



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”** Erin Hollaar
Singing twice in Greek, twice in English

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics: "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy." The second system includes the lyrics: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord have mer - cy." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 was raised to life for our justification. *Romans 4:20-25 adapted*

* **All Singing: 137 “Christ the Light of All the Living”**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Choir: “The Narrow Way”

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

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

OFFERING

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: The Lord God has done it! *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

Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco

Vocalist: Betsy Maher

Violinist: Bethany Keeley-Jonker

Alto Saxophone: Cody Decker

Percussion: Clay Carlson

Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Lillian Post

Liturgist: Mary Post

Prayer: Michael Vander Weele

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