



March 13, 2022: The Second Sunday in Lent

Organ Prelude

Fuga in d minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

[Opening Hymn 495](#)

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Tune: *In Babilone*

Collect of the Day at 8:15 a.m.

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.

Collect of the Day at 10 a.m.

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.

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."



Psalm 27

A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 39-40

The Psalm is reading responsively breaking at the asterisk ().*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in the LORD;
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek God in the temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble the LORD shall shelter me in safety; *
the LORD shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now the LORD lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and the LORD shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.



The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day

I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Offertory Anthem

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Robert Wetzler (b. 1932)

Offerings of Love: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him, the Lord is his name. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth you would count as your own: Truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings we lay at his throne.

Music During Communion

Trio Sonata No.2, BWV 526: Largo

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Closing Hymn 145

Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry

Tune: *Quittez, Pasteurs*

Organ Postlude

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel



MUSIC NOTES: This morning we welcome organist, Laura Hargrove, who is substituting for Charles Raines. Ms. Laura Hargrove earned her BMus in music history at the Hartt School of Music, Theater, and Dance where she studied organ performance with Larry Allen. Over the years, she's held music positions at churches in Swampscott, Hamilton, Gloucester, and Hartford, CT. In pursuit of a new adventure, Laura later graduated with a double Masters in English and Education from Salem State University. She has taught in the public school system for almost 18 years and is currently an English Language Arts teacher at North Reading High School. Laura lives in Wakefield, enjoys being a substitute organist and choir director, and she often returns to her hometown of Gloucester for the ocean and salt air.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Nickerson.

Your prayers are requested for Pat H., Sam, Elizabeth, Sunrise, Michael G., Janet, Bill C., Thomas, Gail, Sarah, Bill E., Ann, Linda F., Ellen, Gavin, Nancy, Sara, and Mike. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; Jennifer, Pastor to MANNA; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston. This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery: Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham; St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet; Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth); Diocesan Congregational Consultants; and For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged. In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John Damascus Orthodox Christian Church and Bahá'í Community.

THOSE WHO SERVE

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Lector: Rich Gatto

Digital Verger: Jack Barrett (new DV in training!)

Crucifer: Troy Wainwright

Ushers: Phil Bergen

Altar Guild: Barbara Brailey, Marcia Mather, and Betsy Amsbary

Coffee Hour: Debby Rempis, Ellie Wainwright, and Lucy LaFleche

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Wednesday Prayers in Lent from March 9 through April 13 at 8:30am and 8:30pm on [Zoom](#):

8:30am Morning Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*

8:30pm Night Prayer from *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Join us in-person and online for worship and connection on Sundays:

8:15am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Main Sanctuary and livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [our website](#)

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