

The First Sunday in Lent February 21st, 2021



Miserere Series, Plate 2, Jesus despised
Georges Rouault

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GATHERING

Prelude: *Elegy*

Contemplation

George Thalben-Ball

Alec Rowley

*Both of these tranquil meditations for organ were written by 20th-century British composers. Sir Thalben-Ball (1896-1987) was born in Australia but spent most of his life in England. His *Elegy* originated in an improvisation which Thalben-Ball played at the end of a live BBC religious service during World War II. So many listeners phoned the BBC to ask what the composition was, that he decided to write down his improvisation as well as he could remember it. He was knighted for his musical contributions in 1982. Rowley (1892-1958) spent his life in London as an organist, pianist, composer, teacher, and writer.*

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A Penitential Order

BCP 351

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue *(Please kneel or stand)*

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not be a false witness. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Scriptural Sentences

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

Music for Reflection: *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymn 150

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 nor 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.

Garrett Gerard, soloist

Published in 1856, the original nine stanzas of this poem recall the trials of Christ's temptation and the many ways that Christians are drawn into sin. The text has since been edited and altered for use in hymnals. The words and music were first paired for an 1861 British songbook.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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

The Offertory: *Jesu, Gentle Savior*

**Sue Farrar
arr. Deborah Govenor**

Jesu, gentle Savior, my heart's desire, my own; you are my joy, my treasure; I kneel before your throne. You know my every weakness, you know my every care. You touch my life with kindness; I know that you are there. Jesu, gentle Savior, my times are in your hand when on the lofty mountains, or through the dry parched land. Jesu, gentle Savior, my life, my love, my own. You are my joy, my treasure; my heart shall be your home.

Missouri native (Carolyn) Sue Farrar (1934-2004) moved to Dallas to earn a degree in music education from SMU. She taught elementary school music in Dallas, worked as a model and actor in the 1960s, and later had a career in public relations with the State Fair of Texas. She served as Minister of Music for Northwest Bible Church in Dallas, publishing several of the songs and anthems she wrote for her church.

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Announcements

The Peace

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

Postlude: “The Peace may be exchanged.”

Dan Locklair

from *Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for Organ*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949) is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. He holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary and the Eastman School of Music. He is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Each of the five movements in this “liturgical suite” are based on rubrics from The Book of Common Prayer (1979).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Join us for a new series on Sunday, February 21st: *Four Crucifixions: Reading the Gospels Together.* Class led by Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.

In-person worship begins Sunday, February 28th (note date change): services at 10am (Family Picnic Eucharist) and 11:15am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II). RSVPs are encouraged [here](#).

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 24th, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom link shared on our home page: *Seeing Christ in the Darkness: Paint, Prayer & Poetry.* Fr. Zac along with special guests, including the exhibits' curator Sandra Bowden, will lead discussions on St. Mark's new art exhibit by [Georges Rouault](#), on loan from The Sandra Bowden Collection.

Art Exhibit In-Person: You and your household are invited to see St. Mark's Lenten Art Exhibit (referenced above), in person by signing up for a 30-minute slot [here](#), on display in St. Mark's Sanctuary. Opportunities for in-person viewing are offered each week beginning February 24th, for three hours on both Wednesday mornings, and Thursday afternoons, respectively.

Stations of the Cross: a self-guided journey following the Stations of the Cross on St. Mark's Meditation Trail will be available throughout the season of Lent, ***beginning February 28th.*** Booklets will be in a small box near Station 1, which is located at the far end of the parking lot, near the storage sheds (at the end of the Day School buildings).

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m.:** *Please join us online* - links available on our website.
- **Tuesday Noon Bible Study:** the link will be shared on our website. Focus of Study is 1 Samuel. All are welcome!
- **Morning Prayer meets 8:30 a.m. M-F.** Check our home page for the link: www.stmarksaustin.org.

Parish Intercession List

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Laura Parker, Margaret Schlankey, Christopher Lowder, Dolores Minor, James Nelson, Pam Wood, Jessica Attie, Manuel de la Rosa, Jeanne Erichson, Jennifer Sanders, Jo Davis, Wenlan Lawrence, Adelyn Carroll, Laurie Mayor, Chaz Ripoll, Bill Yeager.

For those who have died: Manny de la Rosa, son of Manuel de la Rosa.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.



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