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The Second Sunday in Lent.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despondency, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother; For Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen
(The Lenten Prayer of ST. Isaac the Syrian)

Nursery for infants & toddlers is available in the Good Shepherd Nursery. Leader: Yar D M

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years.

"Today's story is 'Jesus and Bartimaeus' Luke 18: 35-43. Myka D, Sandra D.

Faith Quest (ages 7-13) begin their He is Risen rotation with a King's Theatre workshop - puppetry. Hilary S will lead and Eleonore S will shepherd. Memory Verse: If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (NIV)

March Birthdays. Today we are celebrating March Birthdays, Baptism and Wedding Anniversaries. Thank you to the Davis Family for bringing cake, announcing and serving. Coffee Host: Yvonne and Christian S

Holy Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited to come forward with faith and love to receive Holy Communion.*

The Intercessions Book on the table with the bread and the offering plates has space for you to write in the names of people you wish us to remember in prayer this morning, and throughout the week. Prayers will be offered for travelers, those in special need, and the departed.

MORNING PRAYER AT TEN

Prayer Book, pp.6-15, Psalm 24,29, Genesis 41.14-45; Romans 6.3-14
(Benedicte p. 26 replaces Te Deum in Lent)

HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST TEN

Please stand for

The Sentence of Scripture.

Introit: The Lenten Prose.

Cantor: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

R./Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.

Please kneel for

The Lord's Prayer

(Prayer Book p. 67)

The Collect for Purity

The Decalogue, Lord, Have Mercy

(Prayer Book p. 69, 70)

Collects.

Please sit for

Prayer with the Children

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm

Epistle

Please stand for

Gradual Hymn: **179 Tree of Life**

The Holy Gospel

The Nicene Creed

(Prayer Book p. 70)

Please sit for

The Sermon.

Please stand for

The Offertory Hymn: **610 Before I Take the Body of the Lord**

Offertory Anthem

**Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.
All things come of thee, and of thine own, have we given thee.**

The Intercessions

Please kneel for

The Confession and Absolution *(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)*
Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access *(Prayer Book p. 78ff)*

Please sit for

The Communion

Please kneel for
The Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving after Communion *(Prayer Book p. 85)*
The Lenten Anthem

**O KING all glorious amid thy/ saintly company, /who /ever/ shalt be/
praised:**

**Thou, O Lord, art/ in the /midst of us, / and we are called /by thy /holy
/Name.**

**Leave us not, /O our God; / but grant us that with a pure conscience we
may duly keep/ the /Paschal/ Feast,
And at the /day of judgement / be placed in the number of thy Saints and
chosen ones, /King /most /blessed.**

The Blessing

Please stand for

The Hymn: **618 Glorious in Majesty**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Parish Life Notes

Funeral for Greg Healy will be held at St. Mary's, at 3 pm on Saturday, March 14.

Baby Shower. Rachel M (daughter of Art and Marian P) and her husband, Cordel, are expecting a child in April. All women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to a baby shower today Sunday, March 8th at 7.30 p.m. Please contact Karen.

Rector's Lenten Prayer Retreat. Claude will be on retreat this week returning to the parish on Thursday.

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR.

One of the emphases in this season of Lent is “ the message of pardon and absolution contained in the Gospel of our Savior.” (Book of Common Prayer p. 612), which is the impetus behind some changes to the liturgy in Lent. We begin with The Lent Prose, as it is called in English, which is plainsong responsory known in Latin by the first words, *Attende Domini, ‘Hear us O Lord.’* It derives originally from the Mozarabic liturgy, used by Christians living under Arabic rule in Medieval Spain. The Lenten Anthem, taken from the Penitential Service in the Book of Common Prayer, replaces the Gloria at the end of our service, and contains a prayer that we might come to the celebration of Easter with a “pure conscience.”

How do we translate that which we celebrate in the liturgy, the forgiveness of sins, into daily life, that we might become not only forgiven sinners, but *forgiving sinners*? Fr. Stephen Freeman writes,

1. Begin by struggling to form the habit of forgiveness in the smallest things. With a child, with traffic, with little irritations. Do not struggle in a small way but throw yourself into forgiveness. It should become a habit, but a habit of grace.
2. Use this prayer for the enemies who seem to be beyond your ability to pray: “O God, at the dread judgment, do not condemn them for my sake.” This places forgiveness at a distance and even a hard heart can often manage the small prayer of forgiveness at such a distance.
3. Be always aware of your own failings and constantly ask for God's forgiveness. “Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”
4. As much as possible cultivate in your heart the understanding that all human beings are broken and victims of the fall.
6. Make a life confession at least once a year – being careful to name as many resentments as you can remember.

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/glory2godforallthings/2020/02/29/forgiveness-the-hardest-love-of-all-2/>