# <u>ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN</u> <u>EPISCOPAL CHURCH</u>

# THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

# MORNING PRAYER

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

# FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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Italicized text is unspoken. Standard text is spoken by the officiant alone. **Bold text is spoken by the people (with or without the officiant).** 

PRELUDE:

Sarabande

Corelli



# THE OPENING

**Opening Sentence** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(I John 1:8, 9)* 

# Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

# Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.** 

### Venite

Come let us sing to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, \*

though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*

"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways." So I swore in my wrath, \*

"They shall not enter into my rest"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.** 

# THE 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 *					
30						
	the saving deeds that he has done.					

#### Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Amen.

#### THE LESSONS

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

Kris Crane

A reading from the Book of Genesis

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."

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminare Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

> Arise, shine, for your light has come,\* and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land;\* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise,\* and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light,\* and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open;\*

by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the Lord,\* The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land,\* ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation,\* and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day;\* by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light,\* and your God will be your glory. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Romans 4:13-25)

*Ginny Coltharp* 

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Canticle 16 the Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79 Benedictus Dominus Deus* 

> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \* from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.



Music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

#### THE GOSPEL (Mark 8:31-38)

Marsha Clark

LM

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." The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Farrell D. Graves, PhD

#### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **And grant us your salvation.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **Let your people sing with joy.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **For only in you can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under your care; **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let your way be known upon earth; **Your saving health among all nations.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** Create in us clean hearts, O God; **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.** 

#### THE COLLECTS

# Collect of the Day: The Second Sunday in Lent

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.** 

For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Cambodia.

# Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

# A Collect for Sundays

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

Prayers and Intercessions

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray to the LORD, to the God who is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. **Lord, you are our refuge and strength.** 

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those awaiting vaccination, for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are in the midst of us: **help us in our time of trouble.** 

We pray for the young and those in education:

for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are our refuge and strength: **let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.**  We pray for key workers:

for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for pharmacy workers, dispensing medicine, and social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, be with us in our time of need: **help us to do what has been asked of us, and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.** 

We pray for the police:

for those public servants on whom we call to protect, to serve, and to defend justice and our constitutional rights. May they be shielded from all danger and guided in the exercise of their civic duties by profound respect for the humanity of all.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world.

We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer, and for those on our prayer needs lists, especially Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Kathryn Bradley, Kim Palutis, Dottie Roberts, John Scheide, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, Jeff Weber, Allen Rundall, Tony Darguzas, and Bill Grothe.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant: **bring us comfort and healing, for you are always willing to save.** 

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Episcopal Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop, for Fr. Farrell, Deacon Jean, and Deacon Mike, and for all who minister to the sick and the dying.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are in the midst of us: **keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works, and make us to be lights in the darkness.**  We pray for those who have died:

for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.

#### Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

We pray for our nation:

God of our Salvation, you have ordained that we should serve you in serving one another:

#### Look upon this nation, burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties, with infection, sickness, and untimely death.

Grant us grace to work together, with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness, we may have added to us all things that we need for our daily sustenance and the common good.

#### Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, may those who have waited for you and hoped in your word know your steadfast love face to face. We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows

to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help:

for you are the God of our salvation. This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### Prayer when one cannot celebrate the Eucharist

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### CLOSING HYMN: #637

How Firm a Foundation



Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); desc. Lois Fyfe (b. 1927)

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## <u>The Ending</u>

Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

# Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

<u>Postlude</u>: *Stanley* ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jesus mine Freude

Cruger

**TO CONTACT FR. FARRELL:** For pastoral concerns and prayer, please call or text Fr. Farrell at 917-287-0880 or email at fdgraves@icoud.com. He is not in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, but will respond to emergencies on any day. Deacons Jean and Michael are also available for pastoral care and prayer.

**"SAVING YOUR QUARTERS":** The Outreach Ministry of St. James would like to collect your left over or rolled quarters for the homeless. They will be given to programs that help the homeless to do their laundry. Please place your quarters in the basket placed in the office hallway till Feb. 28th, 2021. Any questions please call me. Thank you so much. Deacon Jean



<u>Please pray for the following:</u>

#### IN OUR WORLD: IN OUR DIOCESE:

The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, St. Mark's in Wilmington

Santo Tomas in Gautier and San Francisco de Asís in Las

#### IN OUR COMPANION DIOCESE:

**IN OUR COMMUNITY:** 

**IN OUR PARISH:** 

Aviapas St. Luke Lutheran Church, Supply Elementary School, and Habitat for Humanity

James & Jill Horn, Lois Huber, Elaine Hunt, and Brenton & Libby Ingraham

#### **For Healing:**

- Acute Needs: Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Kathryn Bradley, Kim Palutis, Dottie Roberts, John Scheide, JoAnn LaMarca, John Bryant, Jeff Weber, Allen Rundall, Tony Darguzas, and Bill Grothe.
- **Ongoing** Kyla Agrimonti Fran White **Donna Hinds** Sterling Gray Needs: Jerry Block Iean Gillette Ann Alexander Conrad Hendricksen Joseph Campbell Richard Wood Margaret Pazdan Janet Thompson Sally Manifold Susan Weber **Jack Brennan** Vicki Kay David Rohr **Jannie Anello** Martie Tittle **Brian Weber** Members of our Armed Forces & First Responders and their families

#### <u>We offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the</u> <u>following:</u>

Feb 28:Kathie MooreMar 1:Dan McDonaldMar 2:Bobbie MasichMar 3:JoAnn LaMarca

Those on the Acute list will be prayed for by name during our services. All requested prayers are included in the daily Intercessory Prayers of the Rector and DOK for 1 month. Those not renewed by phone/card to the church office or through a DOK member will be removed. We ask the parish at large to uphold the names on both lists in their daily prayers.

# Our Daughters of the King also maintain the prayer alcove with vigil candles for your use in meditation.

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	THE RT. REV. ROBERT SKIRVING – BISHOP THE REV. FARRELL GRAVES, PHD – RECTOR			RON STEPHENS – SENIOR WARDEN (2021) BILL CHASE – JUNIOR WARDEN (2021)			
	THE REV. JEAN G. MILLER – DEACON			GARY FREEMAN – STEWARDSHIP LIAISON (2021)			
	E REV. MICHAEL L			HEATHER HOLBROOK – COMMUNICATIONS			
MARGARET SMICKLAS– DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MR. PAUL BERTELSEN – VERGER EARL MILLER – ENDOWMENT LIAISON (2022)							
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			RUTH ANN	RUTH ANN FERNANDEZ – WORSHIP LIAISON (2023)			
			PETER TIET	PETER TIETJEN – PROGRAMS LIAISON (2023)			
	GREG WEBER – OUTREACH LIAISON (2023						
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