

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**Passion Series: *Les Disciples*, Color aquatint, 1936**  
**Georges Rouault**

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# GATHERING

## **Prelude: *Three Lenten Hymn Meditations***

**Mark Jones**

*A native of Asheville, North Carolina, Mark Jones (1957-2017) spent most of his career as music director of a large Presbyterian church in Pompano Beach, Florida. He appeared with many orchestras, and toured extensively across America, Europe, and Asia while he was principal accompanist for the famous von Trapp Children.*

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## **A Penitential Order**

**BCP 351**

*Priest* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

## **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.

**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.*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **The First Reading**

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

**W**hen 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 Gospel**

**Mark 8:31-38**

**J**esus 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.”

*Priest*      The Word of the Lord.

***People***    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Zac Koons**

**Music for Reflection: *O Love of God How Strong and True*    Hymn 455**

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought. O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow. We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

**Cathy Chadwick, soloist**

*The author of these words, Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), was a minister in the Free Church of Scotland. Of his over 140 hymns, a contemporary scholar wrote, “they satisfy the fastidious by their instinctive good taste; they mirror the life of Christ in the soul, ...they win the heart by their tone of tender sympathy, they sing the truth of God in ringing notes.”*

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985), Reprinted from *New Catholic Hymnal*, Faber Music Ltd., London

## **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: *Cry No More*

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan, all is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown. *Refrain: Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; Love Incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.* Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near, deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. *Refrain.* Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend—Gift of Glory, Hope of Heaven, call us now to faith again! Holy Savior, blest compassion, grace is shining without end! *Refrain.*

*Dan Forrest (b. 1978) is an American composer and pianist. After an early academic focus on piano, Forrest earned a doctorate in composition from the University of Kansas. He studied with legendary composer and folk music expert Alice Parker (b. 1925). His music has been performed in leading venues around the world including Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, NPR's Performance Today, and the BBC Proms.*

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## Announcements

### The Peace

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

## Postlude: *Lead, Kindly Light, Amid the Encircling Gloom* Neil Harmon

*Though it gradually fell out of use during the 20th century, this hymn based on words by English theologian and poet John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was very popular in 19th-century England. Newman, first an Anglican priest and later a Roman Catholic cardinal, wrote the words while suffering from a severe illness in 1833. The hymn became a source of comfort for many during difficult times in the Victorian era. It was a favorite of Mahatma Gandhi. This setting was made by American composer Neil Harmon (b. 1969). The hymn begins with these words:*

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; Lead thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on!  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene—one step enough for me.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.: *Four Crucifixions: Reading the Gospels Together.***

Class led by Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings. The link will be posted on the website each Sunday.

**In-person Sunday worship is underway:** services at 10am (Family Picnic Eucharist, Front Lawn) and 11:15am (Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Parking Lot). RSVPs are encouraged [here](#), and open each Monday at 9am, prior to the upcoming Sunday.

**Wednesdays in Lent, 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. Follow [this link](#) to watch a recording of the Wednesday class.

**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. **To volunteer** on-site with guest checkin, please contact the [church office](#).

**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).

**Confirmation Classes in April:** St. Mark's will be offering confirmation classes for anyone ages 13 and up, on the following Wednesdays: April 7th, 14th, and 21st, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Fr. Zac: [zac@stmarksaustin.org](mailto:zac@stmarksaustin.org). Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 25th, with Bishop Ryan.

## 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](http://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:** Liz Badger, Vitaly Jennings, Amy Newman, Walter Roloson, Samuel Smith Bennett Whalen, Rebecca You, Miguel Gonzalez, Bonnie Brode, Max Genet, David Orr, Eva Overstreet, Colin Quinones, Emily Black, Ken Whalen, Robert Borja, James Joyce, Miguel Lavalle, Jean Main.

**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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**Virtual Lector:** Michael Meigs



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