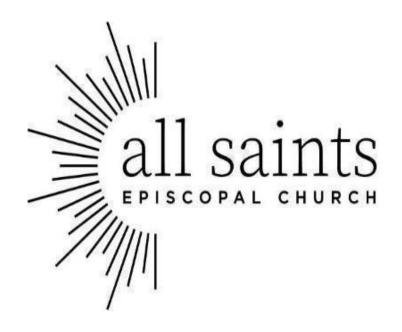
# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 10:30 AM



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#### ARTISTS NOTE

# Sleep Unborn

by Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Psalm 22:23-31 | Paper lace
"To God, 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."
(Psalm 22:29)

As I contemplate the idea of people beneath the earth and people in the womb, I feel a sense of beautiful protection. In particular, I feel a deep connection to our minuteness in contrast to the greatness of God. Each time I meet this text, I find myself taken by the repetitious time spent in joyous and abundant praise of God. God, we love you. God, we are amazed by you. God, you are everywhere, you are everything. God, we praise you!



In this piece, I depict a sense of covering—covering in the womb, "people yet unborn" (v. 28); covering in the soil, "sleep in the earth" (v. 31). A spiral radiates outward representing praise. The pattern depicts people in various poses of prayer and praise. As I cut tiny stencils of prayer poses, I abstracted them to depict the shrouded minuteness of our being in God's presence. As we became a beautiful and intricate pattern of prayer and praise, I began to see other images in the patterns—masks, faces, flowers—as though all states of being are present in that constancy of appreciation for God.

-Hannah Garrity

#### Truth that ricochets

I went to a lecture once—
An interfaith conversation with interfaith leaders.
Whispers bounced off the church's tile floors
As people shuffled into place,
Carrying hope alongside assumptions—
Mixed into pockets like loose change.

About halfway through the evening,
A young woman in a blue hijab
began speaking.
She was the youngest person on the panel,
Seated far to the left. You might almost
miss her
If you weren't paying attention;
But not here, not when she spoke.

In quiet determination she told us of fear and persecution.

She told us of hatred and racial slurs, Thrown at her people from car windows like bombs.

It was a truth I did not know,
And that truth ricocheted like sunlight
through the cathedral windows,
Touching almost everyone that day.

Then a man in the back, who could have been me—
Who has been me—
Approached the microphone and said, "Your people are persecuted. You live in fear. You are battered by hate.
If that is true, then why am I just now hearing about it?
Why is your story not on the news?

Why have you not spoken up about it?"

And the air was still, partly because we held our breath in anticipation,

And partly because the Spirit slows her dance when we stand at the edge of truth.

The woman in the blue hijab leaned into the microphone

And whispered with a quiet strength that can only come from years of practice: "We are screaming."

If there is one truth in my life That unfolds again and again, It is the need to listen.

For again and again, I will try,
with good intentions,
To act and walk with love.
But again and again, I will make mistakes.
Again and again, I will say the wrong thing.
Again and again, they will call me Peter,
And again and again, they will be right.

So again and again, I will pray for a truth that ricochets, For ears that will listen, And for space to hold truth.

If people are screaming,
And to be clear—people are screaming—
I do not want to miss it.

-Rev. Sarah Are

# Lenten Mediations: II

#### **OPENING HYMN**

H 730

As in that upper room you left your seat



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926). Music: Chappell, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace.

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures forever.

#### THE CONFESSION

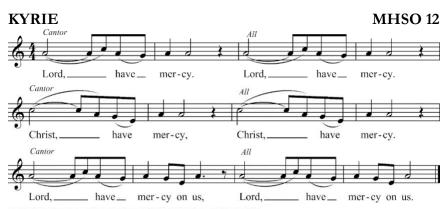
Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews* 4:14,16

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### ABSOLUTION

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



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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE 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.

#### THE RESPONSE

Read responsively by whole verse.

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 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.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

  I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \* "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*
  he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \* all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \* they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \* the saving deeds that he has done.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Roman 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.

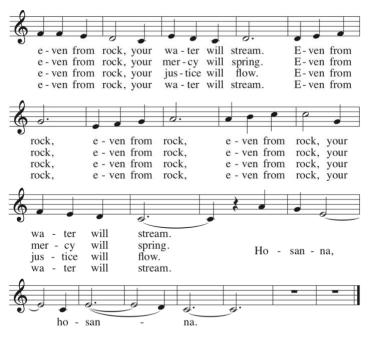
For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —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.

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

The people stand to sing the following.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE GOSPEL

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Gracious and life-giving God, through the suffering and death of your Son Jesus Christ you have raised us to the new life of grace: Hear our prayers on behalf of all people, that your promise of fruitfulness may extend throughout the world, as we say: We praise you in the great assembly. May your heart live for ever!

Litanist: Ever-present One, you have called us to be Christ's followers, to take up our cross and to give our lives willingly for his sake: Set our minds not upon human things but on divine things, that we may proclaim the glory of Christ's resurrection to all the world. We praise you in the great assembly. *May your heart live for ever!* 

Infinite One, you rule over the nations, and you hear the voice of the poor when they cry out to you: Let your compassionate heart bless the multitude of nations that all may follow in your ways of justice and mercy. We praise you in the great assembly. *May your heart live for ever!* 

Loving One, your Beloved suffered rejection from religious and political leaders: Uphold with your resurrection power all who suffer, that their faith may be strong unto the day of their deliverance. We praise you in the great assembly. *May your heart live for ever!* 

Holy One, you have made an everlasting covenant with your people: Bless the children of Abraham who worship you in the faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in this community and around the world, that we may be exceedingly fruitful and fulfill the promise that rests on grace -- the promise guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants -- as we make known to a people yet unborn the saving

deeds that you have done. We praise you in the great assembly. *May your heart live for ever!* 

You are the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially \_\_\_\_. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.* 

Bless all who wish to bear children with the promise of Sarah, that their descendants may be known as yours for ever. We praise you for your promises and the fulfillment of your blessing in our lives, especially for \_\_\_\_. *All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently*.

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; raise to your joyful presence those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_. All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.

We praise you in the great assembly. May your heart live for ever!

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati, Grace College Hill, and Holy Trinity Kenwood.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Celebrant: Gracious and merciful God, you have taught us through Jesus that there is no profit in gaining the whole world if we lose our own lives, and you have invited us to follow Jesus, for the way of the cross is the way of life: Give us the faith of Abraham, that we may trust in your promises and share in the glory of Christ's inheritance, through the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

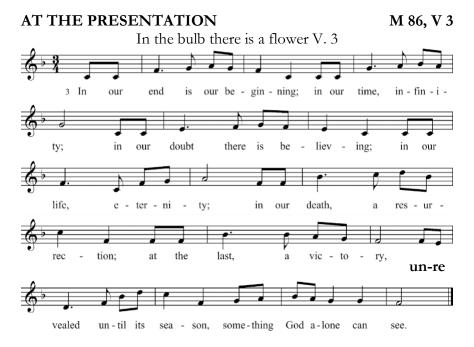
#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Craig Hella Johnson

The Innocence from Considering Matthew Shepherd



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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

# Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

# By your will they were created and have their being.

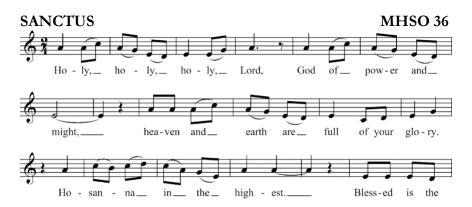
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

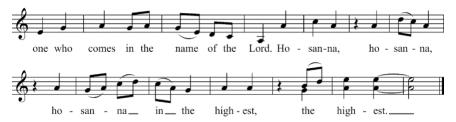
# Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

# By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





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#### The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

# We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

# Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them

in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on

him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing. If you would like to receive but mobility is a concern, the priest will come serve you at your seat.

# Before thy throne, O God, we kneel



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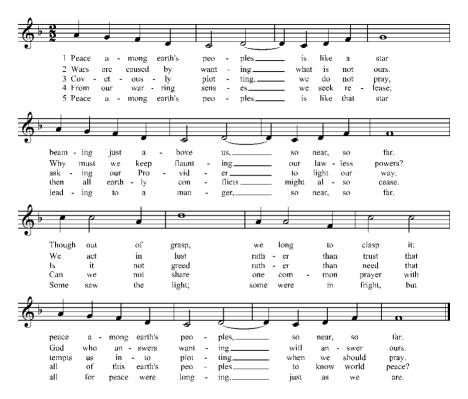
# POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# THE BLESSING adapted from Frederick Buechner

Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

# Peace among earth's people



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#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** 

Marianne Kim

Meditation Suite: I

# Serving Today 2/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn Musicians: Ethan Neal and the All Saints Choir

Lectors: Ethan Neal and Kathy Doane

Server: Johnny Arguedas Usher: Mackenzie Hammel Altar Guild: Karen Murphy

Communion Bread: Kara Baumhardt Coffee Hour: Jesse and Lindsay Kramer

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

## **Lenten Formation Class**

Our Wednesday night formation class is starting up again in a few short weeks! We will meet as two classes: Walking in Love (Episcopal 101) and Living Well Through Lent: Forgiveness. We'll gather all together at the beginning and end of class, before and after breaking off into two groups. We will meet **Wednesdays Feb. 21, Feb. 28, and March 6**. We'll break for one week on March 13 for our regular monthly Saints and Sinners Club before resuming on **Wednesdays March 20, March 27, and April 3**. Class will run from 7:00-8:30pm in the Vestry Room. Questions? Email Meredith+ at clergy@allsaintscincinnati.org

**Episcopal 101** – Especially for those new to the church but for anyone who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church and its rich traditions. The class will look at liturgical seasons, spiritual practices, gifts for ministry, and how the church approaches contemporary issues. This is a continuation of our fall class but even if you weren't in the fall class, you are welcomed to join us! We'll be using the book, <u>Walk in Love</u> by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

**Living Well Through Lent: Forgiveness** – This gathering will focus on practicing forgiveness, using the daily meditation booklet, Living Well Through Lent available at the back of the church. We'll explore what our faith has to teach us about forgiveness, the relationship between forgiveness and letting go, and forgiving

ourselves and others. The meditations are also available in a pdf or via email by signing up at livingcompass.org. Can't be with us on Wednesdays? Pick up a copy of the meditation books for at home reading or take a Life Transformed calendar and follow it throughout Lent.

# Divine! Youth Group

Starting February 21st, Calvary Episcopal Church in Clifton is hosting a program for LGBTQ+ youth and their families looking for a safe space to receive support while exploring their faith. All Saints is one of 6 other parishes supporting their work. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm Feb. 21, 28, and March 6, 13, and 20. For more information, contact Deneen Trombetti.

# **Digital Visitor's Card**



If you are new among us, we offer you a special word of welcome at worship this morning and invite you to join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship. We'd love to greet you and answer any

questions you might have. Whether you're a first-time visitor or have been around All Saints for a while, please scan the QR code above. We'd love to learn more about you and add you to our weekly email newsletter list.

# Ways to Give

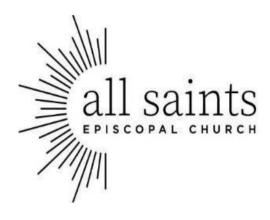


All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash/checks in the offering plate. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give online by

scanning the QR code.

# Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for The Family of Danny Brown, Johnny Armstrong, Emily and Andy Burton, Jonathan Hornschemeier, Adam Buckley, Kyla, Ron and Karen Murphy, The McOsker Family, the Family of Ed Nare, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names will remain on the list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.



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