

Hymn during Communion *Let the Light of Your Face, Shine on Us.*



Sending Hymn # 643 *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Postlude:

The mystery of the Spirit...

Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks

By Jane Kenyon

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper....

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

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The Second Sunday in Lent



Nicodemus Visiting Jesus - (1899) by Henry Ossawa Tanner

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Piano Prelude:

Welcome & Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn # 170 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

Children's Message



Collect

Holy God,
whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking:
transform the night-time of our fear
into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew.
Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

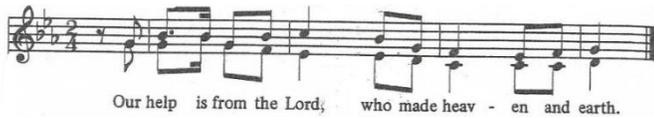
The First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a)

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121



I lift up my eyes **to** the mountains;
 from where shall **come** my help?
 My help shall come **from** the Lord
 who made **heaven** and earth. **R**

May he never allow **you** to stumble!
 Let him sleep **not**, your guard.
 No, he sleeps **not** nor slumbers,
 Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard **and** your shade;
 at your right **side** he stands.
 By day the sun **shall** not smite you
 nor the moon **in** the night. **R**

The Lord will guard **you** from evil,
 he will **guard** your soul.
 The Lord will guard your **going** and coming
 both now **and** for ever. **R**

Gospel Refrain (3x) *Thy Word (Refrain)*
 Amy Grant Michael W. Smith



**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
 and a light upon my path.**

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.
Deacon The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John (3:1-17)
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now 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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
 The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation Hymn # 606 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*



*The wine, hosts, and bulletin today are in
 Loving Memory of James Wood given by
 Joan & family*