

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Incline Village, Nevada



"Seeking Light and Sharing Love"

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Morning Prayer, Rite II: 9am

Prelude: *“Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

by Will L. Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "your people come home"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "your people come home"

O! for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "your people come home"

Announcements

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 448 vss 1-3

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

Rend you hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Confession of Sin: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Opening Acclamation

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
*my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.*
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
O come let us worship.

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.

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

"A Song of Hosea" Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God, *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *

*whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.*

God's justice will come to us like a shower, *

like spring rains that water the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“A Song of Christ’s Humility” Philippians 2:6-11

Though in the form of God, *

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *

and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself *

and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him *

and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *

to the glory of God the Father.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Sarah Dunn

The Affirmation of Faith: *(from the New Zealand Prayerbook)*

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Music at the Offertory:

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

T’was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised Good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
T’is Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

Offertory:

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

Help us, O God our Savior;

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

General Intersessions:

Collect of the Day: 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.***

Gracious God, our nurturing and guiding parent, we thank you for our Church and for our family of Churches in our diocese. We ask for your wisdom and direction as we seek a new Bishop for your family. We ask for your guidance especially for the members of our Standing Committee, Search Committee and Transition Committee as they plan, prepare and search for a faithful servant who will lead and support us in our ministries. Bless the servant you will bring to us and give them clear direction in their discernment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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.*

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom: *Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: 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.*

Special Blessings

Hymn

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

We’ve come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in His holy word.
He’s never failed me yet.
Oh, oh- oh- can’t turn around,
We’ve come this far by faith.

Don’t be discouraged with troubles in your life.
He’ll bear your burdens
And move all misery and strife

That’s why we’ve come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in his holy word.
He’s never failed us yet.
Oh, oh- oh- can’t turn around,
We’ve come this far by faith.

Just the other day I heard someone say,
He didn’t believe in God’s word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way.
And He, He’s never failed me yet.

We’ve come this far by faith,
Leaning on the Lord.
Trusting in His holy word.
He’s never failed me yet.

Oh, oh- oh- can’t turn around,
We’ve come this far by faith.

Oh, oh- oh- can’t turn around,
We’ve come this far by faith.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.*** 2 Corinthians 13:14

This month we remember those who are in our Columbarium:

Liz Behrens-McGinty, Martha B. & Harry Bernard, Michael Berry, Virginia Bobersky,
Charles Bock, Geraldine Bock, Doug Brandt, Colleen Brockman, John & Joan Brownwell,
Frank Cano, Howie & Roberta Carlson, William & Margaret Carr, William Cash,
Gwen Champagne, and James & Frances Clark

Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

Musicians: Karen Colbert, the Gollery Family, and Marsha Tejada

Worship Leaders: Connie Skidmore & Lans Levitt

Clergy

The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn (rector)

The Rev. Dr. Bob Swope (assisting clergy)

Members of the Vestry

Mike Wang, *Senior Warden*

Bob Brust, *Junior Warden*

David Vomund, *Treasurer (non-voting)*

Connie Skidmore, *Clerk (non-voting)*

Cindy Boudett, Karen Colbert, and Mike Wang (2019-2022 term)

Nora Beauchamp, Bob Brust, and Daniel Gollery (2020-2023 term)

Steve Barney, Katherine Krivan, Kay Lehr (2021-2024 term)

Jessica Rotter, *Parish Administrator*