

The Second Sunday in Lent



Morning Prayer
February 28, 2021
10:30AM

We Gather

Introduction

Officiant: Good morning everyone. I will be in Houston for a medical checkup. I am thankful for all of you and that we have survived the pandemic and now the big chill. Today's service is Morning Prayer. It is part of what is called the "Daily Office" of five prayer services said every day. You can find these services online at <https://www.missionstclare.com>. There is no sacrament of Holy Communion in this service, so it can be read by anyone. Many people say morning and evening prayer every day. It is a good discipline for Lent and in general. The readings are typically longer than you find for Sunday Eucharist. Please note that in the earlier prayer book services up until 1789, Sunday morning prayer was followed by the full Eucharist service that we celebrate today. Those services often lasted over two hours. You can be thankful that things are much shorter today.

Opening Sentence: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:2

Processional Hymn:#637

How firm a foundation(Vs.1,2,3)

Please stand as you are able.

Words: John Rippon; Music: Johann Michael

Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Invitatory

All Stand

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us**

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

Officiant: O come, let us adore him. O come, let us sing unto the Lord;*

People: **let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Officiant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

People: **and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

Officiant: For the Lord is a great God *

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant: In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *

People: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant: The sea is his, for he made it, *

People: **and his hands prepared the dry land.**

Officiant: O come, let us worship and fall down, *

People: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant: For he is our God, *

People: **and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Officiant: Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *

People: **as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,**

Officiant: When your fathers tested me, *

People: **and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.**

Officiant: Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *

People: **"It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"**

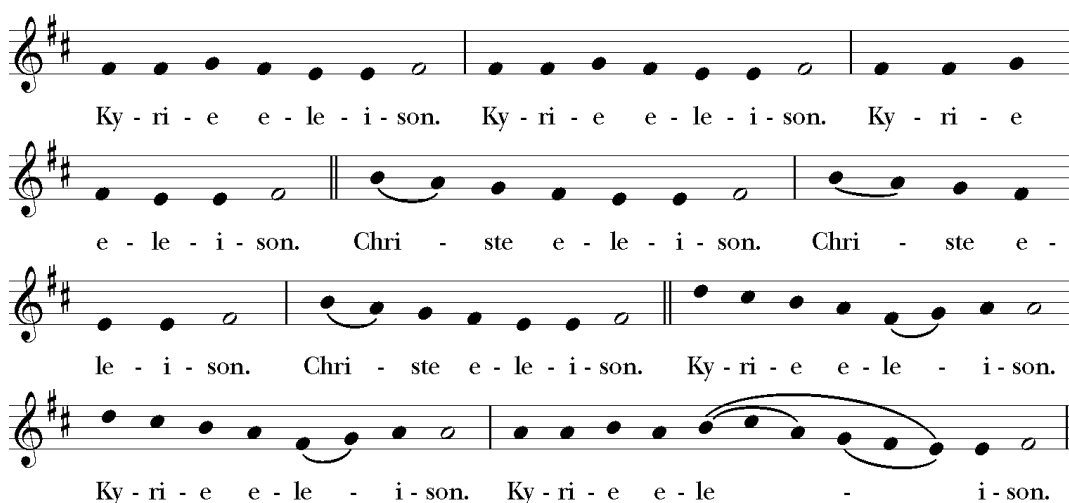
Officiant: Of whom I swore in my wrath *

People: **that they should not enter into my rest.**

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Kyrie: #S-86



The musical score for Kyrie: #S-86 is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Psalm 23

Officiant: The LORD is my shepherd ; *

People: **I shall not want .**

Officiant: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

People: **he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

Officiant: He restoreth my soul; *

People: **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake**

Officiant: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *

People: **for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Officiant: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *

People: **thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Officiant: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

People: **and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Exodus 7:1-24

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus.

And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent.'" So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile." And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.

Seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song:

My Shephard

Rick Ewing

The Second Reading: Matthew 12:22-50

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come

upon you. Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Zechariah

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

People: **he has come to his people and set them free.**

Officiant: He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

People: **born of the house of his servant David.**

Officiant: Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, *

People: **from the hands of all who hate us.**

Officiant: He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

People: **and to remember his holy covenant.**

Officiant: This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

People: **to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Officiant: Free to worship him without fear, *

People: **holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

Officiant: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

People: **for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

Officiant: To give his people knowledge of salvation *

People: **by the forgiveness of their sins.**

Officiant: In the tender compassion of our God *

People: **the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

Officiant: To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shadow of death, *

People: **and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Sermon:

Rick Ewing

The Apostles' Creed

Please all stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Officiant & 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.**

Suffrages

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son became poor for our sake, and chose the Cross over the kingdoms of this world: Deliver us from an inordinate love of worldly things, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant John Cassian, may seek you with singleness of heart, behold your glory by faith, and attain to the riches of your everlasting kingdom, where we shall be united with our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for mission

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

In the Time of any Common Plague or Sickness

Officiant: O Almighty God, who in your wrath sent a plague upon your own people in the wilderness for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron, and also in the time of King David, sent a plague of pestilence which killed seventy thousand, but remembering your mercy spared the rest: have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; and in the same way that you then accepted an atonement and commanded the destroying Angel to cease from punishing: so it may now please you to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Trustfulness in Times of Worry and Anxiety

Officiant: Most loving Father, you will us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on the One who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested unto us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

People: **St. James, Oklahoma City; Redeemer, Oklahoma City; St. James Church & Community Center, Montevideo, Uruguay; Diocese of Florida; The Province of English Anglican Church of Congo.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For...

People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Bob & Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

People: **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, Dante, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, Connie, Jan, Cliff, Gabriella, Esther, Ann, Ronald, Michael, Tom, Marlee, J.J., Charles, all those affected by the pandemic, all the front line workers involved with patient care, all first responders, law enforcement, all fire and safety personnel, all United States Military serving at home and abroad, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died, (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: **Jordan, Leigh, Richard, Ryan, Sherri.**

Reader: Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: #668

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Words: Bland Tucker; Music: Burford

General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

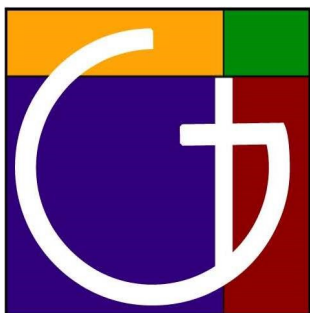
Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Grace

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**



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