



## WELCOME

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

## THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his People: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

## CONFESSION

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant & 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 thy Name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sin through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

## 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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 22:22-30

*Officiant and People*

**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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Deacon: 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."

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

SERMON

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

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*Officiant and People*

**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

*From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson*

Leader: Give praise all you who fear the Lord: proclaim God's greatness!  
With thankful hearts, let us pray, "O Righteous God, *increase our faith.*"

Lord Jesus, you invite us to follow you: Give your Church the courage and will to risk any and everything for the sake of the gospel. May we be bold in witness and resolute in discipleship.  
*Silence.*

People: **Increase our faith.**

Leader: God the King, you rule over the nations: hear the cries of those living in poverty. Give the leaders of nations a heart for the poor.  
*Silence.*

People: **Increase our faith.**



Leader: God of Sarah, you bring life out of barren places: renew the creation. Forgive us for our misuse and neglect of your gifts. Help us to live as good stewards. *Silence.*

O Righteous God,

People: **Increase our faith.**

Leader: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to the Church in this city. Strengthen your parishes as we make our Lenten journey. May we faithfully make known your saving deeds. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

O Righteous God,

People: **Increase our faith.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, you hide not your face from those in need: we trust in your faithfulness. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

O Righteous God,

People: **Increase our faith.**

Leader: Everlasting God, you give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist: hoping against hope, we trust in your eternal promises and look for the day of resurrection. *Silence.*

O Righteous God,

People: **Increase our faith.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

Adrian Howard & Pat Turner

Salvation Belongs to our God

*Resurrection Choir*

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb.  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,  
Honor and power and strength.  
Be to our God for ever and ever,  
Be to our God for ever and ever,  
Be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong In purpose and unity,  
Declaring aloud,  
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.  
Be to our God for ever and ever,  
Be to our God for ever and ever,  
Be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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## VOLUNTARY

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## A NOTE ON TODAY’S READINGS

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### *The Second Sunday in Lent – Year B*

Welcome to All Saints’ Episcopal Church. Each Sunday in Lent the Old Testament reading recalls one of the events in which God acted to bring about salvation. This “salvation history” was fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today in that history we hear the story of God’s covenant with Abram, who God renames “Abraham,” or “father of a multitude.” Even though Abraham is ninety-nine years old, God promises that his aged wife, Sarah, will have a child who will produce many people as a blessing to the world.

The Gospel reading today is Jesus’ first statement to his disciples concerning his approaching death and resurrection. He calls us to follow his example in taking up our cross and in giving up our lives for his sake and the Gospel’s.

The second reading today, from Romans, describes the faith by which we are saved. It is the same as Abraham's faith that God's promise would be fulfilled. We are the spiritual descendants of Abraham and Sarah and Isaac. We are the continuation of the promise made to them, for we are part of their story. As a matter of faith, we are part of that multitude in all times and places who have put their trust in God: the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, and the fulfillment of Jesus' promise carry us on to the discovery of salvation in our own lives. In Lent our sharing in the Lenten disciplines and in worship is the means by which we remember again who we are and whose we are, the holy People of God.

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