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SUNDAY March 12th 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 Holy Eucharist
10:30 Choral Eucharist

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Organ Prelude

Introit *Call to Remembrance*

Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart [or: in an upright heart] before thee,
now and evermore.

Amen

Opening Hymn 180 *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

Words of welcome

The Greeting

The Gathering

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And with thy spirit.

Collect for Purity

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Summary of the Law

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Solo: *Steal Away sung by Rachel Dalliday*

arr. Burleigh

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Holy God

All whose wild Spirit's breath defies our frozen idols: take the night time out of our fear and make it a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

please be seated

The First Reading Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

Red Psalter Tone II

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For 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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 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, 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.

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Gradual 347 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon The Rev. Geoff Howson

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.**

Amen

(Common Worship, Church of England)

The Prayers of the People *please take a position of prayer*

Confession and Absolution

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The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Hymn *Peace Before Us*

1. Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

2. Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

3. Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

4. Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

5. Alleluia.

6. Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Hymn 628 *O Love How Deep*

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of wisdom,

All **may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B* *p. 243*

Sanctus, Benedictus *Merbecke*

Please take a position of comfort for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer

The Lord's Prayer *p. 245*

The Breaking of the Bread *p. 246*

Communion

Agnus Dei *Larkin*

Anthem *Sicut Cervus* *Palestrina*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God

Prayer after Communion *We pray together* *p. 248*

The Blessing *please stand*

Hymn 602 *Lift High The Cross*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Prelude in B Minor* *J.S. Bach*

A note from Syd: During the season of Lent I will be playing some of “heavier” organ works of J S Bach as Postludes. Bach seems to address the life’s tragedies head on in these pieces, but there is a common thread: the triumph of faith over adversity. The dissonant and torturous journey ends with victory, a theme that fits the Lenten journey well.

Ministering Through Liturgy

Lectors: Nancy Marshall, Marilyn Sutherst
Servers: Norma Jean Laing, Kate Gregg, Helen Coldwell, Lynda Mercer
Eucharist Ministers: Peggy and Dave Watton, Russell Cook, Marilyn Sutherst
Intercessor: Marilyn Sutherst
Celebrant: The Reverend Geoff Howson
Preacher: The Reverend Geoff Howson
Deacon: The Reverend Suzanne McMillan
Chancel: Cheryl Baker, Tracy Gemmiti, Suzanne McMillan, Margaret Gadd, Doris Larry
Sidespeople: Randy Pagett, Catherine Skinner, Dave and Peggy Watton
Bunny Laing

Our Prayers Today

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for Maseno South – (Kenya)

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA: We pray for Bishop Dennis Drainville, Bishop Co-adjutor Bruce Meyers, the people, and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for Anglican Church Women – Dr. Anita Gittens, Diocesan President

DEANERY CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for St John’s Ida, and Christ Church, Omeme

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for Joan McKinlay, Suzanne and John McMillan, Wendy McNab and John and Lynn McQuaide

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL and THOSE REQUESTING PRAYER:

Peter Barrett, Lydon McEwan, Gurdon Brewster, Norma Jean, Anne Cook

Announcements

St Lukes is hosting an Irish Muffin Party on March 14th at 9.30am -11.30am. There will be a bake table and a book table. The cost is \$3 per person.

ACW Easter Eggs. We have started to make Easter Eggs. The A.C.W. will be making them Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 12.00. Please plan to come and help make the eggs and enjoy each others friendship and conversation. A **Saturday Egg Making Session** will be held on March 18th from 9am – 12 noon. If you can’t make it to a week day session this is one for you to shine at. Come and help make these popular confections! Orders can be made by phoning the office on 705 876-1501.

Many thanks to Stephanie Kraus, one of the choral scholars, and Syd Birrell , our organist, for the pleasure you gave to the Senior Luncheon with your presentation.