

**Holy Trinity Church**  
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

## **The Second Sunday of Lent**

**February 28, 2021**

*9:30 a.m. choral service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*  
*Joe DiSalvatore, Reader*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Processional Hymn #401**

*Words: Thomas Olivers; Music: Leoni*

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.**

**He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend; we shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for ever more.**

#### **\* Acclamation for the Penitential Order Prayer Book, p. 351**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

#### **\* Confession of Sin Prayer Book, p. 352**

**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.**

#### **\* Trisagion #S-100 Holy God**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

#### **\* Collect (said by all)**

**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.**

### **First Reading**

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

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."

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

Silence

PSALM 22:22-30

*(Said in unison)*

BCP., p. 611

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
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.  
My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.  
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Silence

**Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord **People Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

**Fr. Richard Signore**

**Prayers of the People, III**

**Prayer Book, p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### **Prayer for the Parish**

**O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen**

### **The Peace**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

**Prayer Book, p. 367**

#### **Sanctus** *(said by all)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Book, p. 364**

#### **Fraction Anthem** *(said by all)*

*Setting: Gerald R. Near*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.**

### **Communion**

**Prayer** *(said by those at home)* *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

#### **The Post Communion Prayer** *(Said by all worshiping in person)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn #338**

*Words: William Henry Hammond Jervois; Music: Johann Cruger and Friedrich Layritz*

**Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants here bring before thee Christ thy well beloved, all perfect offering, sacrifice immortal, spotless oblation.**

**See now thy children, making intercession through him our Savior, Son of God incarnate, for all thy people, living and departed, pleading before thee.**