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First Sunday of Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, February 21, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN *Jesu, Mein Freude (Jesus, my Joy)*
Setting by Johann Christian Rinck (1770-1846)

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O GOD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O GOD, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵Remember, O GOD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O GOD.

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁸You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

⁹All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *The glory of these forty days* **H 143**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
 *5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
 5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
 5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Jim Tomanek, Tahnee Horn, Logan Johnson, Brianna Warner, and Payton Johnson

Anniversaries:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For those in our hearts, especially John V., Connie, Jamie, Kobe, Hayden, Dick, Pat G., Amy, Paige, Nancy, Bailey, Norma, Byron, Sharon, JoEY, Helen, Jim, Danielle, Susan, Devon, Bill, Harold, Heather, Amelia, Melissa, David, Karen, Ellie, Tom, Maggie, Sandra, Logan, Jean, Heidi, Mark, Abby, Paul, Carolyn, Ginny, Linda, Joe, Shirley, Sharon, Norm, Joey, Bob, Tom, Lorraine, Barb, Kate, Kellie, John and Recia. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Intermezzo*

Carole Seitz, Piano and Ricardo Amador, Violin

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
[*Amen.*]

Communion will be distributed in “drive up” fashion in the western parking lot along 208th St. after the service until 12:30 pm.

COMMUNION HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus*
setting by Paul Manz

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

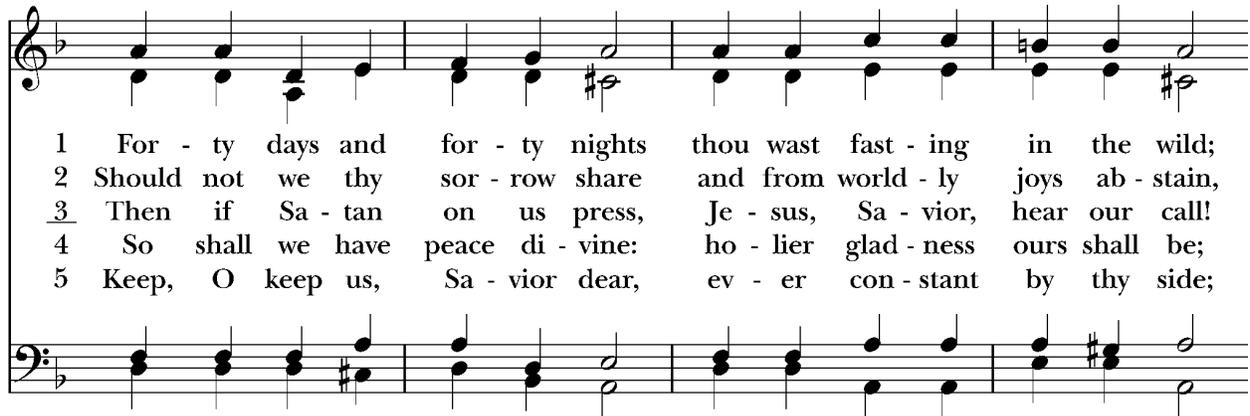
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Forty days and forty nights (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich)* (H 150)



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Coffee Fellowship

Join members of the St. A's family on Zoom **Today at 11:30 am (following this service)** for an interactive online social hour.

Elaine Randall Book Club

February's read is Abi Dare's **The Girl with the Louding Voice**. Sometime ago it was on a Kindle Daily Deal so several of you may have it. We are looking for someone to lead the discussion.

Heidi Sell recommended **Dancing in The Mosque** by Homeira Qaderi. It is about Afghanistan, and Heidi Sell has offered to lead it with Massouda. People reacted positively to the book suggestion, and we will try to get Heidi and Massouda to join us in March, if possible.

Sister, Brother, Let Us Serve You

We now have many volunteers for parish members who request them for our new service ministry of "Acts of Love". All we need now is people to sign up for assistance. Do you need tutoring for your school age child, a cooked meal, to be driven to an appointment or ??? Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** to see the full list of possible ways volunteers can assist you.

If you see a few ways we could make your life a little easier, please mark them along with a preferred way to contact you and the best day and time. If there is something you need that is *not* listed, fill it in and we will do our best to find a volunteer with that skill.

If you have questions, email Barb Hall at **barbhall_18301@yahoo.com**

See Old Friends—Make New Friends Chat

Several members of the parish think we need more conversation to get through the winter! Please join us on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for an hour to just talk about whatever is on your mind.

Anyone you think might like to get on to chat is eligible—men or women, Episcopalians or not, just come, visit, meet new people, and enjoy an hour of conversation on Zoom. The link can be found [here](#).

Trouble, contact Sandra Squires at sksquires@cox.net or Carol Ott at cdianneott@icloud.com.

United Thank Offering in Lent

For a year we have been struggling with a PANDAMIC! We have not been in our church (in house) but on line we have continued our worship. 2021 is an opportunity to believe that we are strong!! We face this year with faith that we are capable of being light and love to others because we are surrounded by the light and love of Christ.

United Thank Offering has shown out in the darkness for over 130 years thanks to all of us sharing the light and love through the radical act of giving thanks.

This year, we will make Lent a UTO season, spending our weeks in Lent reflecting on all the good that God still puts in our lives, and invite everyone to bring the “little blue boxes” forward on Easter Sunday, when we will have a Eucharistic service outdoors on the lawn (weather plans pending), and gather them in.

Lent Calendar

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which will be February 17th this year. Our special Lenten services will include:

- Sunday, March 28th: Palm Sunday service, online at 10:30 am
Thursday, April 1st: Maundy Thursday service, online at 6:30 pm
Friday, April 2nd: Stations of the Cross with Organ at Noon
Good Friday service, online at 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 3rd: Holy Saturday service, online at 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 4th: Easter Sunday, on the front lawn and online at 10:30 am, with United Thank Offering ingathering (“Bring Your Own Lawn Chair”)

Please see announcements for other special activities, including picking up Pancake Mix for “Shrove Sunday” or “Shrove Tuesday” at home, burying the Alleluia banner and bringing it back forth before Easter, and United Thank Offering boxes!

Lent in a Bag

We are using Building Faith's idea for Lent in a Bag with a few of our own personal extras.

“Might there be a stony place in you that needs transforming? Some attitude or habit that, with a little attention, might even become a gift for you and others?”

We are sending these in the hopes that they will assist you in practicing Lent from home this year. In addition to the items in the bag, we include instructions and reflections to go with each item.

We will have items that can be used for prayer and reflection, items that can be used to create a "resurrection garden", ribbons to write Alleluia and "bury" until Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, and UTO Boxes (please see UTO Box information in separate announcement).

Lent Bags may be picked up along with communion on after the service on Sunday, Feb. 21 until 12:30 pm.

Episcopal Women's History Project Lenten Series

EWHP is presenting a series telling the stories of six women who have made an impact on the Episcopal Church. There will be time for discussion and questions. **The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker**, President of EWHP will be emcee. The sessions will be presented as a Zoom experience where there is room for all who wish to participate. Ash Wednesday is on February 17, 2021; the **series will begin on Thursday, February 18, and continuing on February 25, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25.** Mark your calendars!

Of special interest to many Nebraskans is the **March 18 Session** titled: **Hope, Joy, and Wonder: The Hymns of Rae E. Whitney**

Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett, Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music, Virginia Theological Seminary, and President, Association of Anglican Musicians, will present a celebration of the life and work of the Nebraska hymn poet, the prolific author of over 500 hymns. Participants will encounter a number of Whitney's texts and explore the importance of including women's voices in worship.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday services over the coming weeks include several opportunities to receive Holy Communion. Here is a full schedule through Easter Sunday.

All Sunday services are at **10:30 am:**

Sunday, February 21 st :	Holy Eucharist Online; Parking Lot Distribution from 11:30-12:30
Sunday, February 28 th :	Morning Prayer Online
Sunday, March 7 th :	Morning Prayer Online
Sunday, March 14 th :	Morning Prayer Online
Sunday, March 21 st :	Holy Eucharist Online; Parking Lot Distribution from 11:30-12:30
Sunday, March 28 th :	Palm Sunday Online
Sunday, April 4 th :	Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist online and on-the-lawn at church!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Capital Campaign Update for Feb 21, 2021

The cold this past week has slowed us down, with a few days of unsafe working conditions. That said, on days when it was warm enough, we've had our first few new walls go up! You can begin to see the frame of the new building, and those walls should begin going up faster as the weather improves. We hope to do another drone flyover as the weather turns nicer again.

Other good progress is that they were able to get the new septic tank in before the ground froze hard. The next big step on the septic system expansion will be to move Morgan Hall (our garden shed) to its new slab a bit farther north (this frees up the flatter area to run "laterals" off of the septic system, which allow it to create a leech field for ground reclamation). The shed move should be accomplished in the next few weekends as our subcontractors work to catch up a bit on our project and others, which is good timing because the ground will need to thaw a bit before our next serious digging steps.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Fr Ben with questions or comments at rector@sainta.net!