



SERVICE of WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, February 21, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

This morning's liturgy is similar to Park Street Church's typical morning worship service, though with a reduced amount of music during the pandemic. Instructions are indicated by the traditional symbol ¶, called a "pilcrow." The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence.

When worship was translated into the vernacular during the Reformation, the familiar Latin titles for Psalms and other standard texts were preserved; for instance, we refer to the "Gloria Patri" not the "Glory Be to the Father;" some of these titles are used here.

Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

¶ *Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship.*

¶ *At the conclusion of the Voluntary, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 63

Leader O God, you are my God; early will I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh also longs after you,
in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

People **Thus I have looked upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

Leader For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall praise you.

People **As long as I live I will magnify you,
and lift up my hands in your name.**

INVOCATION

HYMN (*spoken*) *Benedictus es, Domine (2nd. cent BC)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Leader God spoke these words and said:
I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**
and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader You shall not murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Leader You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

EXODUS 20:1-17; DEUTERONOMY 5:6-21; PSALM 123:3; 1 KINGS 8:58; JER. 31:33

CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *Silence is kept. The people kneel or sit. The Leader and People say*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you
in newness of life,**

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Leader alone stands and declares God's forgiveness. The People then stand for the Peace.*

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ, refraining from handshaking and maintaining physical distancing. Following the Peace, the People are seated.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34.11-24

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and

shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

¶ *The People stand to recite the Psalm antiphonally. Those on the LEFT side of the sanctuary read the REGULAR type, and those on the RIGHT side of the sanctuary read the BOLD type. ALL read the Gloria Patri.*

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Dominus regit me

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms, in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.

¶ *The people sit*

SECOND LESSON

John 10.1-21

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?”²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON
The Good Shepherd

Mark Booker

HYMN

♩ *The People stand and sing*

He Leadeth Me

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with
2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er
4. And when at last my race is run, the Sav - ior's

heav'n - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er
mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er
work in me is done, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

APOSTLES' CREED

The People say together

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come 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

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick and suffering, concluding with the Lord's Prayer said by all.*

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 coming day's bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians.*

HYMN

¶ *The People stand and sing*

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS



♩ Unison

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high! How pass - ing
 2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3. For us to wick - ed men be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 4. For us he rose from death a - gain, for us he
 5. All hon - or, laud, and glo - ry be, O Je - sus,

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast, and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
 • crown of thorns ar - rayed; for us he bore the
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 vir - gin - born, to thee; whom with the Fa - ther

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 • cross - 's death, for us at length gave up his breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Ghost, for - ev - er - more.

Latin hymn, 15th cent.
 Tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1854, 1871

DEO GRACIAS (or AGINCOURT HYMN) L.M.
 Anon., 1415

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

♩ *The people sit. The ushers will dismiss the people by rows, following the voluntary.*

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