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Holy Eucharist, Penitential Rite I
The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary *"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"* J. S. Bach

Introit *"Let him deny himself, and follow me"* Matthew 16, Psalm 34

Processional Hymn (standing) *"The God of Abraham praise"* Hymn 401

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins; BCP 319
People His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison Sung

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Book of 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 Deus, Deus meus

- 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 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 e/ver.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet/ un/born *
the saving /deeds that he has /done.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome (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.

Sequence Hymn (*standing*) "Take my life, and let it be consecrated"

Hymn 707

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (8:31-38).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Seated

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed

Standing

BCP 327

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the
Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the
Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Standing or kneeling

BCP 328

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Joe, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Ann, Ben, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, and Vivian*. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem

"Come Ye Sinners"

arr. Ronald Turner

The Doxology (*standing*) (text below)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I

Standing

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus Sung

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 334 - 336

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant 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.**

Agnus Dei Sung

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**

Celebrant and People

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

"He shall call upon me"

Psalm 91

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Forty days and forty nights"

Hymn 150

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

Samuel Scheidt

No flowers during Lent

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke. Pray for the people of St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke and their Rector, The Rev. Karin MacPhail. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Sunday Bible Study Our Sunday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:30 am in the Parish House with a short read through the Letters of John.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible Study continues our read through the Gospel of Luke on February 26 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House; this week, we will look at the baptism and temptation of Jesus (Luke 3:21-4:13).

Wednesday Eucharists

At Noon on Wednesdays, Eucharist is offered in the Chapel (accessed by the glass doors at the back of the church building).

Lenten Program

This year's Lenten Program is about Prayer, considering why we pray, why we should regularly pray together and individually, and discussing (and occasionally practicing) how we pray. We will meet in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on Sundays (February 25, March 3, 10, and 17), with a light lunch of soup and bread preceding the program.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch

After a multi-year hiatus, several Martinsville churches (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal) are again getting together to offer a Lenten program. Each Thursday in Lent (February 15 - March 21), we are invited to a different church at Noon for lunch and a Lenten devotion offered by the pastor.

Schedule:

- 3) First United Methodist Church (Faith Weedling, Devotional): February 29th
- 4) Chatham Heights Baptist Church (Mike Hatfield, Devotional): March 7th
- 5) First Presbyterian Church (Cheryl Peeples of FHPC, Devotional): March 14th
- 6) Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional): March 21st

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for February - March: Dish detergent. For February: **bath soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Loaves & Fishes – Wednesday, February 28

All members of the community are invited to this free meal in our Undercroft from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Spread the Word!

We need volunteers to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to send desserts, fruit and individually wrapped non-perishable snacks. Please sign up on the Church's website at <https://christchurchmvl.org/volunteering.cfm?ID=319> (*Volunteers > Loaves & Fishes*) to help or to bring something. Donations of either may be brought to the Office or Undercroft in the days leading up to each meal. We are serving dine-in only, with leftovers distributed as takeout only at the end of the meal.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalicers: Rives Coleman, Beverly Lyle

Acolyte: Pete Scouras

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Michael Hodges, Rives Coleman, Ben Beeler

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Altar Guild: Team #2 – Page Beeler, Frankie Smith, Janice Cain,
Ruth Foley, Rita Hodges, Valerie Payne

Counters: Pat Russell, Rives Coleman

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

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Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

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