

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

### LITURGY OF THE WORD & PRAYERS

#### Prelude

Land of Rest

Wilbur Held (1914–2015)

#### Welcome

#### Salutation and Opening Sentence

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

**Whose mercy endures forever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord 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 other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

#### Collect

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

#### Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*Officiant* 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.**

#### Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

*St. Flavian*

Members of the St. Columba Singers

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

—Text: *Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838–1898)*

**Reading** 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."

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Amy Molina-Moore

*A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.*

**Announcements**

**Anthem**

Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!  
Members of the Primary Choir

Brad Nix (b. 1975)

Tigers roar, eagles soar. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!

Turtles creep, grizzlies sleep. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!

*Loving God of living things, listen as your creatures sing.*

*Such an awesome noise they bring. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!*

Lizards leap, chickens peep. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!

Horses neigh, donkeys bray. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord! *Refrain*

Spiders spin, fishes swim. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord!

Beavers gnaw, blackbirds caw. Ev'ry creature praise the Lord! *Refrain*

—Text: Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

**Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Mariann; for all those who join us for this time of worship; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially for those who suffer during this time of pestilence. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, those in prison, the oppressed; for all those striving to dismantle racism wherever it may be found; and especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for . . . and those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Pray for the gifts God has given us.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Officiant* We lift up our lives and turn to you, O God of hope. We lift up the turmoil of our world; we lift our own moments of brokenness and despair; we lift our friends and those who make us laugh; we lift up every blessing and joy, every separation, and every death. And we turn to you: our body, our soul, our fragile earth. Receive our prayers, O God of forgiveness and mercy. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### **Hymn 707**

Take my life, and let it be

*Hollingside*

Carolyn Hoff, soloist

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

—Text: Francis Ridley Havergal (1836–1879), alt.

### **Blessing**

*The People respond* **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

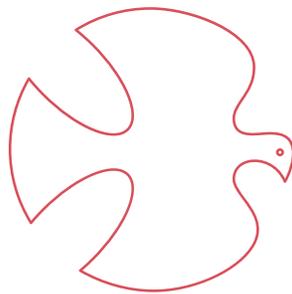
### **Postlude**

Passacaglia in d minor, BuxWV

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Stephen Smith, organ

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