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Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798:1-4, 8



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.



4. He by Himself has sworn;
I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face;
I shall His pow'r adore
And sing the wonders of His grace
Forevermore.

8. The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry,
“Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!”

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Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

We silently confess any particular sins that may be weighing heavily upon us today.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm (spoken responsively as marked)

Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v. 22

P I will tell of Your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

P You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
 and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

C For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
 and He has not hidden His face from him,
 but has heard, when he cried to Him.

P From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

C The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!

P May your hearts live forever!

C All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
 and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

P For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

C All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
 before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
 C they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
 that He has done it.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
 C in the midst of the congregation I will praise You...

Kyrie *≈ Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

P O Lord, C have mercy.
 P O Christ, C have mercy.
 P O Lord, C have mercy. Amen.

Collect Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray together:
 C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 17:1-21

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[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:]

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, that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

Then Abram fell on his face.

[Abraham means “Father of a multitude”]*

And God said to him, “Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be *Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And 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. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall My covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name 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 become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!”

[Isaac means “He laughs”]*

God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name *Isaac. I will establish My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Romans 5:1-11

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Verse for Second Sunday in Lent

Mark 8:34b

P We speak together the Verse of the Day:

C If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Amen.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 8:27-38

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Mark writes:]

And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day:

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

LSB 562:1-4



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am’s fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow’rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God’s im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God’s wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav’n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

Sermon:

“He Who Laughs with God Laughs Best!”

All 3 Readings

Hymn of the Day:

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

LSB 562:5-6

5. As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6. We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs.
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.

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Our Offerings in Response to God’s Word

To maximize health & safety for all, offering plates will not be passed during the service.

You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.

You also may give them online or by mailing them to the church.

We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting

His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.

Introduction to the Prayers

Creedal Hymn:

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

LSB # 936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
 2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
 3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
 4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
 oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
 way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
 lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
 Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
 His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
 And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
 liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
 grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
 foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Responsive Prayer of the Church

Various petitions, spoken or silent, will now be prayed; each petition will end:

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The prayers will end:

P Into Your hands, O God our Father, we commend all for whom and for which we pray, trusting that You will answer our prayers in the way that is best for us and for all in accordance with Your good and gracious will, in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

P Having been taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
 C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Luther’s Evening Prayer

P Together we pray:
 C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
 C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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5. Though nature’s strength decay,
 And earth and hell withstand,
 To Canaan’s bounds I urge my way
 At His command.
 The wat’ry deep I pass,
 With Jesus in my view,
 And through the howling wilderness
 My way pursue.

6. The goodly land I see,
 With peace and plenty blest:
 A land of sacred liberty
 And endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 And oil and wine abound,
 And trees of life forever grow
 With mercy crowned.

7. There dwells the Lord our king,
 The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o’er the world and sin,
 The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion’s sacred height
 His kingdom He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light
 Forever reigns.

▲ 9. The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high.
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
 They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr’ham’s God and mine!
 I join the heav’nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine
 And endless praise!

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