

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

## **The Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

*9:30 a.m. choral service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*

*Lana Pieczynski, Guest Musician*

*Jean Frost, Reader*

**Prelude:** *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* -Arr. by Sandra Eithan

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

#### **Processional Hymn #148**

*Words: David W. Hughes; Music: Jeremiah Clarke, melody*

**Creator of the earth and skies, to whom the words of life belong, grant us your truth to make us wise; grant us your power to make us strong.**

**We have not known you: to the skies our monuments of folly soar, and all our self-wrought miseries have made us trust ourselves the 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)***

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **First Reading**

Reader    A reading from the book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Exodus 20:1-17*

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

**Silence**

**PSALM 19**

*(Said in unison)*

**BCP., p. 606**

**The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.  
The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.  
By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \***

**then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Silence**

**Holy Gospel: John 2: 13-22**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*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:** *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"* - Garrett Parker

**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 LEVAS#203**

*Words: Traditional; Music: arr. Carl Haywood*

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the holy spirit revives my soul again.**

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.**

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Postlude:** *"On Eagle's Wings"* - Arr. by Jack Schrader