ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE *of* LOS ANGELES
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MORNING PRAYER *for* LENT: RITE TWO

Voluntary Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619 *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)

Welcome

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. – *Joel 2:13*

The Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

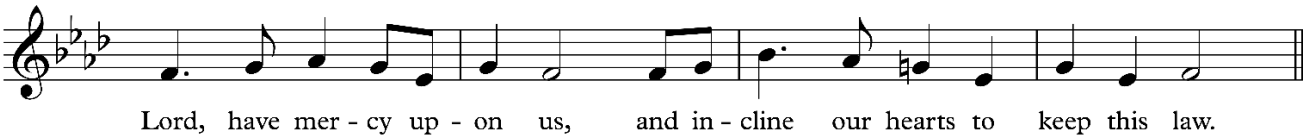
Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

All are invited to examine their hearts as we join in singing the responses to the Decalogue.

The Decalogue *Christopher G. Gravis* (b. 1982)

Cantor God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

All join in singing this antiphon after each commandment, 1-9.



Cantor Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. *Antiphon*

Cantor Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. *Antiphon*

Cantor Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. *Antiphon*

Cantor Honor thy father and thy mother. *Antiphon*

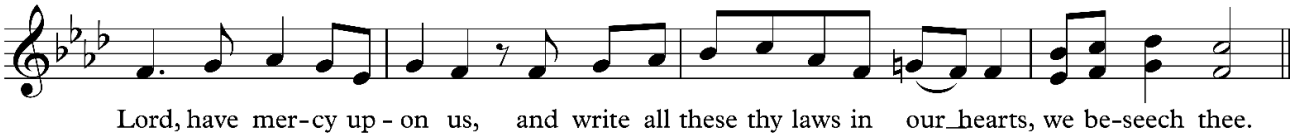
Cantor Thou shalt do no murder. *Antiphon*

Cantor Thou shalt not commit adultery. *Antiphon*

Cantor Thou shalt not steal. *Antiphon*

Cantor Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. *Antiphon*

Cantor Thou shalt not covet. *The concluding antiphon below is sung.*



Members of the choir chant the Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison PLAINCHANT, MASS XVII

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Absolution

Officiant 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.*

A member of the choir chants the Psalm appointed.

Psalm 22: 22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 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.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

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

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 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.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Romans 4: 13-25

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

A member of the choir chants the canticle appointed – the Second Song of Isaiah.

Canticle *Quaerite Dominum*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
  call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
  and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
  and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
  nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
  so are my ways higher than your ways,
  and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
  and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
  seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
  it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
  and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

The Second Lesson Mark 8: 31-38

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

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."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

A member of the choir chants the canticle appointed – the Song of Zechariah.

Canticle *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Then all say together the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

The Sermon The Rev. Margaret Hudley McCauley, *Deacon*

Blessing Over the Candidates for Formation

Cathedral Life

Offertory Sentence

Officiant Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

During the anthem we invite you present your offering using the GivePlus mobile app or through our website www.StJohnsLA.org

Offertory Aria Mein Jesu, ziehe mich nach dir, BWV 22 *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)
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My Jesus, draw me after you,
I am ready, I want to leave here
and go to Jerusalem to your passion.
It is a good thing when I can understand
the importance of this time of suffering and
death thoroughly, as my consolation!

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

All praying together…
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.

℣. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
℟. And grant us your salvation.
℣. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
℟. Let your people sing with joy.
℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟. For only in you can we live in safety.
℣. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
℟. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
℣. Let your way be known upon earth;
℟. Your saving health among all nations.
℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℟. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℟. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

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.*

Collect of the Holy Cross

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The People offer their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Dean Bow down before the Lord.
Officiant Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Psalm 116 *Anthoni van Noordt* (1619-1675)