



10:00 a.m. The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

The Word of God

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

O man, thy grievous sin bemoan

CANDLE LIGHTING

We light these candles as a symbol of our hope in Jesus Christ to teach us again how to love, how to face truths and to how to be a light in this world. *Amen.*

Acclamation And Opening Sentence

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession Of Sin And Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

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,*

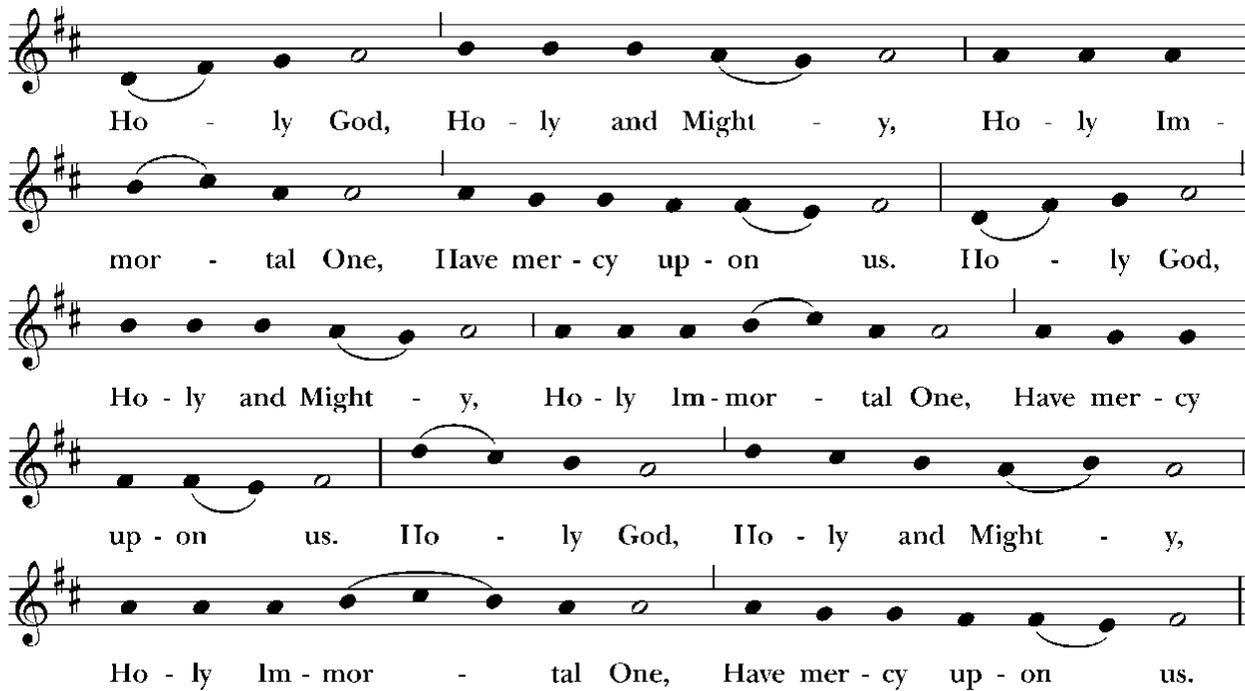
and the evil done on our behalf.

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,*

*that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

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

Trisagion



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, I have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect Of The Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.*

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 22:22-30



- 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 ' as-/sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / wor'ship / 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 ' be-/fore him.

²⁷ For kingship be-/longs 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 ' be-/fore him.

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my des-/cendants ' shall / serve him; *
they shall be known as the/ Lord's ' for / ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a / people ' yet un-/born *
the saving deeds that / he ' has / done.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

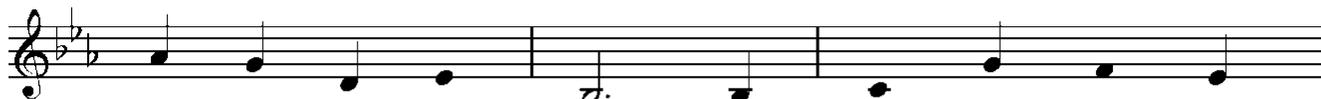
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #653



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. David Erickson

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers Of The People

O God, in your great compassion, look favorably upon the prayers of your people.

Hear our prayers for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Lead us in the way of love. In your goodness,
renew us.

Hear our prayers for the people of the world. May all leaders resist deceit, injustices and oppression and be lavish in their rightful judgement. We pray for our world, especially (N.) In your faithfulness,
strengthen us.

Hear our prayers for those who live in poverty and have no choice but to fast every day, for the homeless, refugees and victims of violence and oppression. You crossed the boundaries of heaven and earth to be among your people. In your righteousness,
restore us.

Hear our prayers for those who are hurting in mind, body or spirit. We pray for suffering from disease, illness, isolation and depression and for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) In your compassion,
heal us.

Hear our prayers for those who have died and have entered into your abiding peace, especially (N.) Comfort those who loved and now mourn them and wipe away their every tear. In your mercy,
transform us.

Hear our prayers for all of us gathered together today that we all might grow closer to you during this season of Lent. Create in us a clean heart, and bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives. In your graciousness,
revive us.

Hear our prayers of gratitude for all the blessings of our lives. We give thanks for (N.) In your abiding love,
awaken us.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Hymn

Hymnal, #693

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Greeting And Announcements

General Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our Savior Jesus Christ and together we have dwelled upon your Word. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer

Let us bow our heads before God.

Look with compassion, O Holy One, upon us your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on "Herzlich tut mich verlangen" Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

February 28, 2021

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you

9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM

St. Mary's warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m. Look for our Sunday morning e-blast to access the service!

Please join using the link found in Highlights or email The Rev. Marguerite Judson at marguerite@smvsf.org, or Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org for access.

We have a [new songbook](#) for the 9:00 zoom service. If you find it helpful, please print the booklet so that you can join us in song during our worship.

LAST SUNDAYS CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR OFFERING

If you missed last Sunday's Lenten musical offering by St. Mary's Children and Youth Choir, please click [HERE](#) to view it on our YouTube Page.

SAVE THE DATE-BISHOP VISITATION TO ST. MARY'S (SUN., MARCH 7)

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, will be making a virtual Bishop's visitation to the congregation of St. Mary's on Sunday, March 7 where he

will preach and worship with us at the 10:00 a.m. virtual service and join us for our virtual coffee hour at 10:45 a.m. Despite the current restrictions on in-person worship, Bishop Marc has continued to maintain his calendar of scheduled visits to congregations throughout the Diocese.

Please join in giving Bishop Marc a warm welcome to St. Mary's on March 7.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GATHERINGS IN SMALL GROUPS

St. Mary's is delighted to revive our small group Morning Prayer services at 10:15 on Sundays. In recognition of Improved public health indicators, groups of up to 20 people will gather for worship in St. Mary's Outer Courtyard. Groups of up to 30 people will gather in the Presidio.

Registration for each service is essential and can be made on our in-person worship service registration website [HERE](#). Please register by 2:00pm on Friday for that Sunday's service.

The service will be led by a layperson and, in keeping with prevailing health guidelines, there is no singing/chanting and no group recitations of any part of the service. This is not a Eucharist service. Participants have greatly appreciated the opportunity to pray and reflect on scripture together. We hope you will consider, if you are comfortable, joining one of these groups in worship.

Safety precautions will need to be maintained, which currently includes: social distancing, masks, no-touch/electronic bulletins (that will be posted on our website) and group leaders will keep attendance records of those who attend. For those meeting on campus, please note that the sanctuary, restrooms and offices remain closed.

Cancellations: In case of rain, or If the air quality in your location exceeds 100 Air Quality Index (AQI), services will be cancelled. We will inform registered participants via email one hour before the event to let them know the event must be cancelled.

Our virtual gatherings for the Family Service, Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour will also continue on Sundays!

WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT

The season of Lent prepares us for Easter and offers an opportunity to re-establish or discover new practices and habits that reveal God's grace in us, both in this season and beyond. While there is a deeply personal element to Lent, it is a time best entered as a community.

Join us each Sunday morning during Lent for our worship services. Click [HERE](#) for details about our services.

The small tea light candles blessed on Candlemas and distributed to our congregation will be integrated into our Sunday worship during Lent. Please have your candle near your viewing device. If you have not received a candle and would like one, please contact The Rev. Marguerite at marguerite@smvsf.org and we will have one delivered to you!

LENTEN OFFERINGS 2021

This is the time of year when we are invited to deepen our walk of faith. For many of us, that means adding a practice which brings us closer to the Holy One. Here are some options to consider for this year.

Daily Lenten Reading - On Your Schedule!

We invite you to get a copy of "Ashes and the Phoenix" by Len Freeman. Its brief daily reflections by a variety of authors expand on the prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and daily Scripture readings for Lent. The beautifully illustrated book is designed with space for you to respond.

And, as we did in Advent, beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17), there will be brief videos of reflection each day posted to St. Mary's YouTube channel created by different members of the congregation. [HERE](#) is the link to the videos. Fit the readings and the videos into your schedule. Get the [hardcopy](#) now for \$5.00, or download for [Kindle](#), Nook or on iTunes.

And - depending on the day - enjoy reflections by Nancy Clark; John Hayashi; The Rev. Marguerite Judson; Donna Davidson; Hal Cranston; David Sullivan and Molly Irwin.

God With Us in the Wilderness is the focus of our Lenten series on four Wednesdays of Lent. Our Zoom meetings from 7:00-8:00 pm will be led by members of St. Mary's. Mark your calendars and join us [HERE](#) to learn and share together:

- Feb. 24th, Encountering God in the Wilderness, with Mike Stafford
- Mar. 3rd, Help in the Pandemic Wilderness with Alan Mata and David Crosson
- Mar. 10th, When We are the Wilderness with Sandy Stadfeld, Ashley Clark and John Hayashi
- Mar. 17th, Waking through the Wilderness of Grief and Loss with Georgia Lu and Kathleen Murray .

Lenten Quiet Day –

Sat. March 20th, 12:45 - 3:00pm

Pause for refreshment as we ponder **God's Grace in the Wilderness**. Gather with

others for an afternoon of peaceful reflection and time for practicing the presence of God. This gathering on Zoom is sponsored by The Daughters of the King and open to everyone. Join us [HERE](#) to savor the gifts of God during Lent by exploring Biblical stories, enjoying periods of silence for personal reflection, and sharing a simple closing prayer service. The meeting will be led by The Rev. Marguerite Judson.

GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

If you are eligible (see below for criteria), sign up for an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Please keep in mind that the supply of vaccine remains limited.

Eligibility

San Francisco is vaccinating:

- Frontline healthcare workers
- 65 years and older
- Educators, Child care workers, emergency services & agricultural workers.

Supply remains limited

Even if you are eligible, there may not be a dose available right now. Keep checking for available appointments.

What to do

The City is partnering with healthcare providers to establish high volume vaccine sites. Supply is limited, and you may not be able to book an appointment, even if you are eligible.

For more information regarding getting vaccinated please click [HERE](#).

**DEADLINE APPROACHING!
ST. MARY MAGDALENE SCHOLARSHIP
2021-2022**

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds college scholarships for young women from the parish. Scholarships will be available to young women attending college for the 2021-2022 school year. More information and 2 application forms are available on the St. Mary's website [HERE](#). One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications will be due March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Tatum at ruth.tatum@gmail.com.

**HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT:
ST. MARY'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021**

Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ's hope for the world. Now, St. Mary's needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God's grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021 annual campaign. If you have any

questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org. Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at <https://smvsf.org/donation>.

**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK
(WEDNESDAYS, AND SUNDAYS)**

To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our [website](#)!

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend Zoom Youth Group from 5-6pm! [Follow this link](#) to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Susan Sims
David Ostrander
Sandy Stadtfeld
Vicki Akin
John
The Spaht Family
Patty Williams
David
Annette Buckmaster
Yesenia
Donna K. Stadtfeld
Gail Barry
Larissa

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the Wed. 12:10 service.

André Diedrichs
June
Pat Okimoto
Dorris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Pete
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Forester Davis
Phyllis Shepherd
Simon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nigel Renton
Brenda Flores Aranda
Jean Justice McNeil
Lindley Dodson
Luis Alberto Zuluaga Henao
Hati Parkinson
Johnathan Sellers
Douglas Kramlich
Florence Hauser
Edwin E. Hahn
Theresa Kozlosky
Peter Carneiro
Sid Garrison

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those most vulnerable and suffering from the harsh effects of climate disruption.

For those who struggle through loss and grief as the U.S. marks the grim milestone of half a million deaths caused by the pandemic.

THANKSGIVINGS

For the wonders of space exploration and the Mars landing.

For Anna Julia Haywood Cooper and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, black educators of children, on their Feast Day, today.

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