

Grace Episcopal Church
A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
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First Sunday in Lent Year B

February 21, 2021

Prelude

Prelude in A minor BWV 543

J.S. Bach

Community Minute

A Penitential Order

BCP 351

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

*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.*

The Absolution

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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Deus noster refugium *Psalm 46:1-8*

BCP 649

Officiant Let us say the Psalm in unison.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God will help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold..

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 142 8:15AM service—sung at home
10:45 AM service—sung by virtual parish choir

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Psalm 25:1-9

BCP 614

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Solo 8:15AM service

Jesus, So Lowly
Mark Woodcock, Tenor

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token, love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

10:45AM service

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Albert Gerring, Bass

Arlen Clarke

Jesus the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see and in Thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, I Savior of mankind.
O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek.
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be:
Jesus be thou our glory now and through eternity.

The Second Reading: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham

The Apostles' Creed*Officiant and People together**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**He descended to the dead.**On the third day he rose again.**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**the holy catholic Church,**the communion of saints,**the forgiveness of sins**the resurrection of the body,**and the life everlasting. Amen.***The Prayers**

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

*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 Prayers of the People Form II**

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our bishops, Rob, Don & Paul; for this gathering; 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.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially Gina Raymond, sister-in-law of parishioner Julie Rossi; Anne Lindsay Labaire, former parishioner and friend of parishioners Ted and Judith Landers; Linda Buffington, friend of parishioner Betsy Powell; Mike and Suzanne Hope, friends of parishioner Nan Carvell; Mike Dallas, brother of parishioner Sandra Lykins; Tom Kubala, parishioner.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, and all the saints, whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for In the Morning

BCP 461

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

Hymn 150

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Closing Prayer

BCP 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Tolling of the Bells