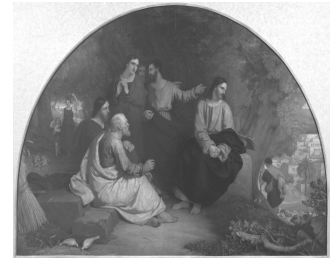


Welcome to Christ Church

February 21, 2016

Lent 2



All Service Notes: The 8 a.m. service uses the readings in the leaflet (service is in the BCP page 323). **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand.

We come together in song

598 Processional (in the Blue Book)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

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.**



We listen to the story of God's care for us

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18) (read by Greg and Abram Nichols)

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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 27:10-15, 17, 18 (Read by Katie Landis, Molly Landis and Fiona Rigney)

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.*

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.

A Reading (Lesson) from Paul's letter to the Philippians 3:17—4:1 *(read by Kirsten Rigney)*

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

People: **Thanks be to God.**

455 Gradual Hymn *(1 & 2 before Gospel, vs. 3 & 4 after)* *(all stand)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 13:31–35 *(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.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

We invite current and former scouts to join in where appropriate *(all standing together)*:

The Girl Scout Promise: *On my honor, I will try* to serve God and my country,
to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law: *I will do my best to be* honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate
and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

The Boy Scout Oath: *On my honor, I will do my best* to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Boy Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

The Apostle's Creed *(said together, all standing)* - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We share our concerns with God (stand if able-read by Philippa Paquette & Kirsten Rigney)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, and for the scouting program;

For our families, friends, and neighbors.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of the earth, our island home;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or trouble;

For those who care for the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For **Katherine** our Presiding Bishop, and **Ian** and **Laura** our Bishops; for David, our priest, and for all other ministers

For all who serve God in his Church.

For those who are in our thoughts this morning.

For ... (*read names from the intercession sheet*)

For those in the Armed Forces but especially for: *Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Tim and Jay (and any others written in)*

For all those who participate in scouting, young people, parents and leaders

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

For those celebrating birthdays... *Rosemary Parquette, Emma Folsom, Meredith Bergendahl, Steven Wedegis (names from the intercession sheet?)*

For those celebrating anniversaries... (*names from the intercession sheet?*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, trusting that they are now with You... (*read names from sheet*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: O God, we know that you hear more than we can ask or know, help us discover the many ways our prayers are already being answered, encourage us with your presence, aid us as we do your work in the world. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

We give money for God's work and bread and wine for our Feast

Offertory Anthem (*the ushers pass the collection plates*)

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*



We Celebrate with a Feast

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.***



The Celebrant continues..... Holy Father, we thank you for this most sacred feast, in which we celebrate who you are and who we are becoming. As your Word spoke the Creation into being, so we lift our voices to say:

Spoken Together..... ***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.***

(please all remain standing)

Celebrant continues... Thank you, God, for sending your Son to welcome us as your beloved sons and daughters. Thank you for taking away all obstacles that separate us from you, and making us your friends.

Thank you, dear Lord, for continuing to feed us even as you fed your first disciples on that darkest night, when you took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is my gift to you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After the meal, you took the cup of wine, blessed, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of our new relationship, which is my gift to you which sets you free from the bondage of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Come Breath of Life and Spirit of Wisdom: in the beginning you hovered over the waters of creation, and called the world into being; so now call us into being as your new creation, Sanctify this bread and wine that, nourished by your Body and Blood, we may work with you in your world in witness of your love. 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 forever.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

Hymns during Communion (337, LEVAS 227) *(all are invited to communion)*

We Give Thanks for the Feast

Celebrant: Living God, Shepherd of your people, thank you for gathering your flock and for feeding us today. Thank you for the company of faithful friends to share the story and the meal. **Send us on the journey of this week with your power to protect us and your Spirit to inspire us, every step of the way. Amen**

Blessing ... Dismissal

