The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Second Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021 9:30am

Welcome to the Liturgy today!

The Word of God

Prelude: *Steal Away* (Spiritual) setting by Peter Frost

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen

Opening Prayer: ***The Anglican Church in Aoteara, New Zealand and Polynesia***

Celebrant:

Welcome to this holy table;
welcome to you,
for we are Christ's body,
Christ's work in the world.
Welcome to you whose baptism makes you
salt of the earth and light to the world.
Rejoice and be glad.
Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Celebrant and People: Amen

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

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.

The First Reading: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and

will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 22:22-30

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Reading *Romans 4:13-25*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel *Mark 8:31-38*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Father Alan

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.***

The Prayers of the People: A Litany for Lent

After the words "Lord in your mercy," the people respond …… "Hear our prayer""

Lord God we praise you that you are always ready to forgive the penitent. Bring us by your Spirit to true repentance and the joy of knowing your forgiveness. Accept out Lenten acts of love and sacrifice, and prepare us to celebrate the Passover and share the Risen life of Jesus.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

Lord God, we pray for your church throughout the world, and in this diocese, for our Bishops, the clergy and all God's people. Pray especially for our confirmation candidates: Catherine, Joseph and Adrian. Free us from all that hinders our union with you, from dependence on material goods and the worship of power.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for all the nations of the world. For peace, an end to war, justice and healing of divisions in our world, and bring us into a life of harmony with one another.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

For the hungry and the unemployed of our world; and an end to poverty. May we be given the grace to respond to the suffering of our sisters and brothers, here at home and abroad.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

Lord God, give us the grace to respect this world our island home, as your own creation.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

For the sick and the suffering, especially those whom we remember today:

Carol, Linda, Gene, Sabin, David, Abi, Jayden, Sandy & Jordan, Caleb, Marianne, Rick, Kimberly, Laura Lee, John, Armand, Erika, Max, Helen, Ronald, Mary Jo, Ned, Athena, Andy, Sylvia, Leicia, Suzanne, Earl & Family, Alan, Andrei, Marianna, Antonio, Monica, Louis, Robin, Terrance, Doug, Rich, Baby Miguel, Sasha, and bless all those who minister to them.

Lord in your mercy ***Hear our prayer***

Lord God, we commend to you those whom you call to their rest this Lent. Together with the Blessed Virgin Mary, bring them and all your saints, through the passion and death of your Son to share in the glory of his resurrection.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.***

Celebrant: 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 Peace

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

OffertoryAnthem: *Air* (18th c.) Gottlieb Muffat

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise father, son, and holy ghost

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin

Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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,
forever and ever. ***Amen***.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Prayer for spiritual communion

Dear Lord Jesus,
May all that you are flow into us
May our shelter be the shelter of the shadow of your cross.
Give to us what is best dear Jesus
And teach us how to praise you always.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude: *Voluntary (Diapasons)* (18th c.) anon.

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Alan Dennis
Sunday School Director: Coleen MacGreevey
Lector: Adrian Dennis, Marc Dennis
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Shiane M. Lee
Music Director: Peter Frost
Altar Guild: Durrie Golding