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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021 ~ 9:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

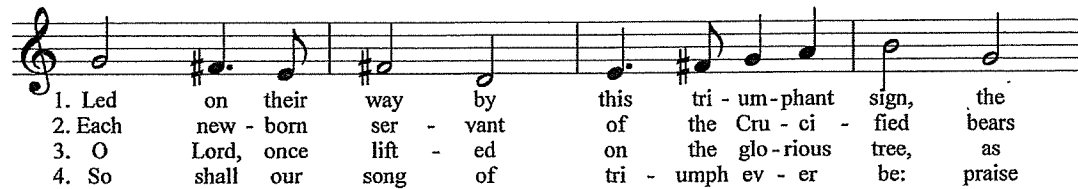
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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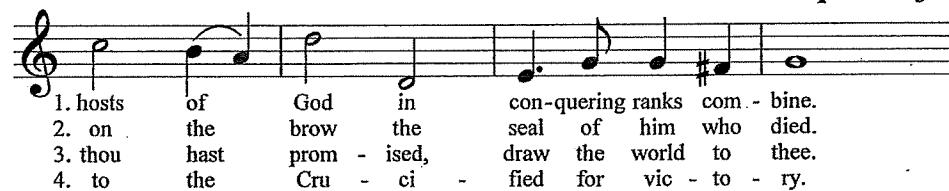
Processional: Lift High the Cross

(Hymn # 473)

Refrain



Repeat Refrain



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

Almighty God, to you all 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 Eleison

(Hymn: S-88)

Choir Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e - e -

- le - i - son. *Choir* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. *All* Chri -

- ste e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

All Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

Collect of the Day: Fourth Sunday in Lent

(BCP Page #219)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

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.*



THE LESSONS *You may be seated.*

THE FIRST READING: 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.

Official The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



PSALM 107:22, NASB

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

(BCP Pages 746-747)

Read alternately by whole verse.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.

*Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

*Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.*

They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.*

He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.*

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

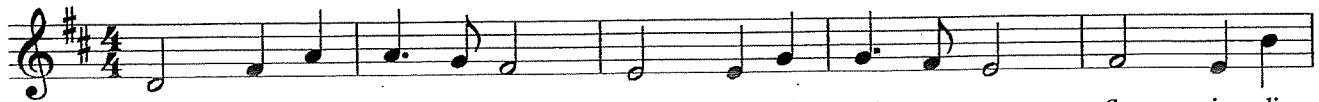
THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(Hymn #691)



1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry, Sa - vior di-
2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart, my zeal in-
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread, be thou my



- 1. vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt a-way;
- 2. spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
- 3. guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's tears a-way,



1. O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
2. pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
3. nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

The Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

All continue standing as are

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. James Friedel

All stand as are able.



(BCP Page 358)

*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 I

(BCP Page 383-385)

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the
Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray
to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in
authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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Prayers of the People, *Continued*

For this city of Rockport-Fulton and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those listed on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Peter and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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*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 Celebrant says

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP Pages 361-363)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.
The Celebrant continues*

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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



Holy Communion

The Celebrant continues

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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

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.*



Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing, Lent 4

The Celebrant says

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 25)

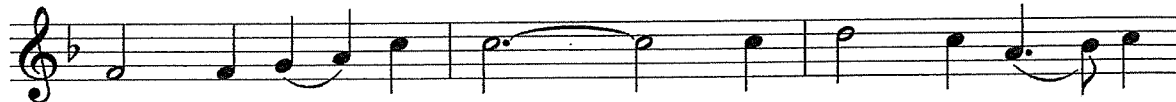
Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

(Hymn #620)



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3. There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4. Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1. shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2. see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3. mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4. tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
5. grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1. have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2. still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3. one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4. har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5. of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

The Dismissal

Celebrant says

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,
return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.



We are so grateful for your service at St. Peter's.

- Lay Readers: Barbara Appling and Elise Olexa
- Greeters: Aimee and John Kaduscwicz
- Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter
- Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile
- Altar Guild: Sherri Collins



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to
Milby Wade and Aimee Kaduscwicz
on the 15th; Sara Craven on the 18th;
Mike Couvillion on the 19th;
and John Warren on the 20th.

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THANK YOU



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**Questions?
Let us know!!!**

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THE RT. REV. DAVID REED addresses the Clergy and
Congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
regarding Pandemic Guidelines

The announcement by Governor Greg Abbott to rescind most of the restrictions and limitations instated by his previous Orders addressing COVID-19 pandemic “does not affect the life and practices of church” as the pandemic continues.

As the governor states, “Make no mistake, COVID-19 has not disappeared...”

Bishop Reed continues, “This announcement does not abandon safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year. It is a reminder that each person has a role to play in their own personal safety and the safety of others.”

Bishop Reed recommends that we continue to practice safety guidelines to help keep ourselves and others safe.

He reminds us to “Love one another as Christ loves us, by

Wearing a mask

Staying 6 feet apart

Washing hands frequently and

Using common sense”

“And when the right time comes, no one will be happier than me to set aside the mask, close the distance, pass the Peace, and share the Bread and Cup.”

The full article can be found at www.dwtx.org



Living Well Through Lent
Listening With All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

This study provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.

All are welcome to attend:

Mondays at 5:00 pm via ZOOM

OR

Thursdays at 10:00 am via ZOOM and/or in person in the Parish Hall at St. Peter's.

All safety guidelines will be followed.

You may RSVP to the Church Office. Send us your email address and we will send you all information needed for log in.