

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you join us online.

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10:00 AM

Prelude

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Welcome

Warren Klug

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The 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.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of the Genesis (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

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.”

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

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (22:22-30)

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.

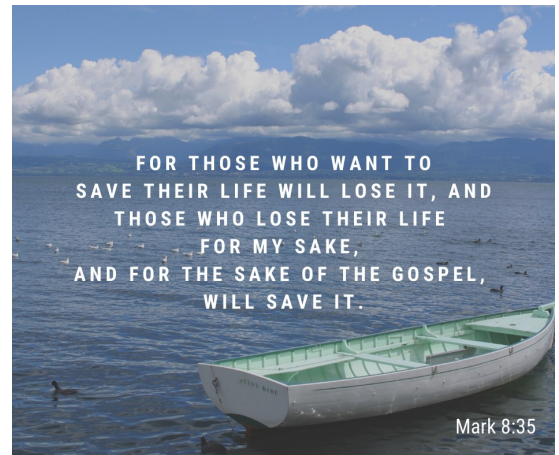
**For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.**

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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen. (Please be seated.)**



A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 4:13-25)

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 8:31-38)

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Homily

Peter Munson

A period of silence will be kept.

The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)

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.

Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers

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Near the Cross, Arr. Heather Sorenson

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The Prayers of the People (Form II)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym Lucas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In silence or aloud, let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others. (pause)

Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Cabaniss who died from a brain tumor on February 26. We pray for our friends, Marsha, Diana, Peter and Julia Munson, Don, Jessica & Philip, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, and Bobbi Ann. We pray for Jamie Lawrence, Roger, Joann all, Heta & Hubert, Tony, Brad Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, and little Otto. We pray for all who serve this great nation in uniform in nearby and far-off places. We pray for the young people and students of Aspen.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Campbell Barrett Sullivan, Peter Munson's great-niece, who died on Monday, February 22. Campbell was diagnosed with CIC-DUX4 Sarcoma at age 16 and fought the good fight over the past 3-1/2 years. She was a ski racer and a graduate of the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy in Minturn. Campbell was admitted to study Aerospace Engineering at CU in Boulder, was an advocate for other children with cancer, and was a very bright light. We pray for our Lord to comfort, heal, and guide Campbell's parents, siblings, and grandparents in the weeks and months to come. Amen.

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for healing.

We pray for all the people around the world, in our country and in our own community, who have been affected by the corona virus pandemic. God, you know what we need as the virus rages. You are the great physician, the great healer; and we ask for your help as we combat this terrible virus. We pray for those who are sick, and we pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and we pray for families who grieve. We pray for health care workers, and those who minister to people who are afflicted. We pray that vaccines will be available and administered quickly, here in Aspen and around the world. We pray for healing, health, and safe keeping -- to you, Lord Jesus.

Let us pray for Christ Church

Oh Lord, we pray for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We pray for Peter, our Interim Rector, and for the leadership of Christ Church. We ask for your guidance, Lord, as we pursue our rector search. We know you have a plan for Christ Church, and we ask that you make your will known. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayers of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

Please stand

Presider: 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. 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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

***Bourée II*, J. S. Bach**

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