

# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

*Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.*



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

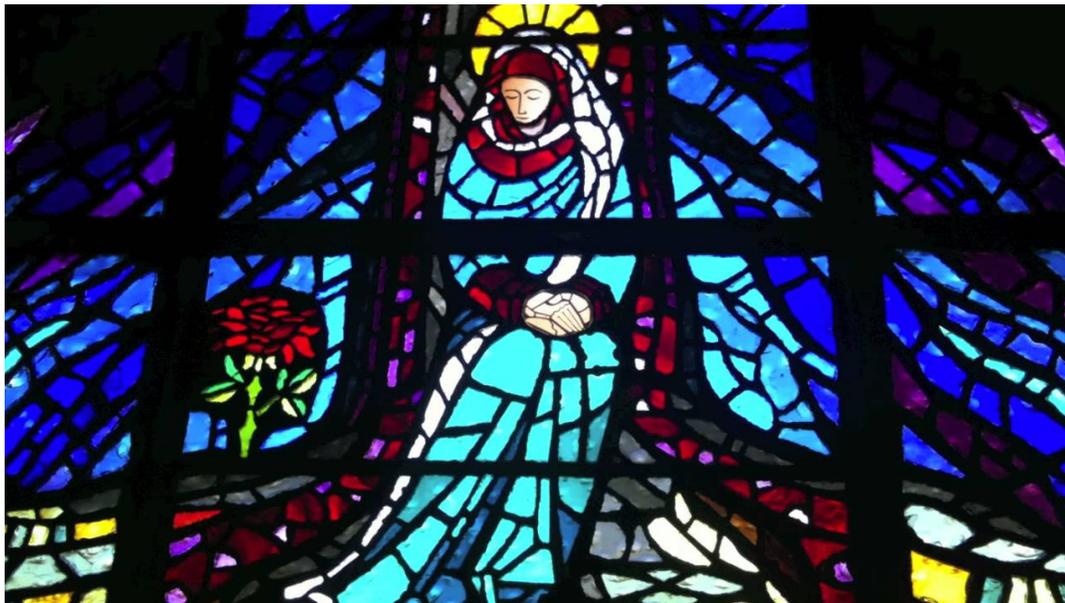
THE PRELUDE    Chorale Prelude: “Herzlich tut mich verlangen”    J. Brahms  
Christina & Michelle Naughton - piano

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THE HYMN #147

Now let us all with one accord





1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

#### THE OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### THE COLLECT

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 17:1-7, 15-16

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 blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 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. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 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."

The Word of the Lord.

## THE PSALM

Psalms 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

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. 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." 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

## THE SEQUENCE #150

Forty days and forty nights

Trinity Episcopal Church, Easton, Pennsylvania



**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
Easton, Pennsylvania

Virtual Choral Recordings  
during COVID 19

1982 Hymnal – Hymn 150

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.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt.  
 Music: *Aus der Tiefe ruft ich*, melody alt. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown



### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

All who are one in faith are invited to pray the Spiritual Communion  
with the congregation of St. James.

THE OFFERTORY

Behold the Lamb of God (Messiah)

G. F. Handel

The London Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus



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The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

### The Apostles' Creed

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.

*In your own words, pray for your own needs, for those on your heart,  
for the peace of the world, and for the Church.  
After offering these intercessions, continue with*

### The Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and for all the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done. Especially I confess....Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. Amen.

## The Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. Amen.

## THE PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HYMN #448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high  
St. Bartholomew's Church, New York



THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*In keeping with the tradition at St. James,  
there will be no postludes during Lent.*



Those persons who need our prayers, love, and support  
Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Michael,  
Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Sue, Ben, Elaine, William,  
Hazel, Wendy, Glenn, Linda, Jeff, Michelle Judi, Mary,  
Charlie, Jeanette, Joy, Mark, Tim, Melanie, Jill, Liz, Don, Diane

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, esp.

Lynn Beheler, Vincent Corral, Seymour Wheelock, Susan Voise,  
Norm Ferguson, Betty & Doug Palmer

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