



February 25, 2018: The Second Sunday in Lent at 10:30am

Entrance

Take Up Your Cross

Hymnal 675

Offertory Anthem

Sweet Day, So Cool

Howard Helvey

*Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
The bridal of the earth and sky;
The dew shall weep thy fall tonight, for thou must
die.*

*Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses, A box
where sweets compacted lie; My music shows ye
have your closes, and all must die.*

*Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave,
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye;
Thy root is ever in its grave, and thou must die.*

*Only a sweet and virtuous soul, like season'd
timber, never gives; But though the whole world
turn to coal, then chiefly lives.*

Communion Hymns

*My Faith Looks up to Thee
Day by Day*

LEVAS 88

Hymnal 654

Exit

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal 401

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkhardt

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

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

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 18:31-38

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

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.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Preacher	Meg Goldstein
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Lectors	Josephine Ezenwa, Andrew Carpentier
Intercessor	Shirley Mensah
Crucifer	Scott Ferguson
Chalice	Meg Goldstein
Acolytes	Clara Olliff, Amanda Willingham
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, Peter Tchoukaleff
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff

Announcements

Adult Forum – Next Week: Jillian Smith and the Corps Members will give us an update on Deaconess Anne House in north St. Louis. The Deaconess Anne House is a member of The Episcopal Service Corps, a federation of young adult service corps, dedicated to intentional community, spiritual formation, and service to the community.

Lenten Evening Contemplation & Discernment– Wednesdays: (6:00pm, in the chapel) Are you facing one of life's big questions? Are you standing at a time of transition? Be a part of our Lenten discernment group at Holy Communion. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Holy Communion Chapel (enter through the main door, and come through the church to the chapel) for Contemplative Prayer. Each week we'll explore various prayer practices from Silent Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross. The evening prayers will finish by 6:30pm, and we will gather for a simple soup supper. All are welcome to participate in both or either the services of prayer and the dinner/discussion. Join us.

Intergenerational Game Night- March 4 All are invited to intergenerational game night. Bring your favorite game to share. We will provide the main course and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm, so please feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

HC Book Club March 11 at noon. We will discuss Graham Greene's "The Comedians," a thriller set in the Cold War Era. If you love to read, please join us. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Robinson 314-540-9093 or brobin313@aol.com

Pilgrimage March 24 (10:00am -2:00pm) Join us for Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition. This class is especially suited for newcomers, but it is open to all who are exploring. Lunch will be served; RSVP to the parish office (314-721-7401 or office@holycommunion.net).

Godly Play on Sunday mornings! (9:15am) Children are invited to head downstairs at 9:15 for our Montessori-based Christian formation program. Registration is not required. For more info or if you would like to be on the weekly children's ministries email, please contact Heidi Olliff: hmolliff@holycommunion.net.