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*"Take up their cross and follow me"
Armenian Catholic Station on the Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Second Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Trisagion (CP#707) (x3)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant: Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open, because there are no closing hours for the hospitality of heaven.

All: If we came to your house, we would hear many accents, ours just one among them, for there is no favoured nation in the commonwealth of heaven.

Officiant: If we came to your house, we would see people who never thought they would be allowed in, had entrance been by merit rather than by your gracious invitation. So, as we gather in Jesus' name, let the characteristics you cherish become evident in all we do and share together. Gather into one the glorious assortment of unlikes, which is your true church.

All: **Reveal within this community what we must do, what we must hear, and who we must welcome if we are to know Jesus among us.**

Officiant: God, give us the grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intend.

All: **Amen.**

Trisagion (CP#707) (x3)

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5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant: Faithful God,

All: **may we set our minds and wills to yours, and take up our cross, following Christ with confidence for the glory you reveal in him; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Reading is from 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

One: Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

All: stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

One: For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them;

All: when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

One: My praise is of God in the great assembly;

All: I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:

All: "May your heart live for ever!"

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

All: and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

One: For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,

All: who rules over the nations.

One: To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

All: all who go down to the dust fall before God.

One: My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;

All: they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

One: They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

All: the saving deeds that God has done.

The Second Reading is from 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah

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To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:

"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.

You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word that you shall be my people and I will be your God."

From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word,
"That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach them 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

All: 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 at 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.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Patricia Bays)

One: Our God is a God of covenant and promise. Confident in that promise, let us bring before God our own needs and the needs of the world, saying, God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church, for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy; Brian, the pastor of First United; and for the whole people of God in this place and around the world, that together we may proclaim the good news of salvation and witness to God's love. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for ourselves that we may keep a holy Lent, and learn from Jesus how to take up our cross and follow him. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Paul describes faith as "hoping against hope." As we move through winter and Lent and enter the second pandemic year, we pray for gifts of perseverance, contentment, and hope. We give thanks for family and friends who support us, for frontline workers who make our daily life possible, for medical and research workers who are helping us see a brighter future. God in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God promises, "When they cry to the Lord, they are heard." We pray for those in any kind of need, remembering especially:

All: **Betty-Joan** (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans); **Bart** (Beglo); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin)

One: and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . We pray for comfort and healing for them, and strength for those who care for them. God in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for those who have died, especially those whom we name silently and aloud We pray for those who mourn that they may be comforted. God in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

One: God of promise, we commend to your care all for whom we pray, in the confidence that your love for them is greater than anything we can know or imagine. Hear us, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind

and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavoured done.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us 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 for ever. Amen.

Officiant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we long for the time when we can be fed by the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who look to the time when we can share his body, live his risen life; we, who wait with expectation to drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise you name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Let us go from here as those who confidently serve God.

All: We will follow Jesus and care for the needy, live hopefully, and venture confidently.

Officiant: Let us follow Jesus, question persistently, and face intimidation courageously.

All: We will follow Jesus and dream gloriously.

Officiant: We have everything to hope for and have nothing to fear.

All: In our great moments and in our low moments, we will follow Jesus faithfully.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, March 7th, 2021

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Please pray this week for

- those worshipping and ministering at Martin Luther Lutheran Church;
- the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and Paul Dumbrille, Ottawa Representative and all parish representatives;
- all Parish Administrators in our diocese;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Leah Chapman, Manson Thompson, Laurie Hunter, and Sheila Howe; and
- the GranAid Program and its support of Fikelala in the Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

Credits:

Opening prayers from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition, p. 51.

Collect from FWM Proposed Prayers alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

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Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Portia Parsell-Hainzelin

Intercessor: Eric Bays (prepared by Patricia Bays)

Cantor: Patricia Bays



Annual Vestry Meeting

Today, at 11:15 am, via Zoom

Join us this morning for our Annual Vestry Meeting. You can find a copy of this year's report on our website at <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Web-Version-of-Vestry-Report-2020.pdf> The Zoom link for the meeting is in Chris's email from Wednesday (February 24th).

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
Second Sunday of Lent February 28th, 2021

This Week

Today	11:15 am	Annual Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Monday	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Bible on Tap	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Diocesan Book Study	Zoom
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Upcoming Events

Morning Prayer in Lent

Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am, via Zoom

Join Simone for morning prayer via Zoom each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 9:00 am, throughout Lent. We'll be rotating through four different forms of Morning Prayer. The Zoom link (contact the office if you don't have it) will remain the same for all sessions. Looking forward to praying together!

Bible on Tap

Wednesday, March 3rd, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join Simone for a discussion of our Lenten readings. Chris will send out the link this week.

Diocesan-wide Book Study

Thursdays, March 4th, and 11th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join us for the fifth session of this book study. Even if you don't have the book, or haven't "attended" the first sessions, you are very welcome to join this informal, friendly study group. Email the office if you need the Zoom link.