A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE II
WITH AN AGAPE BLESSING
Sunday February 28, 2021
Second Sunday After Lent

PRELUDE:
Forty Days and Forty Nights

OPENING HYMN 401: The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o’er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion’s sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

OPENING SENTENCES
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant continues
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Celebrant and 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 your Name. Amen.

Celebrant continues
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.

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Celebrant and People S 96

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

THE COLLECT

Celebrant  God 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.

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  - Read by Kit Meade

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.”
The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

PSALM 22:22-30 Deus, Deus meus

- Read by Adrienne James

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
    stand in awe of him, 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 EPISTLE – Romans 4:13-25

- Read Karyn Hutson

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.
The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 668: I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes**

*Burford*

1. I to the hills will lift mine eyes;  
   from whence shall come my aid?  
   My help is from the Lord above  
   who heaven and earth hath made.

2. He will not let thy foot be moved,  
   his own he safely keeps;  
   with watchful and untiring eye  
   he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

3. Thy faithful guardian is the Lord,  
   thy shelter and thy shade;  
   nor sun by day, nor moon by night,  
   need make thy soul afraid.

4. From evil he shall keep thee safe  
   and shall thy strength restore  
   and guard thy going out and in,  
   both now and evermore.

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

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

*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.”

*Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**THE SERMON**

– The Rev. Zig Main
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Celebrant 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD - Read by Marc & Julie Colegrove

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,
let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.
For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

We give thanks for the blessings of this week, for those we offer now .... For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially .... and those we name at this time ..., let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we pray especially for ... and those we name now to remember at this time ..., let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People    Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St Barnabas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People    To You, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH FAMILY

For all celebrating birthdays this week...

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries and unions...

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Amen.
PRAYER FOR WISDOM IN TRANSITION

Celebrant and people

Almighty and ever-living God, giver of wisdom and truth:
Look favorably upon us, the people of St. Barnabas Church,
as we search for a new rector.
We pray for the life of our parish,
that we may continue to be guided by you
and strengthened in our mission to be a community of encouragement
where Christ's love is experienced and shared.
We pray for members of the Search Committee,
that they listen to your Spirit with humility, patience, and joy.
We pray for all priests in discernment,
that you call one to us who will minister with us together at St. Barnabas.
Give us your grace to follow where you lead us, and grant us your peace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace

THE OFFERTORY:

St. Barnabas Choir

Ave Verum

Saint-Saëns

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS:

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE AGAPE BLESSING AND MEAL

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into
sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal
Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father
of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect
sacrifice for the whole world.

Before he died for us, Jesus shared a meal with his friends – an everyday meal of bread and wine,
ordinary food and drink for the ordinary people of God. This food he blessed, and commanded them to
partake, his Body and his Blood of the New Covenant.
Although today we are unable to consecrate bread and wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ, we present to you, Lord, our everyday food of everyday people, and ask that you bless this food, taken from your creation, that this food may nourish us, to nourish others. Bless us also, that with your guidance, we may be bearers of hope and truth to all your people.

This we ask in the name of your Son; 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 for ever. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now as our Lord Christ has 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, forever and ever. Amen.

These are the gifts that God has given us for life. Not consecrated but nevertheless blessed; not sanctified but nevertheless holy; not transformed but nevertheless transforming. With your meal, feed on Jesus in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST AGAPE PRAYER

Celebrant and people

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.
1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

POSTLUDE: St. Barnabas Handbells
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

In – Person Services
begins March 14 at 8am
Everyone will be socially distanced and masked.
There will be no singing or music. Communion will be offered.