



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

March 12, 2017: The Second Sunday in Lent at 10:30am

Music

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| Entrance | <i>Steal Away</i> | LEVAS 103 |
| Anthem | <i>I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes</i> <i>I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.</i> <i>My help cometh from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.</i> | Raymond Haan |
| Communion | <i>Wer Nur den lieben Gott</i> <i>Werde Munter</i> | Hymnal 635 Hymnal 336 |
| Exit | <i>Crucifer</i> | Hymnal 473 |
| Postlude | <i>Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, op. 135a, no. 27</i> | Max Reger |

Scripture

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *All sing the refrain after the choir and where indicated.*



My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. **Refrain**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. **Refrain**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. **Refrain**

2nd Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Worship Leaders

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Marc Smith | Crucifer & Chalice | Scott Ferguson |
| Preacher | The Rev. Mike Angell | Chalice | Mary Haggerty |
| Lectors | Cecily Hawksworth | Acolytes | Chloe Olliff, Ben Rose |
| | Alisa Williams | Ushers | Bryant Cooper, Megan Ondr |
| Intercessor | Helen Burton | Altar Guild | Edna Allen, Esther Ezenwa |

Please join us for coffee in Mitchell Parish Hall following the service.

Sunday Book Club (11:45) Join us in the Vestry room (lower level) to discuss John Steinbeck’s “Of Mice and Men” for a fresh look at this classic and see what it has to say to us today. New comers are always welcome.

20's & 30's Brunch (12:30pm) We'll gather after church today in the lounge before heading out for brunch. Join us! If you would like to be added to our email list and hear more about the 20s and 30s ministry, email Ellis Anderson (bowenanderson@hotmail.com).

Contemplative Prayer During Lent – Mondays (5:30-6:00pm, in the chapel) Join us Mondays during Lent in the Holy Communion Chapel (enter through the main door, and come through the church to the chapel) for Contemplative Prayer. We will start with 10 minutes of instruction; then sit for 20 minutes of practice together. If you are interested or have questions, contact Mary Haggerty at celts6@att.net

Wednesday Book Group during Lent – Wednesdays (11:00am) We'll meet weekly during Lent for a study of Madeleine L'Engle's "A Circle of Quiet" before attending the noonday Eucharist (in the chapel), followed by a lunch of soup and bread. All are invited!

FaithQuest will not meet on March 15; enjoy your Spring Break!

Adult Forum March 19 (9:15am) We'll resume our "Making a House a Home" series with The Rev. Hope Jernagen, Executive Director of Magdalene House, who will be with us to talk about this new program, founded through the Episcopal church. Magdalene St. Louis is a residential community for women who have survived lives of sexual exploitation, violence and addiction. Women receive up to two years of housing, healthcare, and a compassionate community of sisterhood and support.

Trinity Hot Meal – next Sunday, March 19 (1:00pm) A hot meal is served every Sunday to people who live near Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End (600 N. Euclid, 63108) and are able to walk to the church, but also homeless in the surrounding area. Each week a different community provides a hot lunch to an average of 65 - 100 guests. Volunteers from Holy Communion will meet next Sunday at Trinity Church at 1pm. For information or to get involved, contact Scott Ferguson at scott@scottfergusonphoto.com or 314-610-2730.

Have you heard about HC Supper Club?! Groups of 6-8 meet in one another's homes for a casual meal every other month. The groups change each time and are assigned at random to give us a chance to get to know each other better. The next Supper Club will be held April 1-2. If you didn't get a chance to sign up at last fall's Ministry Fair or you are new to the parish, email Mary Haggerty (haggertymary79@gmail.com) asap to be included in April's event.

Lord, hear our prayer... Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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| Betty Adams | The Horrell Family | Amy Ondr |
| Larry Bushon | Doris Jones | Alma Shuler |
| Henry Cummings | Jim Krieg | Marylen Stansberry |
| Gayle Danielson | Ernie Last | Jerry Taylor |
| Angeleen Gamache | Bryan Miller | Eduardo Teming |
| Sara Green | Erin Murphy | |
| Regina Hoernschemeyer | Chris Nawrocki | |

To request prayers or remove a name from the list, contact the parish office at 314-721-7401.