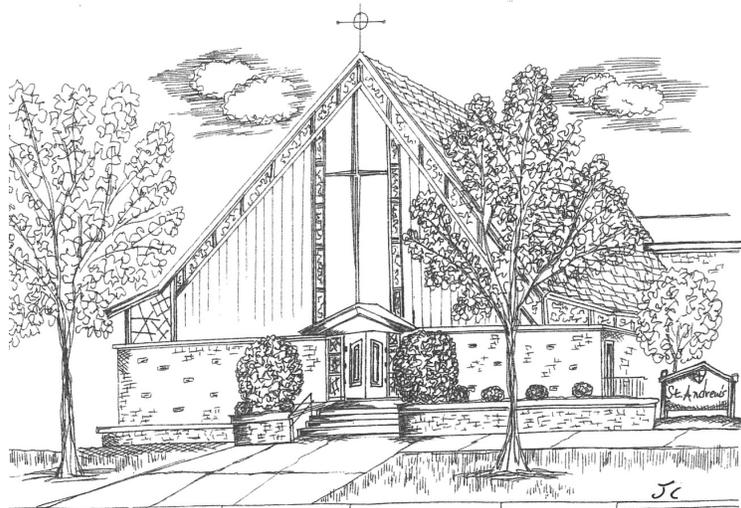


The Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Newport News, Virginia

An Invitation to a Lenten Practice of Stillness

Dear friends,

Lent is a gift. The Church gives us this season to prepare ourselves for the miracle and glory of Easter. In our corporate worship, we forego flowers; we refrain from saying “Alleluia;” our music is more somber; we adorn the altar in purple. We do those things to remind ourselves of the season we have entered, the Church’s time of solemn preparation for the joy heading our way.

As individuals, we often mark Lent by changing our habits: giving something up (chocolate? Facebook? negative speech?) and/or by taking on a new practice (daily Bible reading? additional worship? meditative walks?). Whatever we choose, the purpose is to draw us closer to God by refocusing our attention and making more space in our lives and our hearts.

One way to make more space for Jesus in our lives and in our hearts is to hold still and simply listen. But in our busy lives and noisy world, those things can be hard to do. This Lent, therefore, I invite you to join me in a practice of keeping silence together in our sanctuary prior to Sunday morning worship. Let us offer ourselves and one another the gift of peace and stillness, making space for private prayer and reflection in those quiet moments.

In I Kings 19, Elijah stands on the mountain waiting for God, whom he finds not in the wind or earthquake or fire but only after sheer silence. May our intentional hush of silence prior to worship this season be a place where we, too, will encounter God.

Blessings. -Anne

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Keeping Silence Together

James 4:8(a)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

How can you use this quiet time to draw near to God?

Prelude *in D Minor*

Francois Couperin

Announcements

The Great Litany (in procession)

BCP 148

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

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.

The Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

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 Psalm 121

- 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.

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.

Gradual Hymn *I will change your name*

1. *I will change your name; you shall no longer be called wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.*

I will change your name; your new name shall be confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one; faithfulness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.

2. *I will heal your heart; you shall no longer be hurt, fearful, bruised, doubting, or inflamed.*

I will heal your heart; your new heart shall feel

*trustfulness, happiness, the healing touch of God:
truthfulness, warmth, and joy, the Lord's anointing love.*

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The Gospel John 3:1-17

Response before: ***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.”

Response after: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Marc Vance

The Nicene Creed

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The Peace

A Word about Holy Communion...

We invite all who wish to follow Jesus to be baptized,
and we invite all baptized Christians to receive
the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood.

All are welcome at the altar rail:
the baptized for communion, everyone for a blessing.

If you need gluten-free bread, just inform the clergy serving you at the altar.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Remember

arr. Brad Norris

Presentation of Alms and Oblations

*All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

Hymn

My country 'tis of thee

Hymnal 717 (verse 4)

*Our Father's God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

The Great Thanksgiving; Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus and Benedictus

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*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.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover (spoken)

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Administration of Communion

Agnus Dei

Giovanni Pergolesi

Sarah Charlock and Shannon McCall, soprano

Hymns for Choir and Congregation: **691, 635**

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitor(s)

Solemn Prayer

*(In the season of Lent, in lieu of a blessing,
the priest says a solemn prayer.)*

Recessional Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

1. *Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)*
2. *Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)*
3. *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)*
4. *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J. S. Bach

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Marc Vance

The Rev. Carol M. Chamberlain

Lector/Prayers: Linda Coffman, Sarah Charlock

Chalicers: Roman Klinger, Lindsey Nicolai

Ushers: Francis Wong, Bill Von Ohlen, Debi Nicolai, Rob Jones

Acolytes: Roman Klinger, Rachel Klinger, Grace Duregger

Greeters: Karen Wharton, Doug Burgoyne

Children's Chapel: Allie Wittkamp

Announcements

The Great Litany

As this is the first Sunday in Lent, we will pray *The Great Litany* as the opening procession. The Great Litany is an ancient form of intercessory prayer, first used in the 5th century. The Litany begins by calling upon the Triune God to have mercy on us; continues with petitions for protection from evil and disaster; invokes Christ's saving work; and includes many general intercessions, including the plea for God to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers.

All are welcome to participate in the procession.

Healing Stations

This morning healing stations will be available at the time of communion: two in front of the lectern, one in St. Nicholas Chapel, and one in the cloakroom. If you would like to receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil on behalf of yourself or for someone else, please stand or kneel at a healing station.

Christian Formation

- Children's Chapel meets in the Youth House following the reading of the Gospel during the 10:30 AM service.
- The Episcopal Youth Community meets at noon in the Parish Hall.
- The Adult Forum will meet next Sunday, March 15 at 9:15 AM in the parish hall to explore "Signs of Life: Why Church Matters." Anne Kirchner will lead the discussion on "Water."

Wednesday in Lent - March 11

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| 7:30 AM | Lenten service |
| 8:00 AM | Breakfast hosted by Judy Carey |
| 11:00 AM | Holy Eucharist II with Healing |
| 7:00 PM | Lenten evening study, <i>Toxic Charity</i> , Chapters 3 & 4
(with coffee and dessert) |

PORT Emergency Winter Shelter

We will be assisting Denbigh United Presbyterian Church with PORT on Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25. Sign up sheets are available in the Main Street Lobby for the three shifts or you may email Rachel Roby (saec0371@gmail.com) to volunteer.

We will be needing people on site to work with those we are feeding, but we also need cooks who could cook at home: Scallop Potato casserole or Lemon Squares. Both can be made from box mix and we will provide disposable pans. For the breakfast we will need egg stratus (recipe provided), made ahead and cooked on site. All will need to be brought to St. Andrew's by noon on Tuesday, March 24. We will also need donations of dinner rolls, water, tea, ground coffee, milk, jam, and cereals. (Bring these to the church office rather than putting them in the food baskets.) And, of course, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please call Cris Oman if you have any questions (252-312-8866).

Vacation Bible School - Is It Going to Happen?

While we are aware that the response date to volunteer for Vacation Bible School is April 19, we are concerned that to date only two St. Andrew's parishioners have volunteered. Approximately 34 adult volunteers (18 years and older) are needed as well as younger youth. Please check your calendars for July 27-31 to see if you can be a VBS helper and then let Margaret Bivins or Cris Oman know.

Precautions in Worship to Prevent the Spread of Illness

Here at St. Andrew's, we are implementing the following practices laid out by Bishop Haynes to help prevent the spread of illness:

In General:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Stay home when you are sick

During the Peace

- Do not shake hands
- Greet one another verbally or with contact that does not include touching skin (a nod, a bow, a side hug, an elbow bump, etc.)
- Be especially respectful of people who do not wish to pass the Peace.

At Communion

Altar party members including clergy will exit the service just after the Peace in order to wash their hands thoroughly before Communion.

Taking Communion by dipping the bread in the wine (Intinction) should be avoided. Intinction actually spreads more germs than does drinking from the shared cup.

Receiving the bread only is entirely sufficient and people may bypass the Chalice if they prefer.

New St. Andrew's Mission Statement

As we enter a second century at St. Andrew's and begin to imagine all the possibilities for our new multipurpose outreach facility, the vestry developed and unanimously approved a new mission statement. After almost a year of study and discussion, we are ready to share it with you. Please keep your eyes open for more information in upcoming communications!

*St. Andrew's: Building God's Kingdom
through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship*