

Second Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **76**

New English Hymnal

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive ✠ you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON *is sung.*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

Christe, eleïson. (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Gen 17.1–7,15–16

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 22

℟. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. *(All repeat)*

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O children of Israel.
He does not despise the poor in their need,
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 his people.

The poor shall eat and be filled,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him. ℟.

All the earth shall remember and return to
the Lord;
the families of the nations shall bow before him.
For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over all the nations.

*R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great
assembly.*

SECOND READING

Rom 4.13–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—**418 (omit ★ verses)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 95.3,7–8

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you
would listen to his voice:

Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Mk 8.31–38

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to teach the disciples that the Son
of Man must suffer many things and be re-
jected 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 aside and began to rebuke him. But
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked
Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For
you are not setting your mind on the things of
God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to him with his dis-
ciples, he said to them, “If anyone 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, but 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 soul? For what can a man
give in return for his soul? For whoever is
ashamed of me and of my words in this adul-
terous 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. *℟.* Lord, graciously hear us. *or* *℣.* Lord, in your mercy, *℟.* Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord; *℟.* And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **374**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

May this sacrifice, Lord, wash away our sins, and make us holy in body and soul for the celebration of Easter; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are * the Saviour of the world (* × 2).

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—**64**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**376**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
℟. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
℟. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

℣. And the Word was made flesh:
℟. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary ...

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
℟. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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