

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

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The Second Sunday of Lent



The Call of Abraham

Morning Prayer With Zoom Option

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Today Sara Shaw leads us in Morning Prayer.

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide. Hymns today are in the blue "Common Praise" hymnals, with the one extra hymn from a different source printed in the bulletin.*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Officiant Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
Isaiah 55.6, 7

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:8–9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

All **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 neighbours 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 upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

 **Processional Hymn: "To Abraham and Sarah"**

CP-468

Officiant O We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord,
All **and you will sustain us.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God,
All **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Officiant Cast us not away from your presence
All **and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Officiant Give us the joy of your saving help again
All **and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.**

Officiant Blessed are you, O Holy One,
All **the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.**

Officiant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

🎵 **Invitatory Hymn:** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" CP-410

The Proclamation of the Word

First readingⁱⁱ - *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Our reader is Josie

In a time of migration of peoples about 4,000 years ago, Terah has travelled west with his son Abraham, Abraham's wife Sarah and his grandson Lot from Ur, near the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. They have settled for a time in Haran. Upon Terah's death, Abraham comes to centre-stage.

Now 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All Thanks be to God!

🎵 **Psalm**ⁱⁱⁱ - *Psalm 121*

Our cantor is Andy

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



The Most Ho - ly One watch - es o - ver you.

Refrain: The Most Holy One watches over you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth.

[Refrain]

Who will not let your foot be moved who watches over you and will not fall asleep.

Behold, God keeps watch over Israel and will not slumber nor sleep; **[Refrain]**

God watches over you; a shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **[Refrain]**

Our God shall preserve you from all evil; and shall keep you safe.

God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

[Refrain]

Second reading - Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Our reader is Man

Paul has written that one can attain a right relationship with God through faith, without living by Mosaic law. Now he takes Abraham as an example; he asks: what can we conclude about coming to God by faith rather than by Law?

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 does not work but 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. For 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 transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who 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.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God!

 **Gospel Acclamation: "Glory and Praise to You"** CP-716
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

Reader The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah has been told that most people will reject God's message, preferring their traditional ways. Now Nicodemus, a devout and learned leader in Judaism, shows himself to be so steeped in traditional ways of thinking about God that he rejects Jesus' teaching about how to enter the Kingdom of God.

Now 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 unless God is with that person." 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 the 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.

All The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

 **Gospel Acclamation:** “*Glory and Praise to You*” CP-716
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Homily – via video The Venerable Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude Natan Bádue

The Canticle – A Song of Humility – Hosea 6:1-6
*Read alternately by left side and **right side***

Come let us return to the Lord who has torn us and will heal us.

God has stricken us and will bind up our wounds.

After two days, God will revive us, and on the third day will raise us up, so that we may live in the presence of the Lord.

Let us strive to know the Lord, whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise.

God will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.

“O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? How shall I deal with you, O Judah?

Your love for me is like the morning mist, like the dew that goes early away.

**Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets,
and my judgement goes forth as the light.**

For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

 **Creed:** “*I Believe in God Almighty*” CP-44

 **Meditation Hymn:** “*Our Darkness is Never Darkness*” CP-549

Prayers of the People led by Val

Leader Let us offer our intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, saying,
“God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.”

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,
All God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,
All God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader For all whom we have injured or offended,
All God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,
All God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.
 After a period of silence, the following concluding prayer is said.*

Leader Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.^{iv}

All Amen.

The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.

The Passing of the Peace

Celebrant Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. *Romans 5: 1,2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.^{vi}

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

 **Offertory Hymn – "Fight the Good Fight"** CP-503

Offertory Sentence

Officiant I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Thanksgiving Prayer

Officiant Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things.

All **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray,

All **Holy God, whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking: transform the
night-time of our fear into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.**

Officiant Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

The Lord's Prayer *"The Lord's Prayer"*

SGP-12

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: *"Tree of Life"*

CP-179

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

All **Amen.**



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Liturgical Notes:

- In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.
- *Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the “Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word and Night Prayer” (2001)*
- *Hymns, unless noted otherwise, are from the “Common Praise” hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. All other hymns are licenced via: OneLicence Church Music copyright permission.*

Endnotes

ⁱ Artist unknown. Title “The Call of Abraham” Multiple images on the net.

ⁱⁱ The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the montreal.anglican.org site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

^{iv} The Prayers of the People are from Pray Without Ceasing.