



The Second Sunday in Lent – Lament over Jerusalem

February 28, 2021

10:30 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.

Antiphon: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I gather you together,
and you would not. (Luke 13:34)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ear be attentive to my voice; if you would mark iniquities, who could stand?

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

*I wait for the Lord, in his word is my hope; my soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.*

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love.

With the Lord is great power to redeem; it is he who will redeem Israel from their sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

² Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

⁴ To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, "Peace be within you."
⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Christ Hath a Garden"

Gerald Near

*Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.*

*Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.
Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom till the beloved Master come:
That he may come; and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.*

Text by Robert Bridges (after Isaac Watts)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We gather our prayers using a sung response.

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

Lord, in your mer-cy, hear our_ prayer.

Li - sten to our cry.

(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.

CLOSING HYMN*

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

(see end of bulletin)

PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

“De profundis”

Jean Langlais

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

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“All Creation Sings.”*

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Prayer of the Day – <http://www.narrativelectionary.org>

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sa - vior now I bring.

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a - bove.
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Text: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1953, vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989.
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