



Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cedar

“Golden Hour Grace” by Elizabeth VanDuine

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts. We remain seated.

Gathering Song | Lay Me Low

By Daniel Schwandt

Lay me low where the Lord can find me.
Lay me low where the Lord can hold me.
Lay me low where the Lord can bless me.
Lay me low, Lord, lay me low.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand.

Celebrant	God above us, God beside us, God beneath us,
People	God at our center, God at the edge, God with us.
Celebrant	God, you are gracious and full of compassion.
People	Your mercy endures forever.

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Song | Lord Have Mercy

by Stefan Andre Waliger

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy, on us.

The image shows a musical score for the opening song 'Lord Have Mercy' by Stefan Andre Waliger. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, on us.' The music features a steady eighth-note accompaniment with lyrics placed below the notes.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

In your great mercy, O God, you turned Abram to see the moon and the stars in the sky. We, too, look up, seeking your promise. Meet our fear with your love, open us to receive the trust you extend, and guide us to know your goodness in the land of the living. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm.

Psalm | 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the stronghold of my life,
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked close in on me to devour me
it is they, my enemies
and my foes who stumble and fall.**

If an army should encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid
if war should arise against me,
even then I will not be dismayed.

**One thing I have asked of the Lord,
which I long for
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

to gaze on your beauty O Lord
and to seek you in your temple.

**For in the time of trouble you will give me shelter
you will hide me under the cover of your tent,
and set me high upon a rock.**

And now you have raised my head
above my enemies round about me.

**Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
a sacrifice with great gladness
I will sing and give praise to you O Lord.**

Hear my voice O Lord when I call
have mercy on me and answer me.

**Of you my heart has said, 'Seek God's face'
your face Lord I will seek.**

Do not hide your face from me
or reject your servant in anger.

**You have been my helper
do not cast me off,
or forsake me O God my savior.**

(Reading continues on following page)

Though my father and my mother forsake me
the Lord will take me up.

**Teach me your way O Lord
and lead me by a level path,
safe from those who lie in wait for me.**

Do not give me up to the will of my enemies
for liars, and those who breathe out malice,
have risen up to witness against me.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord,
be strong and let your heart take courage
yes, wait I say for the Lord.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

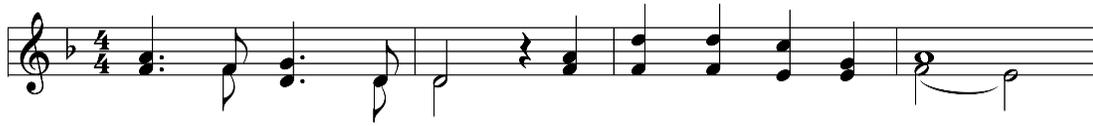
After the reading, the reader will say
The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand together and sing

Gospel Song | Bless the Lord My Soul

Text: from Psalm 103 | Music: Jacques Berthier



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

We gather in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

During the season of Lent, we join in prayer that Grace's children offer each week.

Traditional South African song

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "We bring our bur-dens to God, we bring our bur - dens to God, we bring our bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no."

Silence

Leader

We pray for all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.



We bring our bur-dens to God,

Leader

For this community, for the nation, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.



we bring our bur - dens to God,

Leader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression,



we bring our bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Leader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and to all who are in need.



We bring our bur-dens to God,

Leader

For the peace and unity of the people of God;

All For all who proclaim the good news, and all who seek the truth.



we bring our bur - dens to God,

Leader

For our tribes and their leaders, for Grace's pastoral care team, for our Bishops, Michael and Greg;

All For all who serve God in the world.



we bring our bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Leader For the needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts

Leader For refugees around the world and for neighbors we encounter this week during Streets of Seattle.

All For those who have no one to pray for them.



We bring our bur-dens to God,

Leader For healing of broken relationships in our lives

All and for communities torn by violence.



we bring our bur - dens to God,



we bring our bur - dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Leader We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Celebrant Jesus said, "your sins are forgiven." In the name of God who created you and waits to welcome you home, in the name of the Son who searches for you, in the name of the Spirit who brings the healing of forgiveness, you have been forgiven and set free. **Amen.**

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Celebrant Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | Pieta: The Silence and the Sorrow by Liam Lawton

Offered by Maggie Finley

Refrain:

Who will come and share my sorrow;
Hold my hand 'til wake tomorrow?
Is there time that I could borrow?
Oh, oh,
The silence and the sorrow.

When I was young,
I dreamed of roads not taken;
To walk the way
So many had forsaken,
And I would seek
The heart of love's creation;
It was found in you.

Refrain

When love was young,
I cried with tears of laughter,
And deep inside,
I wondered what came after.
How a heart
Could love without conditions;
It was found in you.

Refrain

When life was young,
And living seemed forever,
I knew somehow
You never hid its pleasure,
And all my tears
Uncovered hidden treasures.
It was found in you.

Refrain

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to you as we sing:

by Bernadette Farrell

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of power,
Lord God of might, Lord God of power and might, —
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na —
— in the high - est. — Ho - san - na, Ho - san -
na ho - san - na — in the high - est. —
Bless - ed bless - ed bless - ed bless - ed is he who
comes in the name who comes in the Lord's own name. Ho - san -
na, Ho - san - na ho - san - na — in the high - est. —

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By him and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We are now invited to share the gifts of Communion.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music During Communion | Morning Has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon | Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Come Ye Sinners

Words: Joseph Hart | Melody "Beach Spring" by B.F. White



Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch-ed, weak and wound-ed, sick and



sore; Je - sus rea - dy waits to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and



pow'r: He is a - ble, He is a - ble, He is wil - ling, doubt no



more. He is a - ble, He is a - ble, He is wil - ling, doubt no more.

Christ Be Near at Either Hand

Irish Traditional



1 Christ be near at ei - ther hand, Christ be - hind, be -
2 Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ with - in my
3 Christ my life and on - ly way, Christ my lan - tern



fore me stand; Christ with me where - e'er I go,
soul en - shrined; Christ con - trol my way - ward heart;
night and day; Christ be my un - chang - ing friend,



Christ a - round, a - bove, be - low.
Christ a - bide and ne'er de - part.
guide and shep - herd to the end.

All Shall Be Well

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Stefan Andre Waligur



All shall be well. All - things shall be well.

*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

Song after Communion | For Joy

by Aaron Stumpel

May God be gra-cious to us, And make His face shine down,
3 May God be gra-cious to us, And make His ways known,
5 Up-on our hands that work, Up-on our hearts that love
Up-on our fields so green, Up-on our homes so warm,
Up-on our minds that hope, Up-on our mouths that sing, Let's
Up-on our hopes so bright, Up-on our kids so strong,
13 sing Sing, let's sing, For joy, for joy, For joy, for joy
17

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

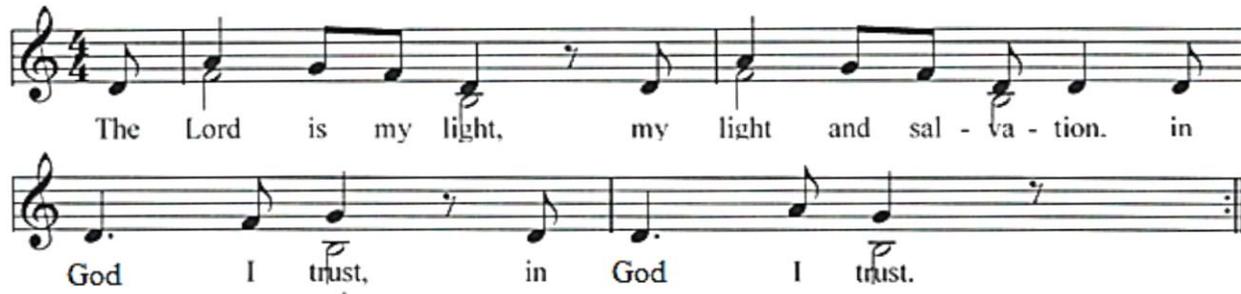
The Blessing

The Celebrant offers a blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand. The blessing, the mercy, and the peace of God be yours now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | The Lord is My Light

Words: Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion. in
God I trust, in God I trust.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**