The Second Sunday in Lent
March 13th, 2022  11:00 a.m.

The Congregation Gathers

Prelude
A Hymn Prelude on "Guidance" (Lyman Brackett, 1852-1937)
Peter J. Hodgson

The Tolling of the Bell
Please stand as you are able

The Opening Hymn
The Hymnal 1982 #401

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love;
we shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore;
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

The Opening Acclamation
Celebrant   Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
People      God’s mercy endures for ever

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.
An improvised Kyrie
Let us create a holy, prayerful intention together. You are invited to breathe, hum, hold long tones, and improvise.
Kyrie eleison – Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison – Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison – Lord, have mercy

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Together, let us pray

Brooding Spirit, beneath your wings there is creation and life;
accompany us on the difficult path
with the disappeared and the broken,
the fearful and the vengeful,
until we find the way to the city of our peace
where we are accepted as we are;
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord. Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
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.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 27

1. God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?*
   God 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;
   And though war should rise up against me,* yet will I put my trust in God.

4. One thing have I asked of the Most High; one thing I seek;*
   that I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life;
   To behold the fair beauty of God* and to seek you in your temple.

5. For in the day of trouble you will keep me safe in your shelter;*
   you will hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

6. Even now you lift up my head* above my enemies round about me.

7. Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*
   I will sing and make music to you, O God.

8. Hearken to my voice when I call;* have mercy on me and answer me.

9. You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”* Your face, O God, will I seek.

10. Hide not your face from me,* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

11. You have been my helper; cast me not away;* do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12. Though my father and my mother for sake me,* you will sustain me.

13. Show me your way, O God;* lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

14. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

15. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of God* in the land of the living.

16. O tarry and await God’s pleasure; be strong, and your heart will be comforted;*
   wait patiently for our God.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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.

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The Gospel Procession

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
The people respond Glory to you, O 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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Davey Gerhard
The Prayers of the People and Lenten Confession

Celebrant
God of the covenant, you call us to be fruitful servants within creation, and to offer our lives as the foundation of your realm. We lay before you the desires of our hearts, that we may be transformed by their fulfillment.

Leader
I ask your prayers for the Church, that all who confess God’s Name may be united in truth, live together in love, and reveal God’s glory in the world.....

Sung response (all):
“O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer, come and listen to me.”

I ask your prayers for the peoples of all the nations, that we may live in justice and peace.....

Sung response

I ask your prayers for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find comfort, healing and hope.....

Sung response

I ask your prayers for those who are dying, for those who have died and for those who mourn, that they may experience your compassion and mercy.....

Sung response

I ask your prayers for the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses in thought, word and deed; the things done, the things left undone, and the evil done on our behalf.....

as we continue singing, the congregation is invited to place the pebbles in the bowl.
“O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.”

The Celebrant then pronounces absolution as water is poured over the stones.

The Peace

As we pass the peace, let us be mindful of the holy space we create when we recognize the blessing of Christ's peace in each other's lives.

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Like as the hart Words: Psalm 42:1-3; Music: Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

Presentation Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #148, vs 1,3 & 5
Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in your house.

We who by Christ’s power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.
Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: “Take, eat, this is my Body; it is broken for you.”

After supper he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory.*

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

May we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, O God of all ages. AMEN.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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

*WLP #864*
Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful God, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same God whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, so to eat the body of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

Communion Hymn
Postcommunion Prayer
Celebrant Let us pray.
Celebrant & People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Community Blessings

Lenten Blessing
May God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of Christ’s glory; and the blessing of God the Creator, God the Word Incarnate and God the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love, now and ever. Amen.

Final Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #152, vs 1-2,5

The Dismissal
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sortie on the Hymn-tune A la venue de Noel

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Today’s collect comes from Stephen Shakespeare’s “Prayers for an inclusive church.”
The Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from the Scottish Liturgy.
Community Announcements

Sunday morning Service Times: 9 and 11. We continue to use SignUp Genius. The link is: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45aaab29a3ffce9-worshiping

April 1-3: Congregational Retreat at Bishop's Ranch! Sign up here

New Socks for the Abundance Community! Collection box at back of sanctuary.

Open Cathedral sandwiches at 16th & Mission Thursday evenings: Please contact Rita Lin if you’re interested

Morning Prayer continues on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8am on Zoom. Meeting ID: 842 2713 8212. Passcode: 995019

Abundance Community in Bay View: Holy Innocents plans to volunteer every second Saturday of the month, from 10-2. Please contact Sarah Klapek or Aaralyn Johnston if you’re interested.

Staying Connected!
You can follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HolyInSF.
If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email jane@holyinsf.org
To add someone to our prayer list, please fill this form https://forms.gle/S3ufubPlmrsmuHR8 or email

Holy Innocents’ Prayer List

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:
Alyssa (Sarah B’s friend); Andrea & Lucas, and their family (Sarah B’s friends); Ange; Betty (Camilla’s sister); Bill & Sergio; Carol & Katie (Joyce’s nieces); Cary and his sister Liza, Sarah & Cole, his nephew and niece, and all his family in Louisiana and Alabama; Catherine (Amelia’s mother and Thomas’ friend); Charles (Barrie’s son); Christopher (Beth’s friend); Cierra and her family (Cary’s friends); Darlene (Judith’s friend); Diana (Anne’s niece); Elyse (Judith’s friend); Eric (Liz K’s nephew); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne’s cousins); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah’s aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas’ husband); Joan (Alison’s sister); Joel & Sam; John (Davey’s father); Judith;
Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith’s friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B’s friends); Laura (Anne J’s wife); Leigh (Sarah B’s friend); Lina (Fabienne’s friend); Linda (Cary’s friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith’s friends); Marge (Ellen’s mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne’s parents); Mary (Allison’s mother); Maxime, Thomas & James; Pierre (Fabienne’s family friend); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sharon (Natasha’s mom); Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth’s brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Will (Cynthia’s son).

For the departed:
Anna Brazil (Fatima’s sister); Dick (David Johnson’s brother); Donald Pace (Judith’s friend); Eleni Kasapi (Steven’s mother); Eric Logan (Tom’s nephew); Sr. Helen Julian, CSF; Joan Blair (Anne R’s mother); Keith Quarterman (John’s father); Lori McCullough (Cary’s sister); Sue (Sarah B’s friend); Thomas Jenkins (Anne’s dad); Kan Lin (Rita’s dad).

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