

**2nd Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Lead Me, Lord”

by Robert W. Thygerson

Tune: Lead Me, Lord

By Samuel S. Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN 182 I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest,
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”**

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stop down and drink and live.”**

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus as I was, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sins and repent.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gen. 17:1-16

17 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. **2** And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." **3** Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, **4** "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **5** 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. **6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7** 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.

15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16** 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." **17** Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" **18** And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" **19** God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. **20** As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a

great nation. ²¹ But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.” ²² And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

Ps. 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them 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. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ 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.”

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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,^[a] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[b] 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.”

SERMON

Who Do You Say That I Am?

HYMN 775

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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**I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things,
who set me on my path in this world.**

**I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator,
who rescued me and all creation
from the depredations of our violations against God and creation.
This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world,
taking on human form having been born of a woman
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.
He walked God's path to death on a cross,
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
who through the body and blood of Jesus
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future;
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,
being God's hands and feet in the world.**

OFFERING – MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN 213 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Contemplation of the Savior's Sacrifice" by James Southbridge

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EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Feb. 24 - Mar. 31, 2021

You are invited to participate in Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. We will be praying using lectio divina and will be praying selected psalms. Lectio divina is an ancient form of prayer using reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. This form of prayer can be done in community or as a personal discipline. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Nancy at yougnancy501@gmail.com.

Time: March 3, 2021 07:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting
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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: PSALMS

Time: 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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TUESDAY MORNING STUDY

**Everything Is Spiritual: Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World
by Rob Bell**

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