

February 25th, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This Week's Music

The solo organ music today consists of different settings of the hymn "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ" (I call unto you, Lord Jesus Christ). The melody was written by Johann Agricola (1492-1566) as part of a collection called appropriately "Geistliche Lieder" (Sacred Songs). It appears in the *Hymnal 1982* as "I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ" (634).

Prelude

"Ich ruf zu dir"

G. P. Telemann

THE LESSONS

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."

Psalm 22:22-30

The choir will chant the light verses, the congregation will join them on the bold verses.



May all who fear you, O God, give praise; *
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe and all of Jacob's line give glory.
For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty, neither do you hide
your face from them, *
but when they cry to you, you hear them.

My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you.*
“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you. *
For yours is the royal power, O God; you rule over the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.

My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you; *
they shall be known as yours for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn,
the saving deeds that you have done.

Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation sings the acclamation preceding and in response to the verse sung by the choir.

The Gospel Responses are found on page 3 of the Seasonal Bulletin.



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,* by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

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.”

OFFERTORY

Anthem “Jesus, So Lowly”
The Christ Church Choir

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

Presentation Hymn “The Glory of These Forty Days” 143
Verses 1 & 2

For the Great Thanksgiving, return to page 6 of the Seasonal Bulletin.

Communion Music “Ich ruf zu dir” C. P. E. Bach

Communion Hymn

“You Laid Aside”

1 You laid a - side your right - ful rep - u -
 2 You touched the lep - er, ate with those re -
 3 Help us to fol - low, Je - sus, where you
 4 Draw us to you and with your love trans -

ta - tion and gave no heed to what the world might
 ject - ed, re - ceived the wor - ship of a wo - man's
 lead us to love, to serve, our own lives lay - ing
 form us: the love we've seen, the love we've touched and

say; served as a slave and laid a - side your
 tears: You shed the pride that keeps us from the
 down; to walk your way of hum - ble, cost - ly
 known; en - large our hearts and with com - pas - sion

gar - ments to wash the feet of those who walked your way.
 free - dom to love our neigh - bor, lay - ing down our fears.
 ser - vice, a cross its end, a ring of thorns its crown.
 fill us to love, to serve, to fol - low you a - lone.

Final Hymn

“All My Hope on God is Founded”

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Verses 1-3, 5

Postlude

“Ich ruf zu dir”

J. S. Bach

Music Credits | Psalm 22 Setting: James Frazier | Gospel Acclamation Setting: Paul Tegels | Jesus, So Lowly Music: Harold Friedell, Text: Edith Williams | Hymn 143 Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR | Hymn You Laid Aside Tune: INTERCESSOR | Hymn 665 Tune: MICHAEL | Hymns, music, and texts reprinted/streamed with permission under One License #A-726740. All rights reserved. Other music and texts from the public domain.

WEEKLY PRAYERS

The Church in the World: Trinity and Apostles (COTA), Seattle, the Anglican Church of Tanzania. We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Michael Curry, Delia Manning, Essam Awad, Bill Garriott, George Lewis, Al Buck, Mark Morris, Chaundra Pospychala, Carolyn Guppy, Judy and Maura Cullen, Lori Mason, Sonsaray, Robert Reaves, Robyn Potter, and Dick Gregory and those who have died, especially Dee Davis, Caroline Awad, and Kym Nelson.

Assisting with the liturgy: Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Maria McDowell Deacon; The Rev. Donna Arellano; Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor: Shelby Clayson; Acolyte: Carol Gregory; Lectors: Peach McDouall and Gordon Craig; Interim Music Director: Dr. Paul Tegels; the Christ Church Choir; Ushers: Len Johnson, Ciara Aylsworth, and Holly Joseph; Altar Guild: Harriett Fields, Pat Chen, Tim Chen, and Ron Fields; Coffee Hour Host: Sandy Johanson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is our practice to extend the meal we share each Sunday to those who are unable to join us at Sunday Eucharist. This is typically the work of licensed Eucharistic Visitors, who go out in pairs. This ministry requires training both in Safe Church (which you may do online), as well as by Mother Maria and the EV leaders. We will be scheduling training after Easter. If you are interested in this kind of pastoral care, please contact Mother Maria. If you would like to bring the Eucharist home ***to someone to whom you are related***, you may do so now. Please let Mother Maria know before the service if there is someone to whom you would like to bring the Body and Blood of Jesus. You will be invited up during the service so that we can send you out as a congregation.

Come reflect on Lent with **Dag Hammarskjöld's Christ Meditations**

Dag Hammarskjöld led the United Nations in its formative years. Unknown to many, he did this work as a peacemaker under the sign of the Cross. Waymarks, his spiritual diary, reveals how Christ was his light when he was a world leader in the cause of peace. Join Don Johnson as he leads the discussion of this fascinating secular leader who was guided by his faith in Jesus Christ. **Sundays, March 17 and 24, at 12 PM in the Parish Library.**

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Participating in Christ Church

Our ministry and community life is sustained by the generosity and trust of our members and participants. Please consider a financial donation online so that we may continue to be vibrant and welcoming Episcopal community in the heart of Tacoma.



If you would like to participate in other ways, please reach out via email with your interests so we can connect you to the right ministry group.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather at 310 North K Street. Let us give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people on whose ancestral land this church and many of our homes stand. Their descendants live among us still. For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude. May we never forget that their land was taken by force and broken treaty.