Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
8:00 A.M.

Seasonal Liturgical Rotation for Lent

• Please turn off your cell phones.
• There are no flowers in the Sanctuary.
• A “Lenten Array” is used for altar frontal panels, clergy stoles, and hangings on the Lectern and Pulpit; the crosses are veiled; the choirs, acolytes, and lay ministers wear black cassocks.
• Silver communion vessels and alms basins, as well as brass candlesticks, are replaced with wood, ceramic, and glass items.
• We neither sing nor speak “alleluia” throughout Lent.
• The service usually begins with the Lenten Acclamation; twice during Lent we will sing The Great Litany in procession.
• The Gloria in excelsis and Te Deum are not used again until Easter.
• We kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.
• The Fraction Anthem rotates from “Christ Our Passover” to “Agnus Dei.”
• The Blessing is replaced by a “Solemn Prayer over the People” (from The Book of Occasional Services).
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
A Penitential Order

The service begins on page 323.

Lenten Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People
His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue (kneeling)

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.
Kyrie

Celebrant
Lord, have mercy upon us.

People
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect For Welcome (in unison)
Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

Lesson
Genesis 12:1-4a
The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader
The Word of the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 (said responsively)
1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The Lord himself watches over you; * the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Gospel
John 3:1-17
Deacon
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone
be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily The Rector
A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Nicene Creed

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
The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.
And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

Offertory
At the Presentation

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.
All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.
The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant  O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People  have mercy upon us.
Celebrant  O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People  have mercy upon us.
Celebrant  O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People  grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrant says the words, “The Gifts of God for the People of God.”

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord’s table. It is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, to the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please request from an usher that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

Following Communion, the congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant  We who are many are one body.
People  For we all share one bread, and one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.
Prayer over the People

Deacon  Bow down before the Lord.

The congregation bows.

Celebrant  Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Alice, Amelia, Amy, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Ann, Anne, Anthony, Arlo, Arthur, Austin, Barakett family, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Brightman, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Cheryl, Chip, Chris, Christine, Claude, Dalia, David, Dawn, Dean, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Elinor, Elizabeth, Emmy, Eva, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Gerry, Gloria, Gonzalez family, Hannah, Hartman Family, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jane, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jesse, Joan, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Knight family, Larry, Libby family, Louis, Louise, Lucy, Lydia, Lynn, Mac, Magdalena, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Marguerite, Maria Elena, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nat, Nathan, Nealy, Nolan family, Olga, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Raymond, Regine, Renee, Reysean, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rosa, Russell, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Sharon, Shaune, Shawn, Spencer, Stellway family, Stephen, Stewart, Sue, Susan, Suzy, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Terry family, Thomas, Tom, Vincent, Viola, Ward and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.
**Easter Altar Flowers**

We invite you to make a contribution in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving of, your loved ones during this Easter season. Your gift provides for the special flowers and altar adornments during this season and throughout the year.

Please complete the reverse side of this card and return it with your check made payable to Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Your loved ones’ names will be printed in the Easter service leaflets as long as they are received by April 3. A minimum $35 contribution is suggested per name. Please complete the form below and mail it with your check (payable to Bethesda-by-the-Sea Church) to 141 South County Road, Palm Beach, FL 33480. You may also visit bbts.org and click the red “Give Online” slider and pay online.

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Announcements for Sunday, March 8

• **Adult Forum: Digging Deep; Pulling Back the Layers of Sunday’s Gospel | Today, March 8 | 9:50 a.m. | Parish Hall East**

Four of the five Sundays of Lent that we offer formation opportunities, the Bethesda priests will lead a conversation about the Gospel text from the lectionary of the day. Through interactive discussions we will read the text, looking at it word for word, and talk about ways to understand it, applying critical exegetical skills as well as discussing different ways the text that day may bear on our lives. Join us for this Lenten discipline of deep and meaningful scripture study and faith formation as we consider the biblical text in a modern and living context.

• **Lenten Services | Wednesday, March 11 | 12:05 p.m.**

Our 12:05 p.m. Wednesday Eucharist during Lent will include congregational hymns and service music. Following each of those services, we will provide homemade soups, along with salad and bread. The cost of the luncheon is $3, payable at the door. March 4 preacher - Debbie Schram

For more information about our upcoming events, pick up and read the Bethesda Happenings. It is available in the Narthex, in our tract rack, on our website, and in our e-mail newsletter!
Bethesda’s Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ’s teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.
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