

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dorothy Rodgers, *alto saxophone*; Edwin R. Taylor, *organ*

### A Penitential Order

#### The Processional Hymn 401

*Leoni*

Verses 1 and 5 only, at 8:00 a.m.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

#### The Decalogue

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 317

*The Celebrant says*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
*And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
*And write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

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

### Confession of Sin

BCP, 320

**Kyrie** 8:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

BCP, 356  
Hymnal, S 92

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you  
*People* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Reading from the Book of Genesis [11:1-4a]

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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos*  
Said at 8:00  
Sung at 10:15

Tone VI

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [4:1-5, 13-17]**

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 without works 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn 634** 10:15 a.m.

*Ich ruf zu dir*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [3:1-17]**

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 apart from the presence of God." 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 a 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Robert Douglas

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, 358

**The Prayers of the People Form I**

BCP, 383

Announcements

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Solo**

*Then Shall the Righteous* (from **ELIJAH**)

Hayes Ubillos, *tenor*

Félix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*The Altar is prepared for Communion. Please note that the ministry of St. Mark's is funded exclusively through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We deeply appreciate your generosity this morning. If you would like to make a gift, you can access our secure donation page using this QR code, or text "GIVE" to 1-844-584-9160 to receive the link via text.*

**The Doxology** *Verse 3 only*

Hymnal, 380

**Eucharistic Prayer B** *Standing*

BCP, 367

**Sanctus**

*After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel*

Hymnal, S 122

**Memorial Acclamation**

Hymnal, S 136

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, S 119

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal, S 154

**Agnus Dei**

Hymnal, S 160

○ Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

**The Communion Anthem**

*Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord* (from **ELIJAH**)

Chancel Choir

Mendelssohn

**The Post-Communion Hymn 668** *10:15 a.m.*

*Burford*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP, 366

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn 636**

*Verses 1 and 5 only, at 8:00 a.m.*

*Foundation*

**The Dismissal** *The People respond saying "Thanks be to God."*

**Postlude**

*Song No. 11* (from **SONGS OF HOME**)

Dorothy Rodgers, *alto saxophone*; Edwin R. Taylor, *organ*

Edwin R. Taylor

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Zibby, Carol, Randee, Lou, Jessie, Linda, Aurora, Cindy, Paton Family, Rita, Andrea, Rick, Debbie, Doug, Cindy, Sandy, Jimmy, Eric, Mark, Jack, Pauline, Rob, Joy, Amber, Melissa, Phillip, Rebecca, Rachel, Deno, Zack, Alex, Marie, Anike, David, Julie, Mickey, Denise, Rosemarie, Sue, Chris, Vincent, Anita, Doug, Janet, Carlos, Juan Carlos, Carol, Lou, Attlee, Gabe, Jim, Kim, Megan, Beverly, Lloyd, John, Gordon, Connie, Francene, Stephen, Carla, Denise, Mareynah, Anthony, June, Enil, Joe, Susan, Marysue, Juliet. (Please help us update our prayer list; call the church office, 962-3089, with names to be added or removed).

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, for our Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina and Western Louisiana; for Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island.

### SERVING TODAY

**8:00**

**Vergers:** David Schutte

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Bouchard, Jim Minsterl

**Lectors:** Jan Fisher, David Schutte

**Usher:** Bob Stringer

**Greeter:** Beth Ries

**Sound Board:** Kathi Bess

**10:15**

**Vergers:** Jack Overton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Johnson, Diana Overton, Susie Towater

**Acolyte:** Marie Dorman

**Lectors:** Yvonne Fraser, Candy Brandt

**Ushers:** Tom Szelistowski, Joanie Ellerbe

**Sound Board:** Kathi Bess

**Altar:** Aue Adderley, Kathi Bess, Ed Bouchard, Gretchen Feldman, Andrea Pegues, Becky Jenkins, Sandra Potts, Petra Consolo, Marie Dorman

**Decoration for Lent:** Flower Guild

