

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

Theme: Many terrible tragedies fell upon the Jews. While some believed it was their own fault for their lack of repentance, Jesus had a different message. Repent, not to escape tragedy, but that they might bear good fruit.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *A time for silence*

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us with your everlasting love, and forgive us all our offenses, cleanse us from proud thoughts, and remove empty desires. Draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God whose love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God Jesus died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Make Me a Servant

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant,
make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Merciful God, You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful nation who serves you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

King of Kings
Faith Timney/Criz Paclibar

G. Bullock

FIRST READING:

Psalm 122
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL:

Luke 13:1-9; 31-35
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

...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.**

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

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**REFRAIN: Lead me, guide me along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. REFRAIN**

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. REFRAIN**

**I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE