



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024 • 10:30 am

+ Holy Eucharist



Welcome

✠ *Lent is a season of repentance and renewal during which we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. The church itself reflects the austerity of the season by the removal of ornate fixtures, appointments, and vessels. Some find kneeling where indicated in the service bulletin, or bowing if unable to kneel, to be a helpful spiritual practice during this penitential season. However one chooses to observe the season, the desired end is to draw nearer to Jesus as we worship together.*

Prelude *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

C.P.E. Bach

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

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 - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

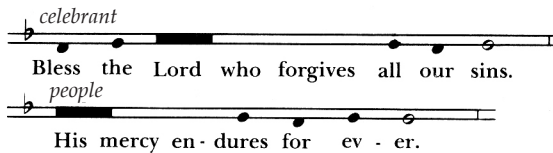
1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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Opening Acclamation



celebrant
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
people
His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Penitential Order BCP 351

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

- *bidden by the deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- *all kneel, said by 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.

Absolution BCP 353

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.

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples. Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people. We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day. We seek forgiveness. We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky. We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself. We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.

BCP • Book of Common Prayer

S • Service music found at the front of the hymnal

LEVAS • Lift Every Voice and Sing

The people's responses are indicated in bold type.

Kyrie S96 • all stand

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

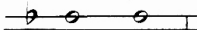
LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 for ever.



A - men.

- *all be seated*

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

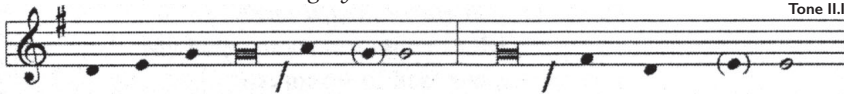
From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 • *sung by all*



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good,*
and his mercy endures / for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has re/deemed proclaim*
that he redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the / lands;*
from the east and from the west,
from the north / and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re/bellious ways;*
they were afflicted because / of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of / food*
and drew near / to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble,*
and he delivered them / from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and / healed them*
and saved / them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy*
and the wonders he does for / his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks/giving*
and tell of his acts / with shouts of joy.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn LEVAS III *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

1. Come, Thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt-or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar-rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my won-d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a
2. home. Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel-it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a-bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Harm. Copyright © 1992.

Gospel John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas

- *all stand*

Nicene Creed • BCP 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 IV • BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are invited, either silently or aloud.

• *silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

• *the celebrant adds a concluding collect*

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *God so loved the world*


John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A • BCP 361



celebrant *people*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

celebrant *people*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

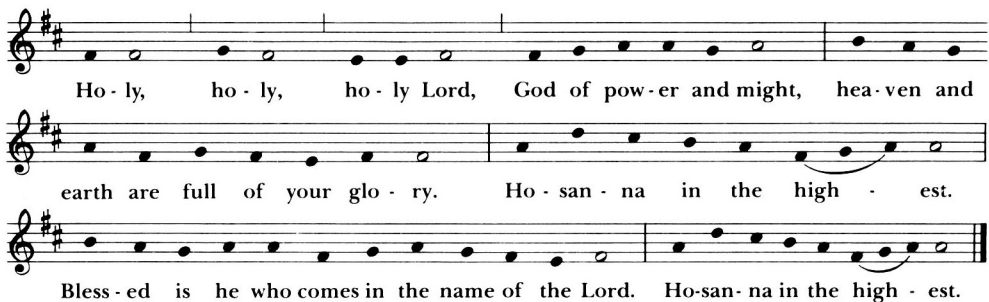
people
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 S 124



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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:

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

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.

The Great Amen



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *traditional version*

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

Fraction Anthem S 156

Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Invitation to Communion

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

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

- *for those attending virtually*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Hymn 671 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound*

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);
 harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

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- *all kneel*

Prayer after Communion • Enriching Our Worship

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

- *the deacon says:*

Bow down before the Lord.

- *all kneel or bow*

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

Hymn 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

serving today . . .

The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Dr. Mark Kano, *choir director*

Denise Whittington, *organist*

Nick Teale, Joy Trigg, *lectors*

Mike Wright, *intercessor*

Judy Donahue, Mike Wright, Jan Margerum, Dorothy Converse, *chalice bearers*

Louise Isaacs, Bill Shelton, Kim McDaniel, *acolytes*

Patsy Melton, *altar guild*

Carol Brown, *greeter*

Mike DaRif, Kirt Jacobs, *ushers*

John Kiesel, *bell ringer*

Tim Tice, *live stream*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15



Christ Church Cathedral bears witness to mass shootings

The placards on the walls throughout the nave serve as a witness to mass shootings in the United States of America during 2023. Each placard bears the name of the city and state where a mass shooting took place, as well as the number of people killed and injured. The Gun Violence Archive defines a mass shooting as those that “have a minimum of four victims shot, either injured or killed, not including any shooter who may also have been killed or injured in the incident.”

At the time of publication, there have been 71 mass shootings in the USA this year.

We hope this witness brings us to our knees in prayer for an end to gun violence. And we ask the Holy Spirit to show us how we are called to act in response to these tragedies.

For more information on mass shootings and gun violence in America, visit gunviolencechive.org





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