

## Second Sunday in Lent

at ten o'clock

*Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time*

Prelude: *Brother James' Air*

Dale Wood

**Hymn 10 – stz. 1-4 [Music at #531]**

New every morning is the love

Litany of Penitence

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**Hymn 10 – stz. 5**

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love

Collect and Scripture on insert

Psalm 130 – **Prayer Book page 611**

**HYMN 401**

**stz. 1- 3 before – stz. 4-5 after the Gospel**

Sermon

“Our DNA as Christians”

The Baptismal Covenant

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Prayers of the People – Form 6

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Collect for Monday in Holy Week, Blessings, and The Peace

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Announcements and Parish Celebrations

Wardens and Parish Leaders

**HYMN 337**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Sanctus and Benedictus*

**Hymnal S-129**

During Communion: *Lenten Hymns*

Thanksgiving after Communion

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**HYMN 675**

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Postlude: *Fanfare in D Major*

Charles Ore

*Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall*

Sunday, March 4, 2012



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**Welcome!** *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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## Prayers

**Special Intentions:** Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Carolyn Bensen, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Dorothy Grefrath, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag, Peter Grefrath, Barbara Maggio, Laura Munson, Marilyn Youakim and family, Grace Oliff and family, Ted Gustenhoven and family.

**The Altar Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lindley Arthur Church by Laura Munson.

**The Absent Guest Plate** is a second offering received at the choir steps each week. It is immediately given away for charitable purposes – today to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. It is disbursed by our Wardens while Annunciation has no rector, for pastoral emergencies.

**Serving in the Military:** Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf.

## Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Eileen Clinch, Grace Oliff  
Acolytes: Nick Wekselblatt, Sam Wekselblatt  
Church School Teacher: Adela Wekselblatt

## Coming Parish Events

**Today – Cook-Off for the “Chili Cook-Off”** – during Coffee Hour. Come, taste, and pick Annunciation's candidate for the 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Sat 10 Mar – “Chili Cook-Off”** – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

**Sun 11 Mar – Celebration of New Ministry in Bergenfield** – 4:00 pm: St. Peter's Episcopal Korean Church, 12 West Central Avenue at Main Street, is the newest congregation in the Diocese of Newark.

**Sat 17 Mar – Hospice Program** – 9:30 – 11:30 am. Senior Ministries board of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark speaker is Brother Adrian Gill. All parishioners are welcome.

**Sun 25 Mar – Feast of the Annunciation & Lent 5** – 10:00 am and Coffee Hour: The Rev. Erik Soldwedel and Newark ACTS Interns preaching and introducing us to their various ministries.

## Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

3/7=40 Martyrs of Sebaste

3/14=Gregory the Great

3/21=Cyril of Jerusalem

## Note about Today's Scripture Readings

Each Sunday in Lent, the Old Testament reading recalls one of the events in which God acted to bring about salvation. This “salvation history” was fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today in that history we hear the story of God's covenant with Abram, whom God renames “Abraham,” or “father of a multitude.” Even though Abraham is ninety-nine years old, God promises that his aged wife, Sarah, will have a child who will produce many people as a blessing to the world.

The Gospel reading today is Jesus' first statement to his disciples concerning his approaching death and resurrection. He calls them – and us – to follow his example in taking up our cross and in giving up our lives for his sake and the Gospel's.

The second reading today, from Romans, describes the faith by which we are saved. It is the same as Abraham's faith that God's promise would be fulfilled. Paul tells us that we are the spiritual descendants of Abraham and Sarah and Isaac. We are the continuation of the promise made to them, for we are part of their story. As a matter of faith, we are part of that multitude in all times and places who have put their trust in God: the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham, and the fulfillment of Jesus' promise carry us on to the discovery of salvation in our own lives. In Lent our sharing in the Lenten disciplines and in worship is the means by which we remember again who we are and whose we are – the holy People of God.

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## Scripture Readings for the Next Three Sundays

3/11 Lent 3 Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22  
3/18 Lent 4 Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3 & 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21  
3/25 Lent 5 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-13, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

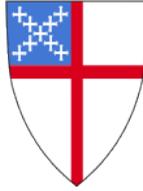
## Wednesday Evening Lenten Program @ 7:00 pm – “The Prodigal God”

Wed 7 Mar – Session 2 = “The People around Jesus”

Wed 14 Mar – Session 3 = “The Two Lost Sons”

Wed 21 Mar – Session 4 = “The Elder Brother”

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## The Collect

**O God, your glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us 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.**

## The Old Testament Lesson

**Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16**

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 Response: Psalm 22:22-30** – alternating at the asterisk      **Prayer Book page 611**

## The New Testament Lesson

**Romans 4:13-25**

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 Gospel

**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."