



# St. Cross

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Second Sunday in Lent

### February 28, 2021

#### Prelude

Adagio in G Minor  
Tomaso Albinoni

*The Officiant begins the service with a sentence of Scripture.*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

#### Hymn

Hymnal 675



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## The Confession

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves,**

**and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,**

**and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Psalm**

Psalm 22:22-30



**Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of / Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give / glory.  
For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from / them;  
but when they cry to him he / hears them.**

**My praise is of him in the great as/sembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him:  
"May your heart live for / ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow be/fore him.  
For kingship belongs to the / Lord;  
he rules over the / nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall be/fore him.  
My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has / done.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,  
and to the Holy / Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is / now,  
and will be for ever. A-/men.**

## **The Lessons**

*Two lessons are read.*

### **First Lesson**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

### 3 Blessed Be the God of Israel

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord, you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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## Second Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Deacon* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Then follows the Suffrages*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The 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.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* We come before you in our own brokenness, in need of your grace and favor. We trust in the promise you have made to hear our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus.

We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all your followers, especially those in leadership of your church. Set their hearts on you alone.

*Silence*

*Leader* We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice.

*Silence*

*Leader* We pray for this community. Empower us to serve you and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

*Silence*

*Leader* We pray for those who struggle with disappointments, with financial insecurity, with grief over lost loved ones, or lost dreams. We pray for relief for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask for healing for all who suffer, especially those who we name now, either silently, or aloud ...

*Silence*

*Leader* We pray for all who have been affected by this pandemic: for all who are ill, that they may receive care, and for those who are dying, that they may find peace and comfort. We pray for all who tend to the sick and for their families, that they may find strength and support.

*Silence*

*Leader* We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss. We pray especially for those we name now, either silently, or aloud...

*Silence*

*Leader* All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

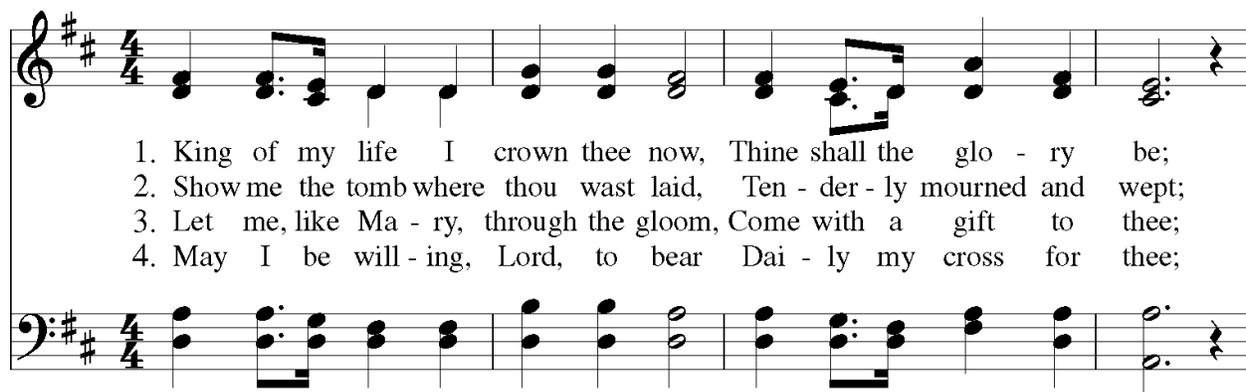
## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

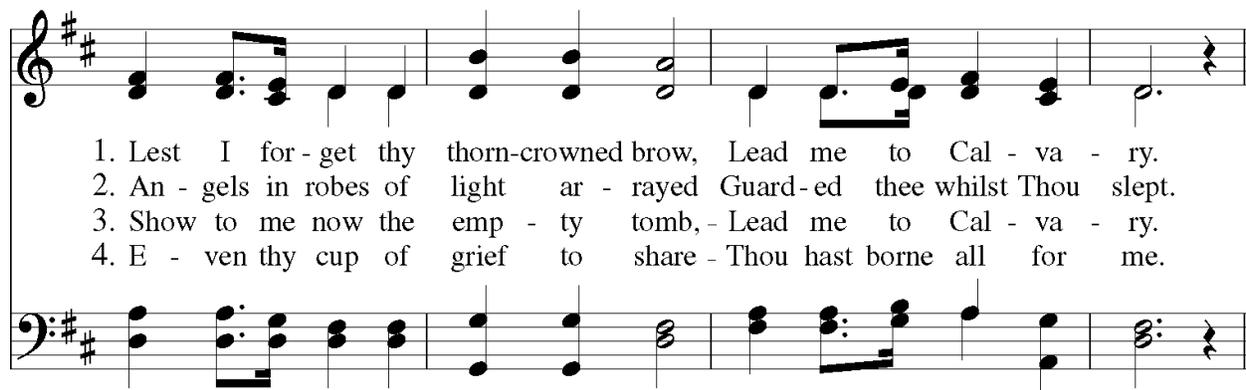
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## Second Hymn

Hymn LEVAS 31



1. King of my life I crown thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;  
2. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Ten - der - ly mourned and wept;  
3. Let me, like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to thee;  
4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for thee;



1. Lest I for - get thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
2. An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard - ed thee whilst Thou slept.  
3. Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, - Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
4. E - ven thy cup of grief to share - Thou hast borne all for me.

Lest I for-get Geth - sem - a - ne, Lest I for-get thine ag - o - ny,  
 Lest I for-get thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.

*Then is said*  
 Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
 Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
**Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Postlude**

Fugue in G Minor  
 Dietrich Buxtehude

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