

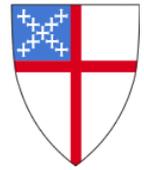


# A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE II

WITH AN AGAPE BLESSING

**Sunday February 21, 2021**

First Sunday After Lent



PRELUDE:  
Little Prelude in e minor

Michael Chertock, organ  
*J.S. Bach*

OPENING HYMN 150: Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

- 1 **F**orty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2 Should not we thy sorrow share  
and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 Then if Satan on us press,  
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness,  
grant we may not faint nor fall.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## 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.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

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

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

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

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

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

Honor your father and your mother.

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

You shall not commit murder.

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

*People* You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*People* You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*People* You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*People* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant continues*

**J**esus 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."

*Mark 12:29-31*

#### 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.**

#### KYRIE

*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.

**A**lmighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each

one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 9:8-17

- Read by Jill Cole

**G**od said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord

People

**Thanks be to God**

PSALM 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- Read by Ceilia Mathew

- 1 **T**o you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Peter 3:18-22

- Read by Tom Kirkpatrick

**C**hrist also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited

patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

*People*

**Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN 149: Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

*Old 124th*

- 1 **E**tternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward you presence bent;  
far off yet here the goal of all desire.
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death;  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**I**n those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

– The Rev. Joanna Leiserson

THE NICENE CREED

*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 the Rajasingh Family

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...

**G**ive 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 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: Pastorale

Michael Chertock, organ  
*J.S. Bach*

#### 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.**

*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.**

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.

*(All hold up food and drink)*

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.**

#### CLOSING HYMN 147: Now Let Us All With One Accord

*Bourbon*

- 1 **N**ow let us all with one accord,  
in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord  
in his temptation and his fast.
- 2 The covenant, so long revealed  
to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed,  
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race  
has not returned, but falsified;  
author of mercy, turn your face  
and grant repentance for our pride.

POSTLUDE:  
Fugue in c minor

Michael Chertock, organ  
*J.S. Bach*