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Second Sunday of Lent

Virtual and In Person Worship

Reverend Grant Barber

Dr. Bob Lambe, Musical Director

Bob Chappuis & Marge Cull, readers

03.13.2022

Prelude: Adagio for Strings, Barber

Opening Hymn The God of Abraham praise H401

A Penitential Order:

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Amen.

Jesus 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*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

In unison:

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Priest: 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 S91

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord 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

Reader: A Reading from **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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 27

- 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 him.
- 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 him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling 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 he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

The Epistle

A Reading from **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.

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People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:31-35

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord./ *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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 of the People, Lent 2022 (Theme is prayer)

Reader: Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days.

People: Tutor each of our hearts to pray in this season.

Reader: May your Spirit guide the people, ordained leaders, our faith communities throughout the world to pray as we ought.

People: We pray this now for the Body of Christ.

Reader: God's whole creation is a prayer uniting all creatures, trees and all plants, the mountains, rivers and seas.

People: Spirit of God, may our prayer join with angels and all the creatures under heaven.

Reader: Jesus you prayed for the kingdom of God to be born. He prayed with and for the poor, the sick, those without any say in laws and conditions they lived under. Jesus also prayed for those who were wealthy and held power.

People: We pray for our towns, cities, states, and nations. May all people and leaders uphold the dignity and worth of each person.

Reader: We pray for all first responders, for health care workers, for the police in North Attleboro and surrounding towns, for the fire fighters, EMTs and paramedics in North Attleboro and surrounding towns

People: Prayer reaches into our communities in so many ways. Open our hearts to see our connections to others and to give thanks for them.

We pray for those serving in the military, especially: Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey

Reader: We pray in thanksgiving for those who work while we sleep, who provide essential services we rely on—trades people, farmers, truck and delivery drivers, staff in stores selling clothing, food and medicine.

People: Prayer reaches beyond ourselves. Open the eyes of our hearts to see our connections to others and to give thanks for them.

Reader: Jesus, you prayed for and healed those in emotional, physical and spiritual hurt and need.

*People: We pray for ourselves and all we know who in this day and time seek wholeness.
(period of quiet pause when we can name people silently or out loud or in the Zoom chat box)*

Reader: We pray now for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:
Ginny, Marilyn W., Carole HP., Muriel C., Richard T., David T. Sunrise T.,
Laura K., Natalie W., Lawrence H., Milo M., Ryan C. and Julie F.

Reader: We are joined in the mystical body that unites the living with those who
have died. We pray for them, as they pray for us.
(period of quiet pause when we can name people silently or out loud or in the Zoom chat box)

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We hear and join our own presence to those who have virtually requested
prayers.

(appointed person reads any prayers in the Zoom chat box).

Celebrant: are there any birthdays or anniversaries for us to name and celebrate?

Celebrant: prays for anyone celebrating anniversaries or birthdays. If there are none,
Celebrant concludes with a collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

The Holy Communion **Anthem A Green Hill Far Away**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(found on the separate page)

All who are present are invited to come forward at the appointed time to receive communion. Old, young, single, married, partnered, divorced, LGBTQ+, with hair (of any colors) or lack thereof, number of piercings. At this point we are only distributing the bread, the host, the Body of Christ. We look forward to a time when we can return to receiving the blessed chalice of wine as well.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us we are bold to say:

All:

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.

The Fraction

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Communion

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and ever-loving God, we know we are the body of Christ in this world and commissioned to do your work.

With your guidance, help us to grow Grace Church in ways we cannot now imagine.

In your compassion, Lord, help us to be open to all possibilities,

In your love, Lord, help us to accept those things that we need to change, and not limit ourselves in moving forward.

In your wisdom, Lord, please show us the way to go as we become your hands, your heart, and your voice in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

In place of a blessing, this Prayer over the People:

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Hail, thou one despised Jesus** H495

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude **Libera Me (Deliver Me), Faure/Fox**

Announcements

Vestry meeting Mar. 20th, 10:45

Pantry Sunday Mar. 20th

Compline and Conversation

Tuesdays, 7pm via zoom. Bring your prayers.

