TODAY'S LESSONS: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Collect: Found on page 218 BCP

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.**

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121 8am, BCP page 779 Psalm 123 10am, See Psalm Insert

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and

it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to

him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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The Altar Flowers are given for fond memories of a loving dad, Robert Graham Blackmore by Carolyn Blackmore and Nick Bell.

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Sunday Worship Leaders

Daniel Angel

Owen Sanderson

Today H.P.A.*

Lector

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| LEM | Diana Brehob |
| Vestry | Dale Taylor |
| Prayer Room | Carmel Price |
| Ushers | Team 2 |
| LEV | B. Hall/S. Dalton |
| Next Week | |
| H.P.A.* | Izabella Stanis |
| Lector | Pat Snyder |
| LEM | Matt Sallman |
| Vestry | Jill Poske |
| Prayer Room | Doug Phillips |
| Ushers | Team 3 |
| * Healing Praver Assistant | |



The Calendar

Sunday, March 8

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel 9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room 11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

12:00pm MotS Eucharist, Church 1:00pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge

Monday, March 9 Tuesday, March 10 Wednesday, March 11

6:45pm Boys 2 Men, Lounge

Thursday, March 12

Noon AAUW Book Club, Lounge

6pm Yoga, Room 213

Friday, March 13

7pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 14 Sunday, March 15

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10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room 11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall 12:00pm MotS Eucharist, Church

1:00pm MotS Coffee Hour, Lounge 3pm Zimmerman Party, Room 213

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19 Tuesday 6:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213 Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213 Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Lounge 1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall Sunday 2pm Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (Christ Church [Pleasant Lake]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (Holy Trinity

[Santo Domingo] and Good Shepherd [San Pedro]). **The Sick and Suffering**: For Kaitlyn, Caroline (Antonuccio), Bradyn (Gaines), Mary (Daroczy), Carol (Schullman), Craig (Gilbert), the Gilbert family, Danny (Johnson), Peggy (Peters), Tanner (Zimmerman), William (Sparrow), Jacey, Eric, Lynn (Becker) and Almita (Williams).

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed: Robert Graham Blackmore

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements: Services During Lent

Remember the Lenten services start and end in silence, the time of the peace is short and more solemn, and the announcements come at the end of the service.

Lenten Opportunities

- Diocesan Lenten Book Study with Bishop Perry and Sister Vee on Wednesdays nights. We are reading and discussing "America's Original Sun" by Jim Wallis. https://www.edomi.org/lentenbookstudy/
- Friday Night Stations of the Cross, 7pm in the Church
- Sunday morning forums Short video clips and conversations on the theme Who We Are and Whose We Are: from the founding documents of the USA to the founding of Christ Church and how these influence us today.
- Living Well Through Lent a self led daily meditation resource. The PDF version is perfect for e-readers, phones, or computers was emailed out on February 24th. If you would like to have it emailed to you again, please contact Erin in the church office. Hard copies are available upon request.

Piano and Organ Concert

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is hosting a Piano & Organ Concert on Sunday, March 22nd at 3pm. Piano virtuoso and Good Shepherd music director Larisa Soboleva will share her talents on Steinway piano and pipe organ. Join us for this free concert, with a freewill collection to support Blessings in a Backpack - Dearborn's efforts to relieve local food insecurity. Good Shepherd is located at 1570 Mason (corner of Mason & Monroe) in Dearborn

Easter Flowers & Decorations

All thanksgivings and memorials will be listed in the Easter service leaflets. Please contribute what ever you are able, \$20-\$35 is a typical contribution, but less is fine and more, if you are able, is appreciated. Return names to the office by Sunday, April 5.

Be today what you want to be tomorrow. Yoga is back!

Relaxation Yoga. Breathwork, Meditation and Exercise. The focus is to bring harmony between mind and body.
Thursdays 6:00pm-7:00pm. Classes to begin March 13th. Christ Episcopal Church.

Bring your mat. Donations for drop-in is \$5.00.

Taught by parishioner Mariyln Scozewski.

Yoga practitioner 20 years Yoga Alliance 200 RYT Teacher training

I have taught at Henry Ford Hospital Lake Orion Church of Christ Northfield Condo Community Updog Yoga in Rochester