

Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

* Please stand if you are able

Prelude: "Choral" and "Prayer" by Leon Boellmann

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't

consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

All: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Liturgist: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who

fear you, I will fulfill my vows.

All: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—

may your hearts live forever! Psalm 22:23-26

* All Singing: 836 "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Following the leader

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* All Singing: 527 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with

you: You will be the father of many nations. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be

their God."

All: God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, her name will be Sarah. I will

bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will

be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Genesis 17:3-8, 15-16 adapted

Liturgist: It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise

that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes

by faith.

All: For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the

promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath.

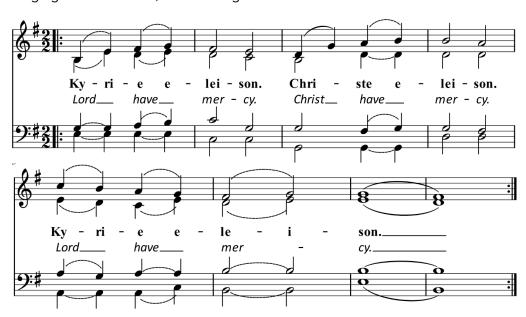
Romans 4:13-14 adapted

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: "Kyrie Eleison"

Singing twice in Greek, twice in English

Erin Hollaar



Liturgist: Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was

strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God

had power to do what he had promised.

All: This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was

credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us,

Liturgist: to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised

Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and Romans 4:20-25 adapted

was raised to life for our justification.

* All Singing: 137 "Christ the Light of All the Living"

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "The Narrow Way" Choir:

K. Lee Scott

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; teach me what you would have me do; direct whate'er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide: show me my weakness, let me see I have my pow'r, my all in thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray; Incline my nature to obey; what you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.

Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; teach me what you would have me do; direct whate'er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way.

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

Minister: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Rebuking Jesus

* All Singing: 175 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of Liturgist:

our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFFRING

1. General Fund

2. Southwest Chicago Christian Schools

Choir: "Take My Life and Let It Be" arr. Hanson

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love: Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love: my Lord. I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,

* All Singing: 964 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Minister: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may

your hearts live forever!

All: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families

of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and

he rules over the nations.

Liturgist: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will

kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

Liturgist: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:

All: Psalm 22:26-31

* All Singing: 142 "We Are People on a Journey"

Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Postlude: "We Will Walk with God"

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist: Lynn Hollender Acolyte: Lillian Post Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco Liturgist: Mary Post

Vocalist: Betsy Maher Prayer: Michael Vander Weele

Violinist: Bethany Keeley-Jonker

Alto Saxophone: Cody Decker Percussion: Clay Carlson Minister: Roger Nelson

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