

## Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent, Yr B



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *Lead Me to Calvary– Take Up Your Cross*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SYMBOLS Week 2 - Crown

MARK 15:17 *And they clothed [Jesus] in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.*

MUSIC: *Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery* No. 334

v.1 **Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

Lent 2 **In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust  
your Holy word; we take for ourselves  
instead of giving to others; we spoil rather**

**than take care of your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, releases us, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Bless Now O God the Journey* No. 326

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.**
- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound; together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**
- 3 Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow, but waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

*God blesses Abraham and Sarah*

<sup>1</sup>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 blame-

less. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>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.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>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.” WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 22:23-31 *We read responsively*

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, the LORD has acted!”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

*The promise to those who share Abraham’s faith*

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>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, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Stg 4, S151b

*Return to the Lord your God*



Re-turn to the Lord your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful



slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*The passion prediction*



- 3 **We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
**C: As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and remain with you always.  
**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG No. 808  
Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song vs, 1-3

1 **Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

3 **As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

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DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Serve in Love.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 2/25	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP-2nd Sun in LENT <i>Intergenerational Activity:</i> <b>See announcements</b>
WED 2/28	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	SOUP SUPPER LENTEN WORSHIP
THU 2/29	7 PM	AA

// TODAY 2-25 at 10 am - Intergenerational Activity in the Fellowship Hall. Pack birthday bags for the local food shelf. ALL ARE WELCOME.

// WED FEB 28 LENTEN WORSHIP - "Signs of Lent" 6:15 Downstairs. This Wk: MERGE. We are reminded to merge our lives with the story of salvation that began in the Garden of Eden, continued with the Children of Israel at Passover and revealed in the sacrifice of the promised Messiah.