



The Second Sunday in Lent – Lament over Jerusalem

February 28, 2021

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude, Set II, No. 1

"Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord" Psalm 130:1

Herbert Howells

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and placed us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy all who thirst,
and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ, our living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerful. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the universe. Help us to stand in awe of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word

and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can free us, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"I Was Glad"

A setting of Psalm 122

Bradley Ellingboe

FIRST READING

Psalm 130

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

²Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He 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. ³³Yet 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.' ³⁴Jerusalem, 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! ³⁵See, 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.'"

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SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Give Me Jesus"

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

CREED

"Grace Like An Ocean"

Grace is like an ocean
And The Spirit hovers over the face of these waters
Yet we're not meant to play it safe by the harbor
We are all drawn deeper and farther
Called into relationships to travel seas uncharted

Like raindrops
On our cheeks and our chests
Our tears and our sweat
Connecting our bodies, our blood
Streams of consciousness collected in
Pondering ponds, puddles, swamps, and gutters
Wandering waters so often huddled where we're taught they don't belong
However far from the garden—
Life grows wherever the water flows

In the cracked concrete of a city street or even in the desert heat we can still find the budding of rose

Only our imagination limits where Holy Spirit moves

Like a flood

Breaking gates and walls

Baptizing beyond the lines of society

And our comfort zones

The raging waves make mountains, and shape diamonds cut from stone, gentle drops soak the soil where the smallest seed becomes the tallest oak

No place too high or too low, too remote or too close

Grace explodes and unfolds

The tides are ever changing and giving rise to new hope

Remember these waters where it all begins

Where we all belong

All gathered, all called, all sent

Grace is the water in which we all swim

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW "All Creation Sings."

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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 forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you † that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

POSTLUDE [MS]

"De profundis"

A setting of the chorale "Aus tiefer Not" ("Out of the Depths") based on Psalm 130.

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