



Mission Statement

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Word of God

Holy Eucharist Rite Two BCP page 355

Entrance Hymn 705 As Those of Old

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

S101 Holy God

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lessons

The congregation is seated

Lector A reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Betsy Daniell

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted

us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Qui habitat



Grant us sal - va-tion, Lord; in trou - ble be our ref - uge.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, R
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him;
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,
 and show him my salvation. R

Lector

A reading from Romans 10:8b-13

Andrew Hales

"The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
 People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn 529 verse 1 & 2 In Christ

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:1-13
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Sequence Hymn 529 verse 3 In Christ

Sermon

Rev. Spenser Simrill

Affirmations of Faith

(All stand as you are able)

Leader: Let us affirm our faith
All: we believe in Jesus Christ,
 Son of the one God,
 Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.
 born of Mary's womb,
 faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
 Jesus healed the sick,
 served the poor,
 and proclaimed heaven on earth.
 condemned by the religious,
 crucified by the state,
 He died

but transformed even death
and rose to life everlasting.
He blessed the disciples with His Holy Spirit
and sent them forth,
east and west, north and south.
we commit ourselves
to Jesus,
to one another as brother and sisters
and to His mission in the world
in the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI BCP page 392

Sherran Davis

The Peace

All stand as you are able. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

Linda Cage

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 449 verses 1,2 3 O Love, how Deep

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D BCP page 372

The Celebrant faces the people and says

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 365

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

People and Celebrant

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.
Then may be said*

S161 **Lamb of God** said in unison

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

In the Episcopal Church, all persons (adults and children) are welcome at the Lord's Table. We offer the sacrament in one kind – bread.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, when you come to the altar, please cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest of your wish.

Communion Solo **Heal us Now** Lisa V. Norton-Rotella

Postcommunion Prayer

Closing Hymn 150 **Forty Days**

The Dismissal

Our audio and video channels will be left open for the next few minutes so that you can all exchange the Peace with a 'virtual' hello or a hug.

Assisting with the service today

Readers	Betsy Daniell and Andrew Hales
Prayers of the People	Sherran Davis
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Church Administrator	Terry Glover
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At 10:00am on Sunday morning:

Join us via Zoom March 6, 2022 10:00am

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