Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
11:00 A.M.

Seasonal Liturgical Rotation for Lent

• Please turn off your cell phones.
• Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue).
• 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.
• We use the second translation of the Lord’s 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).
• The final hymn is sung “in place” and followed by the Procession.
• There is no Postlude.
11:00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

† Latecomers may be seated at this time.

PRELUDE  Elegy  Healey Willan

HYMN 401  The God of Abraham Praise  Leoni

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

The congregation kneels; a period of silence is kept.

Officiant and People
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.

The Priest alone stands and says
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.

The congregation stands.

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant  Lord, open our lips.

People  And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All  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.

†Venite  Hymnal S–34  Plainsong

Please find service music in the front section of the blue hymnal.
The following antiphon is sung before the Canticle and each time [ANT] appears in the Hymnal.

The Lord is full of com-passion and mer-cy: Come let us a-dore him.

†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.

Said by all following the Psalm
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.

The congregation is seated.

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.

The congregation stands.

Canticle 3 Magnificat (Service in B-flat Major) John Stainer

The congregation is seated.

Second Lesson John 3:1-17
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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 489 The Great Creator of the Worlds Tallis’ Ordinal

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

Apostles’ Creed

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.

The congregation kneels.

Suffrages B

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Officiant Day by day we bless you;
People We praise your Name for ever.
Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People For we put our trust in you.
Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People And we shall never hope in vain.
Collects

The 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.

A Collect for Sundays
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.

A Collect for the Diocese
Faithful and eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the brightness of your glory, the one foundation and the chief cornerstone of the Church: we give you thanks for the gift of your Church, and especially for this community of faith in our region of Southeast Florida as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. Continue to prosper, we pray, the work of your people, begun, continued, and ended in you, that as we seek to become the beloved community, so may we always show forth your glory in the love we share, through him who first loved us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

A 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.

Intercessions

The Grace
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory
Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. See page 13 for more information about ways to contribute to Bethesda.
Anthem

Lift Thine Eyes | He Watching Over Israel (from *Elijah*)
Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the
Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never
slumber. He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps: He slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou,
walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee. (based on today’s Psalm)

At the Presentation

Celebrant  O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;
People     Because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and
            have their being.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant  It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source
            of life and fountain of mercy.
            The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of
every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Missa Marialis (*Enriching Our Worship* text)

The congregation kneels, and the Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in
your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our
care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People**

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**Celebrant**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Celebrant and People**  
(Second translation of the Lord’s Prayer, from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

*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.*
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 or to the chapel 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 either go to the chapel or 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.

During the Communion
Hymn 313  Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured
Anthem  God So Loved the World (from The Crucifixion)  John Stainer

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. [John 3:16-17]  (based on today’s Gospel)

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

We who are many are one body.
For we all share one bread, and one cup.
Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.

Hymn 637 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord Lyons

Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God.

Procession

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.
Announcements for Sunday, March 8

- **Adult Forum: Digging Deep; Pulling Back the Layers of Sunday’s Gospel | Next Sunday, March 15 | 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 11 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!*

Parking: Persons attending Sunday services and/or events today at Bethesda will be allowed to park on all of Barton Avenue and on South County Road without receiving a ticket until 1:30 p.m.


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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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