



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

¶ All stand as the Celebrant and other Ministers enter

Acclamation

Celebrant Bless ✝ the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

¶ The Deacon then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ Celebrant and People, all kneeling

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;
and there is no health in us.

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.

¶ The Celebrant alone says

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. *¶ People Amen.*

Trisagion

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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

O GOD, WHOSE GLORY IT IS ALWAYS to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Lesson

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 multiply you exceedingly.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.” And God said to Abraham, “As for Sar’ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar’ai, 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 be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

¶ All stand for the reading of the Gospel

The Gospel

MARK 8:31-38

Gospeler ✠ 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 suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Peter James Speropulos

¶ Following the Sermon, all stand and say together

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,
and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we
offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church
with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name
may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their
life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy
Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present;
that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving
thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this
and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace
of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing
in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy
bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who,
in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless † thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear,
beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so
to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed
George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
‡ *People Amen.*

‡ *All stand*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord; This may be done with a wave or a bow; please observe social distancing and refrain from physical contact with those from outside your household

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

¶ Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

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

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 and Benedictus qui venit

¶ Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

¶ The People kneel or stand. Then the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled **✠** with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **✠ All AMEN.**

¶ The Celebrant says

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

¶ Celebrant and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is said

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

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.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward. Please continue to wear your mask and, to maintain distancing, form a single file line at six-foot intervals in household units. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; then return to your seat, then consume the Bread.

¶ Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.

¶ Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer *¶ Said by all*

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.

The Lenten Blessing *¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

KEEP THIS THY FAMILY, Lord, with thy never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of thy heavenly grace, they may be upheld by thy divine protection; and the blessing **✠** of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ All stand

The Dismissal *¶ The People are dismissed with these words*

∇. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

¶ The Congregation remains standing as the Ministers retire

PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE USHERS FOR DEPARTURE.

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