



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People *God's mercy endures for ever.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

KYRIE

Setting: Jackson Hill, *Corpus Christi Mass*

Sung in Greek. Translation:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Image: Sahi, Jyoti. *Jesus Washing the Feet of Peter*. 2014. Jesuit Institute in Pune.
<https://indiaartsmovement.wordpress.com/2015/09/30/jyoti-sahi/>

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.*

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
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.
My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow
before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

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

HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of love

Old 124th

All are invited to sing. Text can be found on the screen.

From St. Alban's audio archives, 10 March 2019

Image: Weinman, Melissa. *Tree of Life*. 2013. Part of "Faces of Mercy" Exhibition by Christians in the Visual Arts.

<https://civa.org/exhibits/traveling-exhibits/faces-of-mercy/>.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Mark 8:31-38

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."

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SERMON

The Rev'd Emily Griffin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Adapted from Prayers written by the Rev'd Rick Morley*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Praying in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:

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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

O salutaris hostia

Sir Edward Elgar

Sung in Latin.

*O salutaris hostia^[SEP] quae caeli pandis ostium^[SEP] bella premunt hostilia: ^[SEP]da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino^[SEP] sit sempiterna gloria^[SEP] qui vitam sine termino^[SEP] nobis donet in patria. Amen.*
[O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, hostile wars press on us: give us strength, bring aid.
To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for life without end he gives us in his Kingdom. Amen.]

Images: Heaven's Gate, Tian Menshan Mountain National Park, Zhangjiajie, Hunan Province, China
The Narrows Hiking Trail, Zion National Park
Bet Giyorgis, Lalibela, Ethiopia
Acadia National Park, Maine

THE BLESSING

Setting: Pablo Sosa

La bendición de Dios de Sara, Agar y Abraham, la bendición de Hijo que de María nació, la bendición del Santo Espíritu de amor, que vela por nosotros cual madre por sus hijos descienda sobre ustedes. ***Amén.***

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

Cantique, Op. 3 (*abridged*)

Sir Edward Elgar

The altar today has been prepared for the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Presider: The Rev'd Yoimel González Hernández

Preacher: The Rev'd Emily Griffin

Deacons: The Rev'd Jim Quigley, The Rev'd Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare

Director of Music: Matthew Steynor

St Alban's Lockdown Choir

Lay Readers: Valerie Mello, Suzy Mink

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