

*sanctify the people through his own blood.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** "My Song is Love Unknown" Mark Schweitzer

*This text is found in Hymn 458*

*Karoline Sears, flute*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339):**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**\*FINAL HYMN 473:** "Lift high the cross"

*Crucifer*

**POSTLUDE:** Improvisation on *Crucifer*

**Today's Celebrant & Servers**

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music – Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer/Acolytes-, Alice Pumbo, Steve Hartz, JJ Moran

Thurifer–Chris Henry, MC-David Kennison

Greeters: Anne Kennison & Jim Wingate, Lector: Rembert Herbert

Counters: Sue Hartz & Ralph Pumbo

**WELCOME GUESTS**-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during Mass upstairs in the Great Hall.

**FAURE REQUIEM TODAY** 2/25 3PM join us for a special Evening Service featuring the Music of the Faure Requiem. A number of guest will join the St Cecilia choir to offer this beautiful evening of music as the final service of Andrew Krystopolski's time as musical director at St. George's.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**- Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays at 5:30PM during the season of Lent.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY** Saint George's is proud to announce that we have hired a new Director of Music Ministry! Brandon Dumas is a gifted, accomplished, musician and choir director as well as being an all around nice guy. He has served as an organist and choir director in several large Episcopal congregations and cathedrals around the world, but the capital district here in New York is his home. Brandon grew up worshiping and serving at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany where his parents are still active members. Brandon will begin his role as Director of Music Ministry on March 1, 2018 and take up residency in St. George's house sometime shortly after that date.

**BIBLE STUDY** Join us Sundays at 9am in the Shaw Lounge (Great Hall) as we study the Book of Hebrews.

**BISHOP'S OFFICIAL VISIT & RECEPTION**-There will a reception and refreshments after the official visit and confirmation by the Bishop on March 4th immediately after the 10 AM service.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Our next date for theology on tap are Mar 8th at the Van Dyck 7:30 PM. The topic will be, "Bad Habits: How we form them, how to break them." "

**LENTEN SUPPER SERIES** Running throughout Lent (with the exception of tonight 2/25) St. George's will be hosting a Lenten discussion series Sunday evenings at 6PM based on Anglican Bishop NT Wright's Surprised by Hope. In

six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, Wright, a premiere biblical scholar, opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions will include a potluck supper. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church with each date listed separately.

**ALL ON THE SAME PAGE** St. George's book club will meet on April 8th following the 10 AM Mass. The title is "Behold the Dreamers"

**CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY**- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission. Please remember to donate when doing your grocery shopping. This food goes toward providing regular meals for the poor.

**LENTEN OUTREACH** - During Lent St George's will be devoting special attention to The City Mission food pantry. Please remember the City Mission food pantry when doing your food shopping. You are encouraged to commit to placing forty items in the City Mission food pantry during Lent - one for each day!

**WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING** Every Wednesday Sacred Harp tunebook in the Great Hall. More information at albanysacredharp.org.

**Schedule:** February 28 in the Great Hall 6-8:30 PM.

**EASTER FLOWERS & St. GEORGE DAY DONATIONS**-

Collections have started for Easter flowers and for St. George's Day.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S**

**Sunday, February 25** *THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT*

9:00 Bible Study

9:30 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

3PM Evening Service with music from the Faure Requiem

**Monday, February 26** Lenten Feria

**Tuesday, February 27** George Herbert, Priest

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Rite I Mass

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, February 28** Oswald, Abbot at York

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Thursday, March 1**

*David Bishop of Menevia, Wales*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

**Friday, March 2**

*Chad Bishop of Lichfield*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 3** Lenten Feria

**Parish Intercessions**-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Christian, Francis, Richard, and Sam.

**Birthdays:** Karen Forshaw 2/27

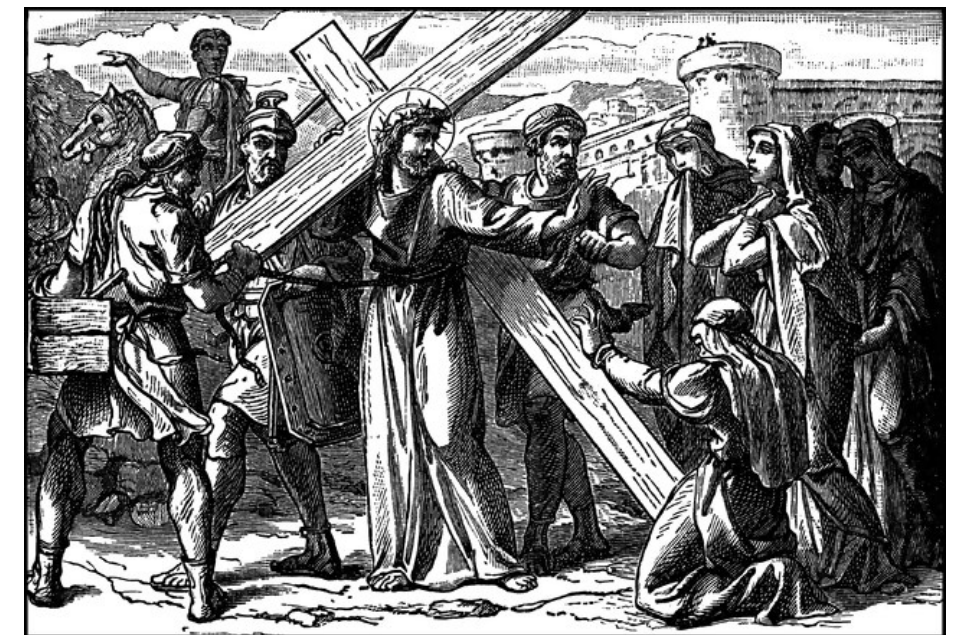
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February 25, 2018

## The Second Sunday in Lent

**PRELUDE:** Psalm-Prelude No. 2, Set One Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*"But the meek shall inherit the earth;  
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" Ps. 37:11*

**HYMN 401:** "The God of Abraham praise" *Leoni*

**INTROIT:** *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusteth in him and I am helped and therefore with my song will I praise him. Glory be...*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

**THE DECALOUGE (BCP 317)**

**CONFESSION (BCP 319)**

**Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.*

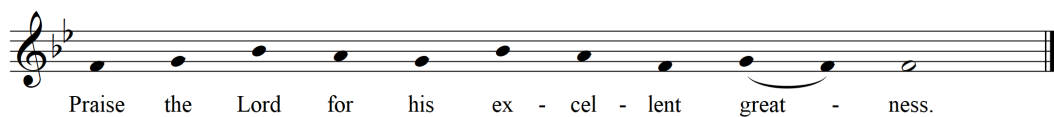
**KYRIE ELEISON: S-89** "Missa Verbum caro factum est" arr. McGregor

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:***Celebrant The Lord be with you.**People And with thy spirit.**Celebrant Let us pray.*

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." *Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.***Psalm 22: 22-30** Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 4: 13-25**

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.**People: Thanks be to God.***SEQUENCE HYMN 455:** "O Love of God, how strong and true" *Dunedin*

**TRACT:** *O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing psalms unto him; talk ye of his wondrous works. Glory ye in his name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8: 31-38** *stand**Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord**People: Praise to thee, O Christ***THE SERMON***Fr. Matt Stromberg***NICENE CREED (BCP 327)***stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy**

**Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)****WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** *Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb; so he opened not his mouth.*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 145:** "Now quit your care" *Quittez Passeurs*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)***The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:**Celebrant The Lord be with you.**People And with thy spirit.**Celebrant Lift up your hearts.**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.**People It is meet and right so to do.*

**Celebrant:** *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying...*

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS S-117** *Missa Verbum Caro factum est***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334)***kneel***LORD'S PRAYER****THE FRACTION (BCP 337):***Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!**People: Therefore Let us keep the feast**Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you**People: And with thy spirit***AGNUS DEI from An Anglican Folk Mass**

Martin Shaw

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world**People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof but speak the word only and I shall be healed***THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:***(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)***COMMUNION SENTENCE:** *So Jesus also suffered outside of the gate to*