Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Seasonal Liturgical Rotation for Lent

- Please turn off your cell phones.
- Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer (red).
- 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 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).
- There is no Postlude.
- Children and youth (ages 0-18) and accompanying adults are welcome to join an interactive worship time in the parish hall during the first half of the service.
**9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

The congregation stands as the Procession enters from the chapel door.

**Lenten Acclamation**

**Celebrant**
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People**
His mercy endures for ever.

**Confession**
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept.

**Celebrant 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.

**Absolution**
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 as the hymn is introduced.

**Hymn 401**

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**Stanzas 1–2**

**The God of Abraham Praise**

**Leoni**

**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.

**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.

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 as the hymn is introduced.

**Hymn 489**

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**Stanzas 1–2**

**Tallis’ Ordinal**
Gospel

John 3:1-17

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord 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
With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.
Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life.
Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division.
Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name’s sake, and deliver them from evil.
Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.
Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.
Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.
Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God.
The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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 7 for more information about ways to contribute to Bethesda.

Organ Voluntary

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

Eucharistic Prayer I from Enriching Our Worship

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:
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 Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem  Agnus Dei  Franz Schubert

COMMUNION
In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord’s table. It is the Lord’s wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. 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 signal the clergy circulating to request 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.

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

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—Stanzas 1–2 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord Lyons

Dismissal People 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, Debbra, 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.


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