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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – The old Latin name for this, the Second Sunday in Lent, is *Reminiscere*, because the Introit pleads, “Remember Your mercy, O Lord.” Confidently, it continues by encouraging us to trust Him because “He has remembered us; He will bless us.” Indeed, God’s promises to Abram in today’s Old Testament Reading were kept as Jesus moved unswervingly toward the cross, as He does in today’s Gospel. As a result, we can be sure, Paul reminds us in the Epistle, that we have peace with God. Even in suffering, we know that hope will not disappoint us, for we remember that “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

PRESERVICE MUSIC / HANDBELL SELECTION

“As the Deer”

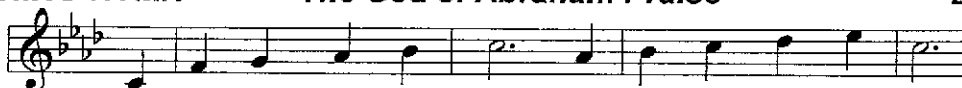
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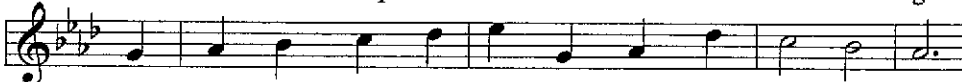
♩ OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

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1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
And “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!” cry, “Al - might - y King!
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.

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Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:
Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Incorporating Genesis 17:7; Psalm 22:27; Romans 5:6, 9-10

- P** *God established an everlasting covenant with Abraham,*
- C** **but our faith has waxed and waned. O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness of Your unchanging grace.**
- P** *David wrote, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,"*
- C** **but we have failed to remind one another of God's mercy and love. O Lord, forgive our hesitancy to share the news of Your gracious presence.**
- P** *Paul wrote that because Christ died for the ungodly, we are justified by His blood,*
- C** **but we have tried to hide our sinfulness. O Lord, forgive our blindness to the necessary sacrifice of our Savior.**
- P** *God sent His Son into the world with one purpose: to save us from the wrath of God. "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

INTROIT

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

- P** *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.*
- C** **The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**
- P** *He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.*
- C** **We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

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All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P *Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

KYRIE

P *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.*

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Romans 5:1–11

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

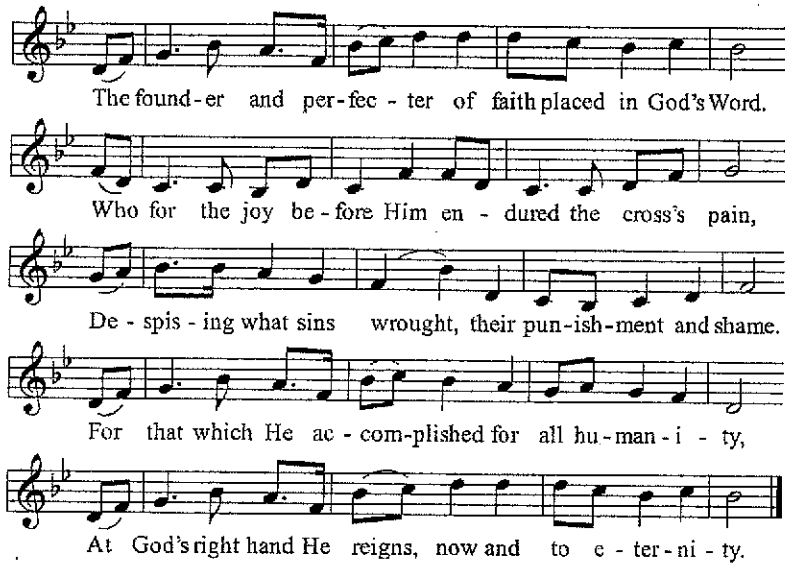
GRADUAL

O Come, and Let Us Look Up



O come, and let us look up to Je-sus Christ, our Lord,

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The found-er and per-fec - ter of faith placed in God's Word.
 Who for the joy be - fore Him en - dured the cross's pain,
 De - spis - ing what sins wrought, their pun-ish-ment and shame.
 For that which He ac - com-plished for all hu-man-i - ty,
 At God's right hand He reigns, now and to e - ter-ni - ty.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
 (lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,

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Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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SERMON “SUFFERING, ENDURANCE, CHARACTER & HOPE” Romans 5:1-11

- I. Especially during this pandemic, we see much suffering.
- II. Paul discusses how God can use suffering to strengthen us and give us hope.

APOSTLE’S CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various circumstances. For the Church around the world, all people who join Peter in professing that Jesus is the Christ, that they trust God’s purpose for their lives, take up their crosses, and follow, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all who spend their lives serving the physical, mental, social, and emotional needs of the people around them, that God bless and guide them according to His gracious purpose, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For professional counselors and private confidants who alleviate suffering, enable endurance, support character, and encourage hope, that they serve as conduits for God’s purposes in the lives of their patients, family, and friends, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who lead the governments of the world, that they find purpose in their positions, using every means to increase harvests, combat global health crises, minimize conflict between nations, and ensure equal justice for all their citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For those near and dear to us, [especially . . .], that God bring about the healing, comfort, freedom, and dignity for which they send requests to our gracious Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- G** Lord, have mercy.
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- G** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** 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.

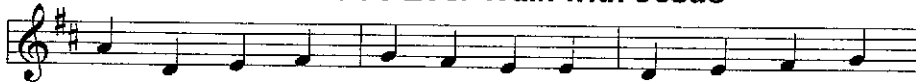
BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ~~+~~ give you His peace.
- G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

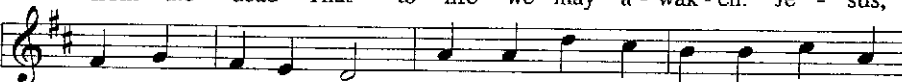
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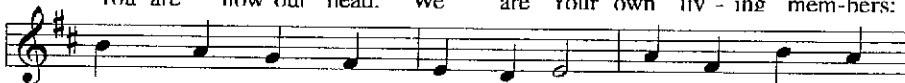
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers:



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

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hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
 that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here- af- ter. Je- sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je- sus,
 con- stant- ly, Liv- ing there with You for- ev- er. Je- sus,



Lord, with me a- bide; I shall fol- low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith- ful be, Life e- ter- nal grant to me.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Beth Buss*]

POSTLUDE

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

by Richard Hillert

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