

Texts for Worship – February 28th, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Gladstone, NJ

Rev. Dr. Kent R. Walley, Rector

Prelude *Aus der Tiefen rufe ich*

by C. P. E. Bach (1714-1788)

Welcome and Introduction

Rev. Dr. Kent R. Walley

Ringling of Tower Bells

Opening Hymn # 150 Forty Days and Forty Nights

(Recorded by members of St. Luke's Choir for today's webcast)

*Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?*

*Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fall!*

*So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.*

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

Author: George Hunt Smyttan, 1822-1870 Tune:AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH Composer: Martin Herbst, 1654-1681 Harmonizer: William Henry Monk, 1823-1889 Harmonization © The Church Pension Fund Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-734697. All rights reserved.

Salutation and Opening Prayer

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord Who forgives all our sins. **People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Kyrie Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day – The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.

Today's Readings Can be found at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/lent-2b/>

Read by Lector, John Gallup

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 ; Psalm 22:22-30 BCP p.611

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Previously recorded by the Rev. Karen Burke Lewis, Deacon

Prayers, Confession of Sin and Absolution

Thanksgiving For the Diversity of Races and Cultures

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O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response after each petition when the leader says "Lord in Your mercy" is: **Hear our prayer.**

Those on our Parish List battling Covid19: Sam, Pam, Lois, Andrew, James, Jack, Kathy, Margo, Patty, Kit, Sean, Anthony, Sean, Don, Beth, Taylor, Anne, Terry, Mary, Philip, Annie, Simon, Margaret, Zoe, Frank, Sonja, Gisela, Anne, Jennifer, residents in Matheny, residents of Luther Crest Nursing Home, Phil, Rosemarie, Joe, Tara, Michael, Ann, Barbara, Becca, Residents at Holly Manor Nursing Home, Ken, Anne, Pina, Jim, Melford, Charlie, Gene, Laura, Mike, Margo, Nicole, Brad, Gene, Laura, Andrew, James, Sam, Joseph, Landon, Sean, Kathryn, Jack, Kelli, Onofrio, Nolan, Carol, Mary, Douglas, Gabor, Jim, James, Ryan, Thomas, Teresa, Julie, Macie and Ginger.

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Dcn, Evan Webster, Bethany, Roopan, Will, Lisa, Christopher, Kate, Michele, Kate, John's Team, Meg, Kara, Andrew, John, Barbara, Alexa, Victoria, Brian, Alicia, Alieic, Nicole, and Anthony P., Don, Kent, Harvey, Brianne, Judy, Tom, Lexi and Dan, Charlie, Mary, Margaret, Michele, Susan, Emily, Drew, Nourish NJ Staff, James (Chicago), Alex, Jennifer, Julia, Katelin, Alyssa, Tate, Michaela, John, Zoe, Claire, Jim, April, Sheeja, Erica, Dr. Shawna Hampton, Cathy, Christopher, Bob, Cristian, Violeta, Jane, Kourtney, new medical graduates from NYU and other schools, Debra, Lin, Dana, Kelly, Craig, Boone, Meg, Irwin, Rev. Dan, Sonja, Melissa, Marie, Nick, Lindsay, Sarah, Adon, Chris, Brittany, Noha, and Olivia.

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Recently Departed: Betty Knudson, JoAnn Kearney, and Jennie Ivens.

Confession of Sin

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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.

Absolution, The Peace and Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People** *And also with you.*

Offertory *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

early American hymn

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 122 Plainsong, Mass 18

adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

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 celebrant continues: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father., now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

Agnus Dei, S 160 Plainsong, Mass 18,

adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The Fraction

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Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Music At the Communion *Prelude on 'Song 46' (Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord)*

by Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Post Communion Prayer

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Prelude in F minor*

by Francis W. Snow (1890-1961)