

The Word of God

Prelude  
Procession What wondrous love is this Hymn 439  
Wondrous Love

A Penitential Order: Rite Two BCP pg. 351

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

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these.”  
Mark 12:29-31

The Confession of Sin BCP pg. 352

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

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.

Lord, have mercy Kyrie Hymn S-96

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them

by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

The Psalm Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Sequence When I sruvey the wondrous cross Hymn 474  
Rockingham

The Gospel John 12:20-33

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Sung Response                      O Lord hear my prayer                      WLP 827

Leader

People

With confidence and trust, let us pray

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer.  
O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

Leader

People

Give your Church the courage to engage in mission and to be a more faithful witness to the Gospel, we pray

O Lord hear my prayer...

Leader

People

Grant peace in the world, that spirit of respect, forbearance and love may grow among nations and peoples, we pray

O Lord hear my prayer...

Leader

People

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer,

For refugees, prisoners and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray

O Lord hear my prayer...

Leader

People

For those whom we have injured or offended, and for the grace to amend our lives, Let us pray,

O Lord hear my prayer...

Leader

People

We pray for all those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

O Lord hear my prayer...

God of all mercy, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity: Accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fail by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen

The Peace                                              BCP Pg. 360

Celebrant

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another, passing the peace of God.

Announcements

A Brief but Spectacular Lenten Explanation

Proper Liturgy of Good Friday—Holy Communion

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation of the Table

Offertory

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

Orlando Gibbons

Presentation of the Offerings

Hymn 304

verse 1

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)                      BCP pg. 361

Celebrant and People                      Hymn S-130

Eucharistic Prayer A Continues                      BCP pg. 362

The Lord’s Prayer                      BCP pg. 364

The Breaking of the Bread                      BCP pg. 364

Celebrant

People

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion                      *Gluten-free wafers are available.*

Post Communion Prayer                      BCP pg. 365

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.

Prayer Over the People

Celebrant

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died

Breslau

Hymn 471

Dismissal                      BCP pg. 366

Postlude



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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024                      FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Whatever has brought you to worship with this community today, we’re so glad you’re here. If you’re wondering whether there might be something more for you, we hope you’ll come back and find out. One of the things we’re committed to is finding how our story connects with God’s story. We’d love to have your story become a part of our story. The best way to participate in these conversations is to look for announcements about “Being With” courses in our e-newsletter.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. Should a break be beneficial at any point in the service, the nursery is available for supervised play, and includes a QR code for streaming of the service on any device.

The root of the word liturgy is “the work of the people.” Meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don’t worry about “doing” anything “right.” Whether you’ve been to Episcopal services for a long time, or this is your first, we hope you’ll worship in the way that is most comfortable to you. The service instructions about standing, kneeling, and other directions are intended to help clue you into the habits of this particular community.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

We are currently offering communion in both kinds, the bread and the wine. Drinking from a common cup, is an essential symbolic practice, a reflection of our theology. We place great emphasis on offering this meal from a single paten (plate which holds the bread) and chalice to symbolize the unity we find in Christ, despite any perceived divisions. We return to the Eucharistic table again and again, because it is only through Christ that we are able to imagine what being unified might look like. Choosing to intinct the bread in the chalice is the least sanitary option, as we risk having many hands in the chalice. Please either drink from the chalice, or refrain from consuming the wine. Whether you would like to receive bread, bread and wine, or a blessing, please know that you are welcome at the Lord’s table.