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The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023
10:00 AM

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Very Rev. Mark Delcuze, Rector
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

The Holy Eucharist and Baptism: Rite Two

The Word of God

Prelude

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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Welcome

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

+Processional Hymn

Praise our great and gracious Lord



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim;
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

+Opening Sentences

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures for ever.

+The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day—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 12:1-4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

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 The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 121

Read responsively by verse

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from the LORD, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

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

5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

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

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

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

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from to the Romans

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

+Sequence Hymn

When Christ was lifted from the earth

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

+The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Please turn and face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

+The Nicene Creed

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 worshiped 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 Four

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

+**Confession of Sin**

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

A period of silence is kept

Leader 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world.
But that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

+Offertory Response



Then grant us, Lord, like them to be, full
O Fa ther, Son, and Spi - rit blests, to
oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength-en
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, 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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

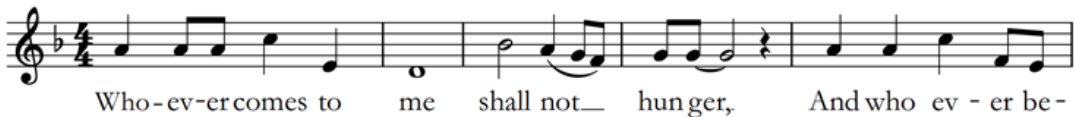
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

+Fraction Anthem



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

+Solemn Prayer over the People

The Presider says

Bow down your hearts before the Lord.

The Presider says the following prayer:

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

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.

+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“Lenten Postlude”

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We are collecting the following items in March for

Haven Ministries Food Pantry:

Canned Meats-Ham, Tuna, Salmon, etc.

Peanut Butter

Chef Boyardee products

Pancake Mix

Sugar

Flour

Cooking Oil



Please pray for: Pat Miller, Shelia Savage, Donna Roland, Erika Roof, Anneliese Jones, Sharon McCain, Susan Fralic, Sheila Savage, Anna Sisson, Joanne Buck, Lois Woody, Layla, Nina Goldfarb, Gary Ballard (RIP)-Ballard Family, Richard Starsonck, Jordan Baker (RIP)-Holly & Wheeler Baker & Family, Cheryl & Don, Bill Dingle, Bert Drohter, Toddy Denny (RIP), Liam, Champ, Al Peppel, Jim Ewing, Brenda Faulkner, Bob Moore III (Bob's son), Barbara Jerome, Jeffrey Thomas, Rose, Julie, Kevin Scott, Susan F, Richard Thomas, Sofie Amador, Lily & Rainey Family, Ellen Sullivan (RIP), Tim Sullivan (RIP), Wendy Eggl (RIP), Steve Guy, Cathy Donovan, Gillian Ferguson, Warren Henley, Wanda Bullen, Margie, Kathy Vernon

Prayer Requests can be sent to prayer@ccpki.org

Mid-Lent Saturday Refreshment Retreat

Gratitude, Compassion and Action

Saturday, March 25

9:30 – 11:30 am

Coffee and Snacks provided.

PRAYING GRATITUDE BY THREAD

All are welcome! No experience needed. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Learn the wonder of praying and creating with yarn or thread. Experienced with crochet or knitting? Bring your project, join our prayers. Want to begin something? Starter supplies will be provided along projects.

Questions? – Call Mimi Delcuze 203-470-6685

WALKING & TALKING COMPASSION AND QUIET

Walking the Stations of the Cross and Centering Prayer. We will share insights from our **Living Well Through Lent** Book. All are welcome to share and to listen. What is the Spirit saying to our hearts, souls, bodies, and minds? Ask Fr. Mark if you want to know more.

CLEANING UP CREATION

A variety of outdoor projects around the parish grounds. Clearing debris, removing saplings, and general sprucing up. Bring your yard tools and a willing heart. Contact Tim Aland gardenclub@ccpki.org for specifics.



EXPLORE

FAMILY MINISTRY



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes will start on February 19th for children eighth grade and above who would like to be confirmed. Forms can be found at ccpki.org and can be emailed to familyministry@ccpki.org or hand delivered to the church office.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will continue to be held every Sunday at 7pm for middle and high schoolers.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Email Jane at familyministry@ccpki.org

FAMILY DINNER

The next family dinner night will be held on Sunday, March 5th. If you are looking to help with cooking or bringing food, please email familyministry@ccpki.org.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Classes will start on March 5th for children second grade and above who would like to have their first communion. Forms can be found at ccpki.org and can be emailed to Fr Mark or Jane or hand delivered to the church office.

STORYTIME

Storytime will continue to be held every Sunday after the 10 AM service in the wiggles room.

Serving 10am

Eucharistic Ministers: Emerson Patti, Patty Snyder

Lectors: Helen Vansant, Keith Fulmer

Ushers: John Reckord, Charlie Mead

Acolytes:

Altar Guild: Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder, Ruthanne Herold

Counters: Leslie Schneider, Liza Hamill

Greeters: Molly Cannon, Bob Thompson

Video Tech: Liza Hamill

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for a special someone in your life with a flower offering for Easter Sunday, please place your order today by filling out this slip and placing it in the offering plate.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Amount: _____ Check # _____ Envelope # _____