

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent



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Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

Prelude *Go Down in De Lonesome Valley* arr. Harry T. Burleigh

David Moniz, tenor

Processional *The God of Abraham praise* **Hymnal # 401**

Acclamation and Penitential Order **BCP, p. 351**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

Confession and Absolution **BCP, p. 352**

Kyrie **#S-96**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect

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.*

The First Reading **Genesis 12:1-4a** **Deirdre Greelish**

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 121

BCP, p. 779

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Rosetta Evans

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.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual Hymn

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Hymnal # 668

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Julie Hanavan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Anne Tait

I ask your prayers for the church that everyone participates, and are blessed. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

May the world find peace and those who lead, lead with kindness first. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord God touch the minds and hearts of the people who make the

decisions in our government. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for all those suffering in war and its devastating impact including children. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

For those who struggle with food and housing insecurity. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who are sick and those in any trouble Lord we ask your divine intervention and grant them healing. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pray for who have died that that they may rest with the saints in light in God's peace. I pray for the people that have departed family members, and nowhere to have comfort. *Lord, hear our prayer*

I pray for focus on what is most important in life, and wisdom to know the right path. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who celebrate birthdays this week especially Theo Muhlenburg and Glenna Wilson. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *God So Loved the World (from The Crucifixion)* **J. Stainer**

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.*

Presentation (Please stand as you are able.)

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. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (*see card in your pew*)

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Memorial Acclamation A

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Hymnal #S-164

The Communion

All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament

Communion Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LEVAS #88

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Hymnal #603

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 365

Prayer Over the People

Recessional

Lift high the cross

Hymnal #473

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Postlude

In Christ There is No East or West **harm. Harry T. Burleigh**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. Food items can be left on the cart as you enter Rose Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Each Sunday the Healing Prayer Ministry is at the side altar during Communion to pray with you.

Outreach meeting today in the Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1: Outreach Meeting following the Service, Office

March 4: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist in the church, noon

March 4: Writers Group, 5-7 pm, Rose Hall

March 8: Discussion following the Service, *Pauses for Lent*, Office

March 15: Youth Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am Rose Hall

March 15: Vestry Meeting, Office

March 22: Lenten Discussion, *Pauses for Lent*, Office

Musical Notes

This month we will twice feature during the prelude the significant music of African-American composer Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, as a child Burleigh knew well his mother's father, Hamilton Waters, a former slave abandoned by his Maryland owners after he became blind; and who then used to sing spirituals to Harry as he led his grandfather through the streets of Erie. After high school, Harry became well established as a singer in the Episcopal church in Erie; but he then was able through the help of many local donors to enjoy a scholarship at the National Conservatory of Music in New York City. While still in school there, he joined the choir of St. George's Episcopal Church and would remain for the next 52 years, while at the same time singing at Temple Emanu-El for 25 years. Burleigh became important as a classical composer, arranger, editor, and professional singer (baritone) throughout his life, who not only introduced spirituals to classically trained artists, but also arranged spirituals in a more classical form (reflecting 19th-century German art song tradition), such as we hear this morning. He also introduced Antonin Dvorak to the African-American spiritual tradition, which influenced compositions including the New World Symphony, and caused Dvorak to state that Black music would be the basis of an American classical music. Burleigh coached many famous singers, including Caruso, Marian Anderson, and Paul Robeson; and John McCormack sang his "Little Mother of Mine" throughout the world. Burleigh also became a charter

member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP); and was awarded an honorary MA from Atlanta University and an honorary Doctorate of Music from Howard University.

From Burleigh's preface to the collection of spirituals (arranged for solo voice) from which we sing this morning: "... through all these songs there breathes a hope, a faith in the ultimate justice and brotherhood of man. The cadences of sorrow invariably turn to joy, and the message is ever manifest that eventually deliverance from all that hinders and oppresses the soul will come, and man--every man--will be free." (Harry T. Burleigh, New York, 1917).

Prelude Text

My brother, want to get religion?

Go down in de lonesome valley;

My brother, want to get salvation?

Go down in de lonesome valley, My Lord, an' meet my Saviour there.

My sister, want to get religion?

Go down in de lonesome valley;

My sister, want to get salvation?

Go down in de lonesome valley, My Lord, an' meet my Saviour there.