



Sunday, February 28, 2021  
The Second Sunday of Lent  
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Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The Second Sunday of Lent  
February 28, 2021  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word of God

Sentence of Scripture (Lent)

BCP 76

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 Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen

Officiant:  
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

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.

Antiphon (In Lent...) BCP 81  
Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy  
All: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate BCP 82  
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon BCP 81  
Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy  
All: Come let us adore him.

Psalms 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus* BCP 611  
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.

A Reading from 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."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Song of Penitence

BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*

they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 4:13-25

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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Song to the Lamb BCP 93

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

The Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38  
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."

Sermon Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader  
Sermon by Katrina Whitley

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96  
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 Prayers

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

#### *Officiant and People*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrage B

BCP 9

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain

Collect of the Day (Second Sunday Lent) BCP 218

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Lent During COVID

As we face this second Lenten season during a pandemic, let us not focus on what we might give up, but on what we might do to bring joy to our lives and those of others. Let us take precaution to protect and serve the lives of those for whom we love and care. May we keep our eyes and hearts looking forward to the time when we are able to worship together, embracing our survival and our future, centered on our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All may offer their own prayers & thanksgivings now, either aloud or in your hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

*Officiant and People:*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all  
your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the

midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
*Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

UPCOMING SERVICES:

3/7 Morning Prayer Rite 2, The Rev. Dan Buchin officiating

3/14 Morning Prayer Rite 2, The Rev. Dan Buchin officiating

3/21 Morning Prayer Rite 2, The Rev. Dan Buchin officiating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/2 Ever Hope Cuyler's birthday

3/15 Jan Buchin's birthday

3/15 Sunil Abraham's birthday

3/18 Bob Welke's birthday

3/21 Bishop Gibb's birthday

3/25 Natalie Linden's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

3/1 David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544

3/2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672

3/3 John & Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed & Audrey Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Bob Bird; Donna Tomecek-Schiller; Jamie & Marvin; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Kristin & Matthew; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Jim Barancin; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the

Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker; Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender; Bud Leafdale; Jessica's aunt; John Martin; Margaret Grose; our community; job recovery; Darrien Baker; Baby D; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Matthews' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda Hesselink; Terry Johnson; Carrie Cook; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al Ellerholz; Vicki Hesse; Beth Rowley; Eric Travis; Kim Pratt; Lonnie Arnold; Corky Squires

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised  
IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; Trinity Church, Farmington Hills; St John's, Howell; St Luke's, Santiago, DR

LENTEN DIOCESAN BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays February 24, March 3, 10, & 17 at 7pm  
via Zoom

All are welcome to join us for this year's Lenten Book Study! On each Wednesday during Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 24, we will be discussing a section of The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers' book *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation*.

The Rev. Canon Spellers will join our book study on March 17!

Join the meeting:

<https://edomi-rg.zoom.us/j/83229025585?pwd=SkhxaHJ1aG50TTk5cENxK0ljUFNwdz09>

Or, call 929-436-2866, then enter Meeting ID 832 2902

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We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship & fellowship when the pandemic is over!

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