:1-8

*O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*

*Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, * that I might
behold your power and your glory.*

*For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall
give you praise.*

*So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your
Name.*

*My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.*

*For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.*

*My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.*

The Psalm Appointed 31:1-5 In te, Domine, speravi

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

*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. Alleluia!*

The Lessons

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.

10 The Second Song of Isaiah Quærite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

*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*

Mark 8:31-38

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 Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Homily

Hymn 802(WLP) *When the Poor One Who Has Nothing*

1. When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all, When the crippled
in their weakness strengthen others,

(Refrain) Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

2. When at last all those who suffer find their comfort, When
they hope though even hope seems hopelessness, When
we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Refrain)
3. When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing, When our lips
can speak no words other than true, When we know that
love for simple things is better, (Refrian)

4. When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war, When
each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Refrain)

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer

Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

This day we remember those who are ill or suffering especially Maria, Zoma, Marilyn, Peter, Kerri, Rich, Janet, Frank, Caroline, Mary, Gloria, Jack, Karla, John, and those we mention now either silently or aloud.

We remember those who have died, especially those we mention now either silently or aloud.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

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.*

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.*

Hymn 550(1982) v. 1, 4, 5 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;"
2. as, of old, Saint Andrew heart it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's goldenstore; from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

*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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 780(WLP) v. 1, 4, 5 *Lord You Give The Great Commission*

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. [Refrain]
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. [Refrain]

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20,21

Postlude *These are the Holy Ten Commands* BWV 635

These are the holy ten commands,
Which came to us from God's own hands,
By Moses, who obeyed His will,
On the top of Sinai's hill.
Kyrieleis.

To us come these commands, that so
Thou, son of man, thy sins mayst know.
And with this lesson thy heart fill,
That man must live for God's will.
Kyrieleis.

May Christ our Lord help us in this,
For He our mediator is;
Our own work is a hopeless thing,
Wrath alone all it can bring.
Kyrieleis.

Bach knew how to make lemonade when given lemons. The chorale tune is stodgy and pedantic, yet in keeping with the spirit of this catechism admonishing us to keep God's ten commandments. Bach incessantly repeats the repeating five note motive and subsequent ascent of the chorale tune at double the speed in the lower voices, underpinning the nagging nature of text. We are obedient pupils in Bach's classroom where rote learning through musical repetition imprints the ten commandments forever within our minds and hearts.

Announcements:

The vestry has deliberated and voted to keep the church building closed for the time being. Services will continue to be streamed via Facebook Live on Wednesday at 12PM and Sunday at 9AM.

Upcoming Lenten Organ Meditations: 4 PM on Facebook Live

February 28th

March 7th

March 14th

March 28th

Lutheran Sunday is March 21st. We hope all will participate as we continue to pray via Facebook Live.

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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 28TH
PALM SUNDAY

9 AM Facebook Live



MARCH 29TH, 30TH, & 31ST
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 1ST

7 PM via ZOOM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

w/ Saint Paul's

APRIL 2ND

GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM & 7 PM Facebook Live

APRIL 3RD

HOLY SATURDAY

10 AM Prayer & 7:30 PM Great Vigil of Easter
Facebook Live

APRIL 4TH

EASTER SUNDAY

9 AM Facebook Live



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