



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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The choir enters in silence beneath the lectern following the prelude. As a congregation, we rise as able, then observe several moments of silence to help us enter more deeply into prayer. As the mothers and fathers of the early Church put it, “God’s first language is silence.” We then sing the opening hymn.

^ At this symbol throughout the service, please rise, as able.

You will find today’s scriptures in this bulletin. The hymns are printed on an insert.

Organ Prelude Hymn Prelude on “The King of love my shepherd is”
Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

^ **Hymn 493** O for a thousand tongues to sing *Tune: Azmon*

^ **A Penitential Order: Rite II** *Book of Common Prayer, p. 351*

^ **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God’s mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel, as able and comfortable.

Decalogue *Book of Common Prayer, p. 350*

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to God’s people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

^ **Hymn 149** Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church *Tune: Old 124th*

The Dismissal

Preacher: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

We refrain from saying Alleluia during Lent.

Postlude Fantasia in G minor, T. 255 *Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

For the season of Lent, we invite you to try on the practice of sitting quietly and listening to the Postlude, as the choir will, before heading to coffee hour. Kindly wait to begin conversation until you are out in the narthex or the corridor.



Today’s Services and Activities

8:15am Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)

No Child Care.

9:45am Church School

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (Sanctuary)

5:30pm Evening Prayer led by Myra Anderson (Chapel)

Please note communion is not offered.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died, rose, and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion and Healing Prayer

All are invited to receive Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If for any reason you need Communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available at the rail beneath the lectern. Anyone who would like prayers for healing is invited to go to the prayer station beneath the pulpit any time during the time of Communion; you do not need to wait to receive Communion first.

Communion Music

Anthem – These are they which follow the Lamb John Goss (1800-1880)
Kim Lysaght, soprano; Myra Anderson, alto
David Keener, tenor; Mark Anderson, bass
Arranged by David Keener in memory of his grandmother, Natalie Graham, near her birthday.

Hymn Prelude on “Old 124th” Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Post-communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Please kneel, as able and comfortable.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Lenten Prayer over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We observe a moment of silence.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Kyrie S-91 Lord, have mercy upon us Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect: Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

Fraction Anthem S-158

O Lamb of God

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All:

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

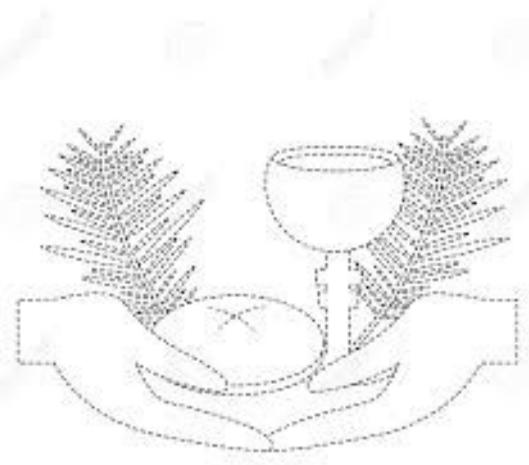
All: Amen.

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

All: 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 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

A period of silence is kept.



God, now and for ever. Amen.

You may be seated.

Welcome

First Lesson — Samuel 16:1-13

Lector: The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (*).

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

2 He maketh me lie down in green pastures *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;*

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson — Ephesians 5:8-14

Lector: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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^ **Gradual Hymn 574** Awake, O sleeper, rise from death *Tune: Marsh Chapel*

The choir sings stanza 1 alone.

^ The Gospel — John 49:1-41

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler: As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works

Sanctus S-114

Holy, holy, holy,

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is

who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

^ The Nicene Creed

All: 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 Form II

BCP, p. 385

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Alan and Gayle; for Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; for Carol, our Regional Canon; for Nick, our priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.
Silence.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.
Silence.

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

^ The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements