



The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

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We hope this service of worship will be a source of strength and inspiration for your spiritual journey.

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CHORAL PRELUDE

Behold the Cross

Hurd

HYMN 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**
Celebrant

Almighty God, to you our hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Page 356, Book of Common Prayer

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 219, Book of Common Prayer

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Confitemini Domino

BCP page 746



1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / good, *
 and his mercy endures for/ever.
 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed pro/claim *
 that he redeemed them from the hand of the / foe.
 3 He gathered them out of the / lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the / south.
 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious / ways; *
 they were afflicted because of their / sins.
 18 They abhorred all manner of /food *
 and drew near to death's /door.
 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their / trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their di/stress.
 20 He sent forth his word and / healed them *
 and saved them from the / grave.
 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his / mercy *
 and the wonders he does for his / children.
 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks/giving *
 and tell of his acts with shouts of / joy.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

HYMN 691

My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for our church and our world, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

God of all mercy, we pray for the Church universal, that you would unite all people, bishops and clergy together in truth and love, and reveal your glory in the world through your church. We pray for The Episcopal Church, St. Bartholomew in Hempstead, St. Cecilia's in Round Top, St. Francis of Assisi in Prairie View, and St. Francis' in College Station, and for Family Community Church, and Family Worship Centers Assembly of God. Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor God of all mercy, give wisdom and insight to the people of our nation in selecting our leaders; let them be kind, but never compromising on the needs of all people; grant that they would respect the variety of beliefs represented in our country, as well as all people groups, acknowledging and valuing our shared humanity. Heal the wounds that divide us, and grant that we might take part in that healing, worthily loving our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor God of all mercy, we pray for the welfare of the world, and all who call it home. We pray for all areas of the world that are in conflict: Ukraine, Gaza, Central and South America, and Africa. We pray for those affected by the world-wide drug crisis, and the global refugee crisis. We pray also for a heart of stewardship and care for our planet. Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor God of all mercy, we pray for unhoused neighbors and the volunteers who support them. We pray for an open dialogue for our educators and those who would benefit from their knowledge and instruction. We pray for openness with our church neighbors and love for all who worship you. We pray for those who are isolated and excluded and those who feel alone. In our community, we pray for the students, teachers, and staff of Heritage Elementary, Hidden Lakes Elementary, and Hillsboro ISD. Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor God of all mercy, your son brought good news to the despairing and the suffering, freedom to the oppressed, and joy to downcast. Fill us with your spirit that the people of our day may see his likeness and glorify his name. Save us from the pride that would refuse your command to live like you in simplicity and joy, loving our neighbors as ourselves. To you we pray for all who suffer, including those we now name (PAUSE). Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor God of all mercy, we pray for all who have died, [including N.]. Hear us, O God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Minister and People

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



OFFERTORY 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **As it is right and proper.**
Celebrant

It is very right and proper and our committed duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a proper preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed

Who did call on your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and saying

SANCTUS HYMN S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy

Proulx

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for that you did create heaven and earth, and did make us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, did give your own Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to You, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And now, O Lord and heavenly Father, we, your people, celebrate and make, with these your own holy gifts which we now offer back to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us and to us, the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your Fatherly goodness, in accepting this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, by which we offer and present to you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we ask, that all who take part in this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly blessing; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may live in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and Glory be to you, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

FRACTION ANTHEM S161

Lamb of God

Hurd

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come this, your Holy Table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own Righteousness, but in your great and unending mercies. We are not worthy to so much as gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same God whose stance toward us is always mercy. Grant, gracious Lord, that we may eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and drink his blood, that we may dwell forever in him, and he in us. Amen

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 328

Draw near and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

CHOIR ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Stainer / Harlan

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This week's visitor is Cathy Tolliver.

Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond,

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People together standing

Almighty and Everliving God, we wholeheartedly thank you that you have fed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; by that, you assure us of your favor and goodness toward us; and that we are truly members incorporated into the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting Kingdom. And we humbly ask, O heavenly Father, that you assist us with your grace, that we may persevere in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and holy Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Little Prelude and Fugue in Gm

Bach

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