



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Enriching our Worship

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The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 411 **O bless the Lord, my soul!** St. Thomas (Williams)

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 Trisagion

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 forever. *Amen.*

Lessons

The congregation is seated

Lector A reading from Joshua 5:9-12

Jane Graham

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Lector

A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Susan Schubert

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors

for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy Beecher

Verse 1 and 2

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 15:1-3,
11b-32

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let

us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Sequence Hymn 470

Verse 3

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

Flo Webster

The Confession and Absolution BCP page 359

The Peace

The Announcements

Richard Pflieger

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Levas 111 Come, Thou font of every blessing

Nettleton

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 364

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 Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless St. Agnes

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 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.

A Sending Out Prayer

The Blessing

Hymn 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

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

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At 10:00am on Sunday morning:

Join us via Zoom March 27, 2022 10:00am

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