St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska
"A Harbor for God's Love"
Holy Communion with the Reserve Sacrament
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 am



The Mission of the Church:

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

We welcome visitors. Take a moment to sign our guest book in the narthex, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Pleases join us in worship again, and may God bless your week.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

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Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska Jo Schoeppe~ Officiant

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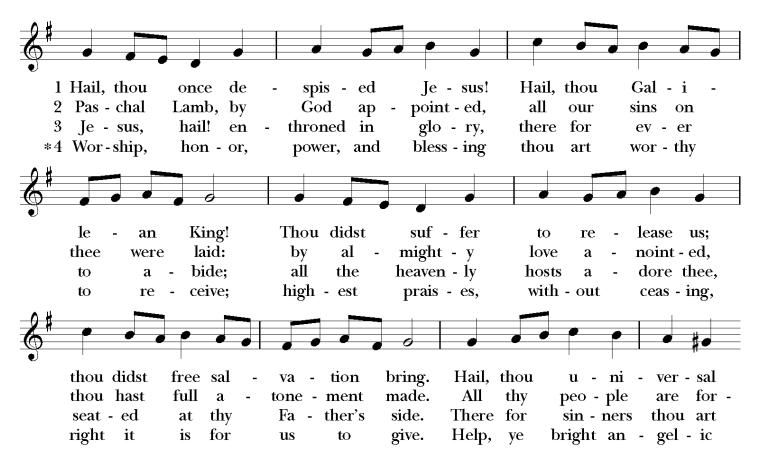
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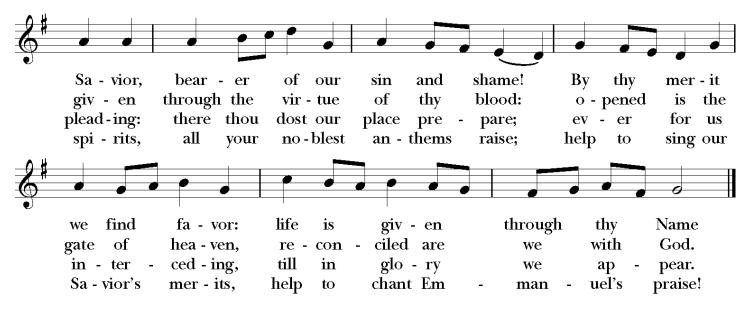
Please Stand as able for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Hymnal 495





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All standing, as able, the Officiant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Confession of Sin

All kneel or stand as able

The Officiant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

The Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Officiant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The following is sung, all standing

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy. (three times)
Christ, have mercy. (three times)
Lord, have mercy. (three times)

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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*.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Jackie Schulz

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

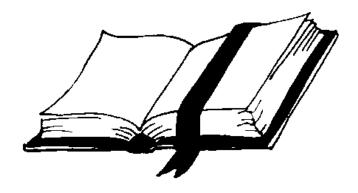
Psalm 27 Rob Smith

Dominus illuminatio

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD* and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.

- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD* in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.



A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

People

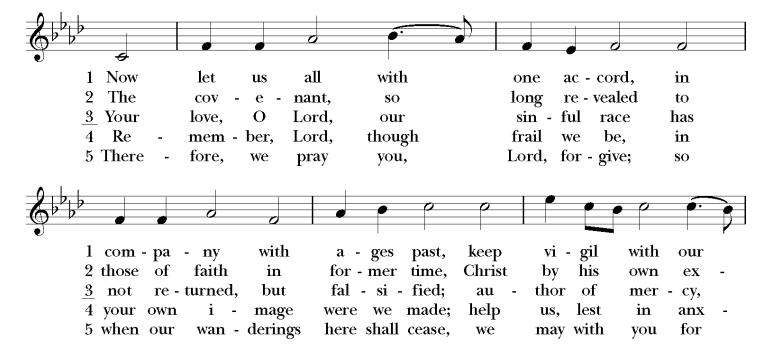
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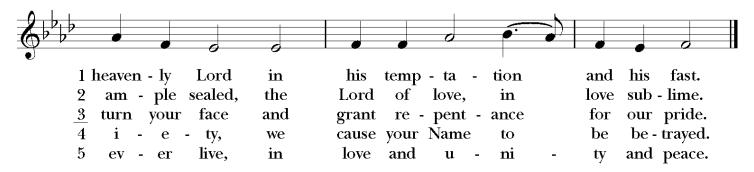
Sequence Hymn

All stand as able

Now let us all with one accord

Hymnal 147





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Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Jo Schoeppe

All stand as able

Officiant A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Jo Schoeppe

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Form 1

Stephanie Hall

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Mark, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for: Lual, Lin, Melora, Heather, Londi & Richard, Missy & family, Fred, Sara & family, the Fujioka family, Henry, Sharon & family, Ed & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Billy, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Linda, Cheri, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah, Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Jerry, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Arlen, Cyndy, Anne, Steven & Kathy, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center and SEARHC'S: Ravens Way; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Brendan and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Officiant add a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace

All stand as able

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may great one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

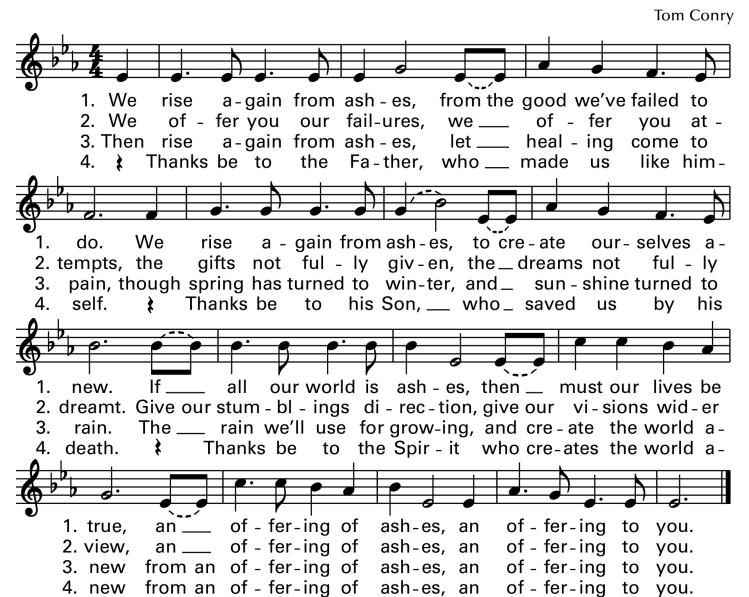
The Officiant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Today's loose offering will go into the General Fund.



ASHES



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The People stand as able and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology (a hymn of praise) See last page for music.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion

Officiant: God of all love we draw near with awe and reverence to the mystery of our Savior's Body and Blood.

People: Lord have mercy

May we commemorate his passion and recall his resurrection with pure hearts and unclouded faith.

R. Lord have mercy

For our sake he was born into the human family, mortal, tried and tempted as we are; and by his preaching of the kingdom he called us to the knowledge of your truth.

R. Lord have mercy

When he had fulfilled all things he was lifted up upon the cross, and rose from the dead, and was taken up into heaven to be the first-fruits of our human nature, the author and perfector of faith.

R. Lord have mercy

Now he calls us to his table to become partakers of his grace.

R. Lord have mercy

With a humble will and with overflowing love may we receive your gift of everlasting life.

R. Lord have mercy

With pure prayer and abundant hope may we leave with you those things that are past and devote ourselves afresh to your service.

R. Lord have mercy

Grant us to receive the Holy One and to be hallowed by the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grant us to share in the peace of Christ through the sacrament of peace. **Amen.**

May this Holy Communion bring us to new life in your kingdom and unite us with all your Saints. **Amen.**

The Officiant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Officiant

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.

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Barbara & Dave

Communion Music

Stephanie Hall

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

Loving God,

we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements...announcements may be made at this point in the service.

The Way of the Cross 5:30 p.m. Friday

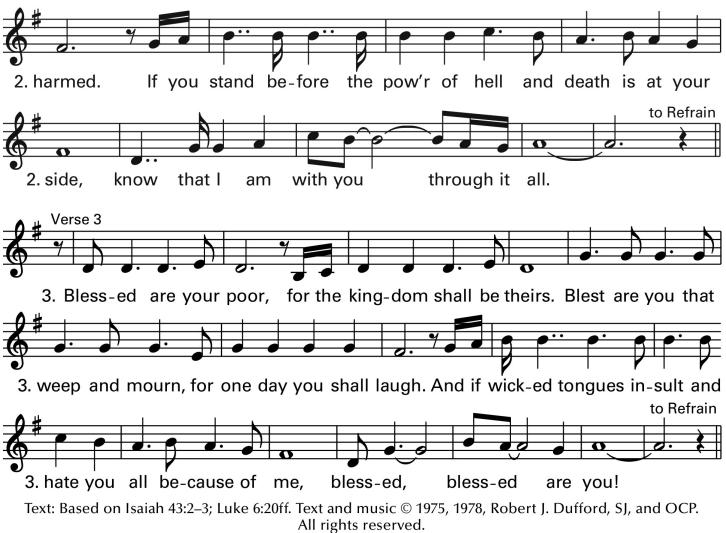
Lenten Soup/Worship at St. Brendan's Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Closing Hymn

BE NOT AFRAID

Bob Dufford, SJ





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Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant says

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

A Note on Today's Readings

Second Sunday in Lent—Year C

Welcome to our worship service today. Today the liturgy gives us the account of the covenant between God and the first person of faith: Abraham. There are two parts to this covenant: God's promise and Abraham's faith. Abraham's faith becomes the model for us who have been brought into covenant with God in baptism.

The Gospel reading today tells of Jesus being warned that he is in danger of being killed. He responds by again foretelling his own death and resurrection, the three days in which he will complete his work. Jesus then laments his rejection by the leaders in Jerusalem because he wishes fervently that no one be lost and that he may gather everyone to himself.

The second reading today is concerned with contrasting those who do not live within the covenant and those who do. It reminds us that the self-denial and fasting of Lent are not ends in themselves and certainly are not meant to imply that pleasure is wrong. They lead us on toward the discovery that true joy and pleasure always come from God and always point us to the resurrection of our earthly life and desires, which is God's ultimate aim for us.

As we draw nearer to Easter and the renewal of our baptismal commitment, and as we pray for those who will be baptized then, the liturgy of Lent takes us ever deeper into the mystery of our redemption. Faith and repentance are our response to the redemption that began to be worked out in Abraham's day, was fulfilled in Jesus' dying and rising, and is renewed in us in baptism and Eucharist.

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