

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PreLUDE Prelude in Eflat J.S. Bach

All stand at the chiming of the bells.

HYMN, H-1982 #401 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

resider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

# COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider then says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

KYRIE 1982#S95 Sung responsively with choir

Richard Proulx

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

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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 LESSON 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.

(b. 194)

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### 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 as/sembly; \* 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 be/fore 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 be/fore him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; \* they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever.

(second half of chant)

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet / unborn \* the saving deeds that he has / done.

SECOND LESSON 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.

All now stand. At this time Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to follow the Children's Chapel Leaders to the Chapel. Older children are invited to come and serve as helpers. The Holy Gospel is processed to the middle of the nave and is proclaimed from within the midst of the assembly. This symbolizes the Word being born into our lives and community.

BOURBON

MARK 8:31-38

HYMN H-1982 #675 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

THE GOSPEL

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 Christ.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Reverend Jennifer Deaton, Canon for Pastoral Care

Following the sermon, a brief silence is held for reflection.

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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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The prayers call to mind the needs, concerns, and hopes of the congregation and of the world. Throughout the season of Lent, our prayers are drawn from Form I, found in the Book of Common Prayer. The Deacon bids the prayers, which are then led by an Intercessor.

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers.

People Christ, have mercy.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, PAGE 260

The Deacon bids the Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All now kneel as able. Silence may be kept. Then all say

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.

The Presider then stands and says

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 People stand.

# THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Wreath Arlen Clark

A wreathed garland of deserved praise, Of praise deserved, unto Thee I give, I give to thee, who knowest all my ways, My crooked winding ways wherein I live, Wherein I die, not live: for life is straight, Straight as a line, and ever tends to thee, To thee, who art more far above deceit, Than deceit seems above simplicity. Give me simplicity, that I may live, So live and like, that I may know thy ways, Know them and practice them: then shall I give For this poor wreath, give thee a crown of praise.

George Herbert, text

#### MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

HYMN, H-1982 #382 King of Glory, King of Peace GENERAL SEMINARY

At this time the children will process into the service with their gifts and sit at the altar for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Children will return to their parents at the beginning of Communion.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

The people remain standing. Our Eucharistic prayer throughout Lent is from Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental worship resource published by the Episcopal Church.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### The Presider continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God... Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

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.

The people may now stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and people

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection...to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP PAGE 364

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM, H-1982 #S-163

Agnus Dei

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

H-1982 #442 In the Cross of Christ I Glory TOMTER
H-1982 #469 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ST. HELENA

### DISMISSAL OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (8:45 ONLY)

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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.

### SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING

Keep this your family, O God, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, we may be upheld by your divine protection; and by your holy Eternal Majesty, your Holy Incarnate Word, and your Holy Abiding Spirit, bless us forever more. Amen. Amen.

The Presider now blesses the people to be sent out into the world in God's service. As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral.

HYMN, H-1982 #148

Creator of the Earth and Skies

ies UFFINGHAM

#### DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prelude in d-minor Heinrich Scheidemann



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