

The Second Sunday in Lent- Penitential Order

February 28, 2010

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles, Oregon

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymnal 401

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 evermore.

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, for ever reigns.

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: eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry; hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant 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

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.*

Kyrie Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."

He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27

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- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you.

And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

People

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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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.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For St. James, Milton-Freewater; for Leon Kinner, Virgil Choate, Janeal Booren, Roger Nichols, Don Smith, Dewanda Clark; for healing for Jackson, Nathan Francis and others we now name; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For Dan Healy and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Being Blessings and Celebrations of Life~
Thank offerings this quarter will be used for energy assistance through the Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

The Holy Communion *Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Offertory

Change our hearts

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us this 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymn *Creator of the stars of night* Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our 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.**

The Lenten Blessing *Please bow*

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
 When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;
 they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most happy place.
 There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir:
 ten thousand times would one be blest who might this music hear.
 Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet,
 and blessèd martyrs' harmony doth ring in every street.
 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see
 thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

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[Dismissal] People **Thanks be to God.**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
 Acolyte: Don Dickinson; Worship Leader: Ron Fullmer; Eucharist Minister: Gretchen Kimsey; Lector: Gretchen Kimsey;
 Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey; Altar Bread: Kim McCullough Prayers of the People: Barbee Hodgkins, Rosemary Ross;
 Coffee Hosts: Ned and Sandy Kice; Greeter: Gretchen Kimsey.*

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family: Nathan Francis, Joan, Angela Del Greco and family, Fr. Noe Bernier and the people of Haiti; for Mark Nelson, Skip Fisher, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Lida Beasley, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm	Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Worship Meeting	11:30 am	Library
	Bible Study	1:00 pm	Mill Creek
	Master Gardeners	8:00-4:30	Tayler Hall
Wednesday	AA meeting	7:00 pm	Common Room
	Knitters	6:30-8 pm	Library
	Parish Potluck	6:00 pm	Tayler Hall
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	
	Soup & Lenten Book Study	6:00 pm	Tayler Hall
Friday	Outreach	9:00 am	Library
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	7:00 am	Tayler Hall

***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
 Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8;
 1 Corinthians; Luke 13:1-9***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIVE THANKS FOR OUR HARDWORKING, SPIRIT-FILLED VESTRY! This last Wednesday was the first meeting of the vestry since the Annual Meeting and the election of our new members, Ava Sue Kerr and Robert Kirby. Thanks to them for coming on board, and Thanks to all the vestry and officers for giving of themselves, their time, and their talents, so selflessly and joyously! Please give them your own thanks, as well as any thoughts you'd like to share. Our vestry and officers are: Senior Warden: Monte Dickinson; Junior Warden: Laurance Kerr; Treasurer: Jerry Frazier; Clerk: Dewanda Clark; Vestry: Andrea Booren, Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Ava Sue Kerr, Robert Kirby, Amy McIlvenna (Amy and Gavin will be returning from Iraq this spring- Thanks be to God!); Julie Reynolds, Marilyn Roth, and Diane Walworth. Thank you all!

BOOK STUDY & SOUP DINNERS FOR LENT: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*- adult or youth version; and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, both by Greg Mortensen are the books for this year's Lenten Study. See the sheet in the hallway to sign up for soup! Meet at 6:00 for soup and bread, and the book talk at 6:30 pm. The themes of both books overlap, and invite comparison and discussion about the similarities and differences, and about how we experience education, life, and our call to promote peace and love our neighbor. Each evening we read together excerpts from the books, and discuss what they say to us, and what they mean to us individually and as Christians here at St. Paul's in The Dalles Oregon. Please plan to come any or all nights!

FIRST WEDNESDAY POTLUCK March 3, for the first Wednesday potluck, the Haiti Team's men will share photos and stories from the mission trip to Cap Haitien in January. There are great photos, and there will be plenty of time for questions, so please plan to come if you are able. If you need a ride, please call the office and let us know and we'll try to get you here. Also, the following month, on April 7, the New Orleans Mission Team will share stories and photos from their trip. Please plan to come and share in these stories of service and God's presence on mission; they'll boost your spirits as well as transport you to the mission field!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY has approved Janeal Boreen for a house! St. Paul's has been asked to supply volunteer workers and a coordinator for Janeal's house, and we are looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to work half-day shifts, 3 days per week for up to nine months. Please consider if you can volunteer for at least some of that time. Habitat also needs one person to coordinate these volunteers and to keep track of their time. This is a wonderful time opportunity for St. Paul's, and for Janeal and her sons. Please be a part of it! Sign up to work or to coordinate the volunteers. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS is changing location beginning in March. We will continue to meet at 1:00 pm, but now we will meet at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way. If the west side of town is convenient for you, please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD
*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave; *Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex, and the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world; *Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

LENTEN PRACTICES Although not as prevalent now as in some times, the practices of confession and reconciliation, fasting, and intentional taking on or giving up ways of being as spiritual preparation for Lent and Easter remain extremely valuable spiritual practices. I invite and encourage anyone who is interested in private confession, the personal service of the Rite of Reconciliation, or the intimate and personal time provided in the Healing Service, to take advantage of those spiritually powerful gifts of the church during Lent. These practices retain their power to touch and transform your relationship with and in God, and help us to prepare for the new life we celebrate at Easter. May your Lent be a Holy time of closeness with the Lord.

MANY THANKS to Ned and Sandy Kice for today's coffee hour!

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