

Music, Readings & Prayers for Sunday, March 8, 2020
Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Jesus Christ, our Savior* *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Opening Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham praise* *Leoni*

Welcome

Please refer to The Season of Lent booklet for the following:

Opening Acclamation

The Confession

The Absolution

The Trisagion

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson: The Book of 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 121 (8am, spoken; 10am, we invite you to sing the refrain.)

Refrain



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- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep; *Refrain*
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. *Refrain*
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. *Refrain*

The Second Lesson: The Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: **Praise and glory to God.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

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."

Presider: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

New Zealand Prayer Book

The Sermon

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

Affirmation of Faith *(Please refer to the booklet, p5.)*

Prayers of the People *(Please refer to the booklet for body of text, p6.)*

For those in the Episcopal Church

In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for the congregations of Trinity Church, in Saco; and St. George's, in York Harbor; and for Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford.

In our Anglican Cycle we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo.

For those in need of our prayers

We pray for: Steph; Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Mimma; Janice; Scott; Katie; Nick; Marcella; Alec; Libby; Mike; David; Kerry; Gloria; Noreen; Tim; Eric; Sue; Sam; and Stephen. *(Please add your own intercessions.)*

For those who have died:

Gretchen Lane

The Rev. Lanny Wenthe

(Please add your own intercessions.)

(10am) **Anthem at the Offertory**

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*Translation: As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God. Psalm 42:1*

The Holy Eucharist *(Please refer to booklet, p8.)*

(10am) **Communion Hymn 313**

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Recessional Hymn 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Postlude

Jesus Christ, our Savior

Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

Celtic Spirituality Services

Join us this evening! We'll gather for Celtic blessings, music, and teachings during these reflective and peaceful evenings.

March 8 at 7pm: St. Bartholomew's

March 22 at 7pm: First Parish Church, 116 Main St., Yarmouth

April 5 at 7pm: Foreside Community Church, 340 Foreside Rd, Falmouth

Gretchen Lane's memorial service

There will be a **service at Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, in Rochester, NY, on Saturday, March 21.** Please send condolence notes, and sympathy cards to: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane and Family, 1400 East Avenue, #313, Rochester, NY 14610. Memorial contributions in thanksgiving for Gretchen may be made to: *St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, 143 State Street, Portland, ME 04101 or *The Center for Wisdom's Women*, PO Box 1016, Lewiston, ME 04240 (please add "Sophia's House" in the memo line).

May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

There's a **need for pots and pans, particularly large pots with lids**, as families move out of shelters and into apartments. Other kitchen-ware is very helpful too, such as **plates, flatware, utensils, bowls**, etc.

We are also **seeking donations of bath towels, blankets, sheets, comforters, shower curtains** (all clean and in good condition), and **new pillows**. If you can help, please drop off donations in the first floor closet under the stairs (across from the restrooms) and put donations in manageable size bags, ie. not too heavy.

Please note the Pantry no longer accepts clothing.

You may also help by purchasing essential items on the Pantry's Amazon Wish List via the link in the e-bulletin. And, monetary donations are always welcome and can be made using the pre-addressed envelopes in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry!

FMI - Please contact Anne Jacobs, ajacobs207@gmail.com or

Pam Hobson, pamhobson@maine.rr.com.

BOOK NOTES: Yes, We Want Books!

Spring cleaning already? Downsizing? Moving? Or just getting rid of books you have read and are not likely to read again? We want your books!

As we discard books that have been on display for more than a year or two, we are always glad to receive new donations. A spot where your unwanted books can be left is clearly marked. If you are leaving items you no longer want, why not browse while you're there? We have memoir/biography, pets, poetry, suspense/crime, coffee table books, children's books and puzzles, and plenty of fiction and non-fiction. The book room is open for business any time. Shoppers are always welcome. Payment is by the honor system: leave cash or checks in the cash box near the doorway.

For further information, contact Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com), or Linda Perkins (lindaperkins77@gmail.com).

Friendship House - Request for Donations

While Friendship House is most appreciative of the monthly meal we provide, they also have other needs: Paper towels, Bath tissue, 55 gallon trash bags, Disinfectant cleaners, Antibacterial hand soaps, Bath towels, hand towels, Personal hygiene items, Laundry detergent, Work boots, New Pillows, Blankets, and Comforters. Please contact me if you can provide any of the items and I will gladly deliver them, Pam Hobson: 671-6254/ pamhobson@maine.rr.com. **Because of the fire at Friendship House before Thanksgiving they would also appreciate financial donations to cover costs their insurance will not. Envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the entryway.**

Yarmouth Aging in Place Spring Workshop-Saturday March 21, 9-12noon at First Parish Church. Please join your friends and neighbors for another important community conversation. Dr. Peggy Cyr of Maine Medical Partners will deliver our keynote address about how to better partner with your provider/medical team for better health outcomes. Kris Lindsey, RD of Mainely Nutrition will present on Eating Well for 1-2. A panel of your peers will offer ideas for sensible exercise. Free BP checks. Informational displays, giveaways, and door prizes. Free lunch provided by Sue Rowe "and friends". All activities free and open to the public. RSVP requested so we can plan for you to join us. Penny at 846-9297.

The Committee for Housing Choices in Yarmouth

We are inviting your book club, neighborhood, social or civic group to be part of a town-wide book read! We're exploring housing choices for Yarmouth residents that allow seniors to stay in our community, our children to raise their own families here, and town employees to call Yarmouth home as well as a place of employment. **Between NOW and April 26th read one of the following books:**

Evicted– Mathew Desmond

Show Me a Hero– Lisa Belkin

Without a Net– Michelle Kennedy

Color of Law– Richard Rothstein

Golden Gates– Connor Dougherty

The Yellow House– Sarah Broom

During the week of April 26th there will be a series of public forums to include a film series and facilitated discussions on housing choices: the importance of housing choices to Yarmouth, obstacles to housing choices and steps forward. Questions, contact Carla Hunt, musseit@yahoo.com.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors and guests and invite you to join us after worship for coffee/tea. Please be sure to sign the parish guest book in the entryway near the double doors.

Name Tags - We encourage you to wear name tags. If you do not have one, please leave your name on the notepad attached to the nametag board.

Large Print bulletins are available in the back of the church or from one of the ushers.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY DUTIES

March 8: 8AM / 10AM - Second Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Gary Sylvester
Lectors: Mike Perfetti / Pal Covie
Chalice Bearers: Dan Doyon / Dennis Fitzgibbons, Paule French
Bread Baker: Peter Sillin
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Mark Goettel, Lucas Goettel
Nursery Care: **NEEDED, NEEDED**
Coffee Hour Hosts: Pam Hobson, Michele Johns
Counters: Harriet Davis, Pal Covie
Snow Care (3/8-3/14): Peter Sillin, John Duncan
VPOWs: Gregg Hoerr / Dennis Fitzgibbons

March 15: 8AM / 10AM - Third Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Jamie Michaud
Lectors: Sue Wheat / Harriet Davis
Chalice Bearers: Linda Perkins / Pal Covie, Barbara Barhydt
Bread Baker: Susannah White
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Dennis Fitzgibbons, Ken Pooley
Nursery Care: Ben Damasco, **NEEDED**
Coffee Hour Hosts: Jamie Michaud, Lisa Fitzgibbons
Counter: Dennis Fitzgibbons, Susie Soule
Snow Care (3/15-3/21): Doug Reighley
VPOWs: Lu Tingley / Anne Berg

March 22: 8AM / 10AM - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Anne Antz, Linda Perkins / Jamie Michaud
Lectors: Nina Scribner / Ian-Meredythe Lindsey
Chalice Bearers: Jan Burson / Michele Johns, Rick Ramseyer
Bread Baker: Heather Sylvester
Flower Arranger: Barbara Barhydt - Green Plant
Ushers: Nick Desiderio, Tom Hyndman
Nursery Care: Owen Redfield, Cornelius Welsh
Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy Abernathy, Linda Draper
Counters: Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo
Snow Care(3/21-3/28): Gregg Hoerr
VPOWs: Ann Donaghy / Michele Johns

Collect For Quiet Confidence (BCP 1979)

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Desires Known

**Spirit of comfort and longing,
enfold my fear,**

unclothe my pride,

unweave my thoughts,

uncomplicate my heart,

and give me surrender:

that I may tell my wounds,

soak in your grace,

and be made whole.

May I welcome myself,

You, and others this day

with joy and gladness.

Amen. (adapted, Janet Morley)



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