

TODAY'S LESSONS: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Collect of the Day

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.**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over
Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over
you;*
the Lord is your shade at your
right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you
by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all
evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader A reading from St. Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

"Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Today's Readers:

Lessons: Brian Marquardt

Prayers: Helena Thornton

TODAY'S MUSIC

Offertory Anthem	I Need Thee Every Hour	Robert Lowry
Communion Music	O Breath of Life/Breath on Me, Breath of God by Mary J. Hammond and Robert Jackson, arr. by Penny Rodriguez	
Closing Hymn	I to the hills will lift mine eyes	Hymn #668

Please pray for

Those in need of healing: Jane (Rose), Connie (Johnson), William (Schulenberg), Cole (Young), Pam (Kerns), Stephanie (Robinson), Ida (Davenport), Pat (Snyder), the Collins Family, Bob (Chapman), Shirley (Haas), Jen (Jewkes), Pat (Mulkern), Lynn (Honeycutt), Hardy (Shelton III), Jacey (Ciernak), Abbie B., the Kirton-Burbank family, the Rodemeyer family, Paula (Gray-Roberston), Leola, Fran (Moir), Louise (LeBeau), Greg (Haas), Cindy (Graham), Marie (Stanyar), Jill (Poske), and Ron (Juergens).

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan: Holy Cross (Novi) and St. Stephen's (Hamburg).

For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic:

CALENDAR

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
10am Holy Eucharist, Church
Noon Mother of the Savior, Church

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8am-1:30pm
Friday
8am-1pm

Recurring Weekly Classes/Meetings

AA, Room 14:
Thursday, 11:30am
Thursday, 6:30pm
Saturday, 1pm

ACOA, Room 14:
Wednesday, 6:30pm

Arabic Saturday School, Room 19:
Saturday, 10am

Blessings in a Backpack Packing:
Friday, 3:30pm

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall:
Tuesday, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge:
Wednesday, 1pm

Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room:
Sunday, 11:30am

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall:
Sunday, 2pm,
Wednesday, 7pm
2nd & 4th Thursday 6:30pm

Mother of the Savior Youth Bible
Study and Arabic Class:
Saturday, 3pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano,
Choir Room:
Tuesday and Thursday, 3pm-9pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall:
2nd & 4th Saturday, 10:30am