

Sunday Worship for 28 February 2021

The Second Sunday of Lent

The president says

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The president briefly introduces the service.

The president says

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,
forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A reader says

A reading from the book of 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22.23-end may be said or sung.

The gospeller says

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (8.31-end)

Then he 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

which may end with

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

The president prays

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Our Father(, who art) in heaven...

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and for ever.
All **Amen.**