

## The Lessons

### First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-15*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### *Musical Response to the Reading*

Cathedral Musicians

### The Holy Gospel: *Luke 13:1-9*

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Celebrant:* In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.” For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Russell our own Bishop, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* For this city of Mobile, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People:*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion*

## The Offertory

Hymn

*Wondrous Love*

*What wondrous love is this*

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!***

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul!***

***What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**A Responsorial Sanctus**

*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*C: God of power and might,*

*P: God of power and might,*

*C: heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*P: heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*C: Blessed is he who comes*

*P: Blessed is he who comes*

*C: in the name of the Lord.*

*P: in the name of the Lord.*

*C: Hosanna in the highest.*

*P: Hosanna in the highest.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Music at Communion**

Hymn

Jacques Berthier

*Lord God, You Love Us*

*Lord God, you love us, source of compassion.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



Ministers For Today

**Celebrant and Preacher**.....Canon Wagner

**Musicians** ..... Katherine E. Powell, Cantor

..... Christopher W. Powell, Organist and Choirmaster



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The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

The Holy Eucharist

Enriching Our Worship

Four o'clock in the afternoon

*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist in Enriching Our Worship. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors.*

*A gentle reminder: please turn off all wireless devices before the service begins.*

**The Great Litany**

I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

**Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us.**

**The Holy Eucharist**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People:* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.**