

The Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021 8:00 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Ron and Judy Shield in celebration of their 59th Anniversary. To God be all the Glory!

We Gather

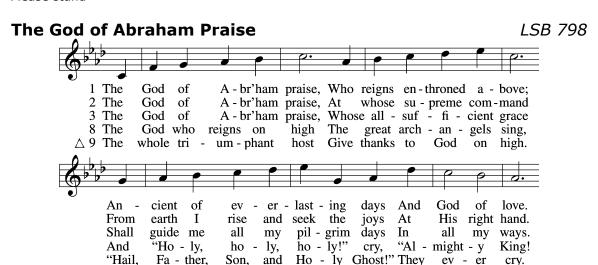
Today's reading from Romans begins, "Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). This peace includes what we usually think of as peace: the absence of animosity and warfare. Yet this peace goes even deeper. The peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ is like the peace of a two-year-old asleep and draped over her mother's shoulder—she trusts her mother, letting her limp body completely rely on her. This same kind of peace caused Paul to sing hymns while imprisoned. There is a lot to be anxious, restless, and disturbed about in our world today—wars, family strife, hatred—yet in the midst of it all, the gift of peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ sustains us. Augustine famously wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Lent is the Church's invitation to the world to rest in Jesus, to find peace in the gift of being justified by faith, and thereby to experience the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding.

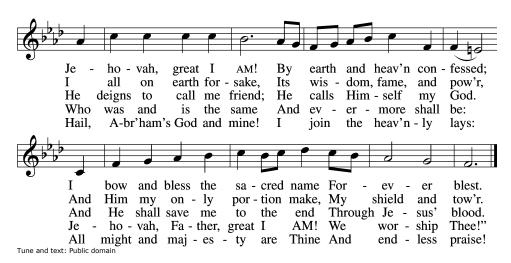
Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

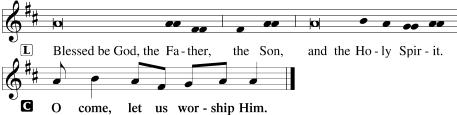
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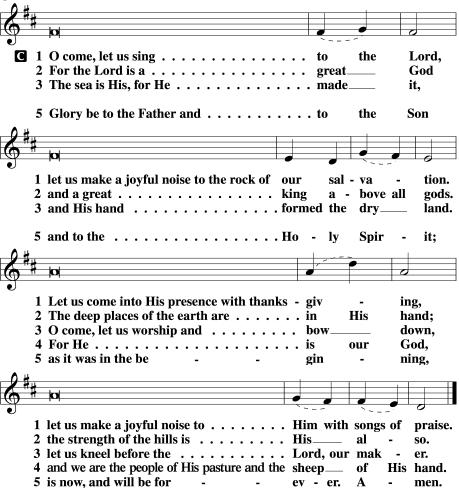








Venite



Please be seated

¹When 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, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ¬And 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. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Resting of Soul

Adult Choir

Be still, and listen, my world weary spirit, A voice midst the clamor is calling low. How sweet the whispers of my dear Savior; His Word calms my worries, His life makes me whole.

Let go, let go my earthbound senses. The God who created is wiser than all. His ways are higher than my finite reason; Faithfully follow and you will not fall.

The world is shouting for my affections with promise of pleasure and treasures of gold. Yet, well my heart knows that true contentment Is only in trusting and resting of soul.

Wisdom and strength grant to me, Holy Spirit, To walk in this kingdom, but not claim it home; For here I have no lasting city. I journey to heaven where I'm fully known.

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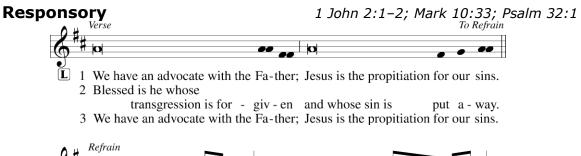
Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-38

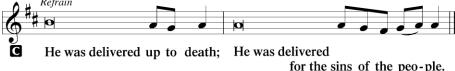
²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them 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. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For 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."

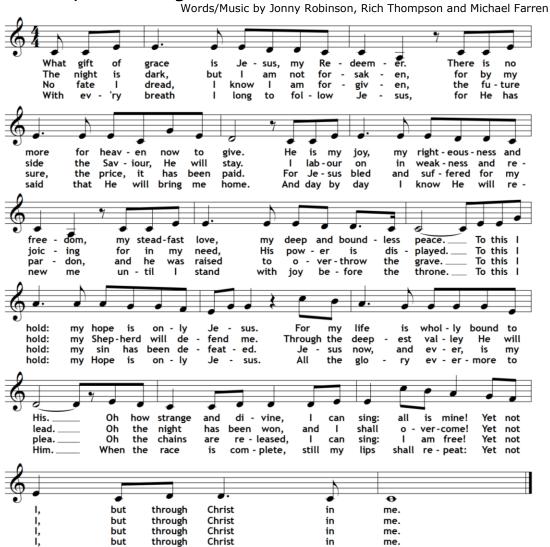
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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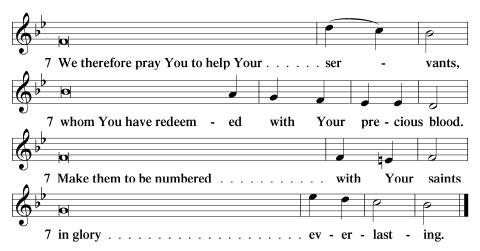
Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me



Sermon	

Te Deum O





Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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 and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

- P Lord, in your mercy:
- Hear our prayer.

Collect for Grace

- P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 - Amen.

Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

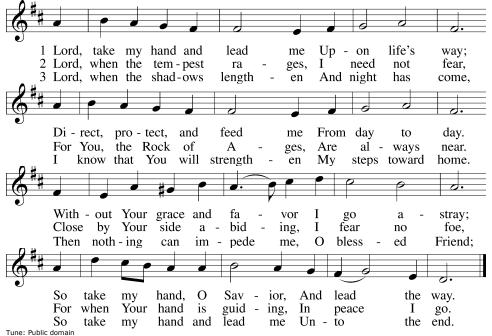
Benediction

- The grace of our Lord

 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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