

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Ministry Assistants Today:

Lector: *Jill Duink*

Intercessor: *Nils vanAmmers*

Usher: *Nils vanAmmers*

Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*

[Silence for prayer and preparation]

(+standing; ++ sitting; +++ sitting or kneeling as you are able)

Prelude

+Opening Hymn # 665

All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymnal 1982

+Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures forever.

+++Confession

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Absolution

+Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

++The Lessons *(attached)*

Megan Bartlett

Gradual Hymn # 488

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal 1982

+The Gospel

++Sermon

Opposition to God's Love

Rev. Koshy Mathews

+An Affirmation of Faith

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+++Prayers of the People - Form III *(attached)*

Nils vanAmmers

+The Peace

++Offertory Hymn

+Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

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+The Post-Communion Prayer

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+The Blessing

+Closing Hymn # 441

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymnal 1982

+The Dismissal

Postlude

First Reading – Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a servant born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

All Thanks be to God

Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (13:31-35)**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, Lord Christ

Prayers of the People - Form III

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.
Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.
Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, we pray.
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, especially in our search for a new rector.
People God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.
Intercessor Let us pray for healing for **Bill, Sally, The McHoul Family, Fran, Sister Sagrario, Vinnie, Mary, Fox, Russell, Erika, Steve, Gemma, Connie, Margie, Jerry, Bonnie, Jack, and Barb** *(silence)*
Let us pray for the healing of all who are suffering from the virus and other diseases.
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(silence)*
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
People That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Harry Burkhardt**. We also pray for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant Let us pray together for **the People of Ukraine.**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom to perceive that warring is contrary to your purpose for humans,
discernment to recognize the cost of war leading to destruction of lives and nature,
and compassion for those whose lives ruined and hopes are robbed.
Guide their decisions, granting them a vision of a world where war shall be no more.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray that each of us may be instruments of your peace.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

(This prayer is adapted from a prayer by the two Archbishops of the Church of England, Justin Welby, and Stephen Cottrell for our use. The additions shown in italics are by my friend, The Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh.)