



The Second Sunday in Lent

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

February 28, 2021

The Word of God

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.*

Song of Praise

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.*

The First Reading

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."

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 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 Reading

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.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

After the Gospel, the Priest says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All 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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People Form I

After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader For _____, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
 All Lord, have mercy.
 Leader In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
 All To you, O Lord our God.

A concluding prayer is said by the priest

Adapted from the BCP

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
 All 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.
 Celebrant 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.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 All And also with you.

The Offertory

God of Grace and God of Glory

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | It is right to give him thanks and praise. |
| Celebrant | <p>It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.</p> <p>Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:</p> |
| All | <p>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.</p> |
| Celebrant and, | <p>Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself,</p> <p>when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.</p> <p>He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.</p> <p>On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."</p> <p>After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."</p> |
| All | <p>Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.</p> |
| Celebrant | We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. |

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
All **Have mercy on us**

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
All **Have mercy on us**

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
All **Grant us peace**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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.**

Blessing

Closing Song

*Just a Closer Walk with
Thee*

Dismissal

Announcements

Birthdays this month

28th: Jonathan Roberts

Welcome Bishop Fisher

Bishop Fisher will be at St. Michaels **Sunday, March 21st**. Anyone who wants to know more about or wants to have confirmation/baptism on that day, please contact Mother Tracey.

Lenten Study

On **Wednesday evenings at 6 PM** during Lent there will be a Zoom meeting on discussion of "Living Well Through Lent; Listening with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind". Feel free to come even if you don't have the book. You can download a free PDF of the book on www.livingcompass.org or you can send an email to Christina at christina@smaalongview.org to let her know you would like a hard copy of the book mailed to you.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies or Azaleas for Easter Sunday, **April 4, 2021** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "**Easter Lilies**" or "**Azaleas**" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Lilies \$10.00 & Azaleas \$15.00**

Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

This Sunday's Servers

Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Frank Supercinski

Lector: Harrison Brown

Sound Board: Andy Sanders

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Amy Brown, Andy Sanders

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Troy
- Aaron, Roni, & Keith
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

| DATE | GIVING | BUDGET | ABOVE/BELOW |
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| 01/31/21 | \$995 | \$2,946 | -\$1,951 |
| 02/07/21 | \$7,930 | \$2,946 | \$4,984 |
| 02/14/21 | \$1,619 | \$2,946 | -\$1,327 |
| 02/21/21 | \$360 | \$2,946 | -\$2,586 |
| YTD TOTALS | \$20,904 | \$23,572 | -\$2,668 |

NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/07)

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Amy Brown

Sound Board: Andy Sanders

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: David Brown, Andy Sanders

Worship Tech: Jessica Sanders

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