



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 • 10:30 am

+ Holy Eucharist



## *Welcome*

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✠ *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

• at the sound of the bells, all stand

### Hymn 145 *Now quit your care and anxious fear*

1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for  
2 To bow the head in sack-cloth and in ash - es, or  
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The  
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fa - ces to  
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your



1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to  
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be  
3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -  
4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -  
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry



1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty  
2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come  
3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to  
4 dress, who build the old waste pla - ces, and in the dark - ness  
5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the



*Unison*

*Harmony*



1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;  
2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;  
3 flight, to fight, to fight, to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.  
4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!  
5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

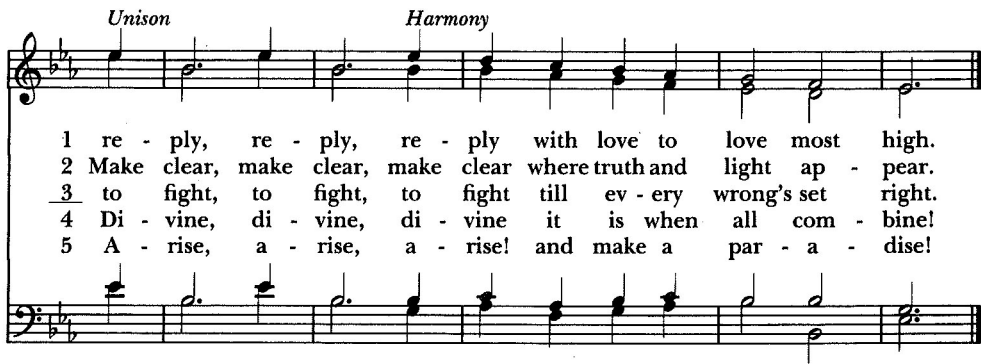


*Unison*

*Harmony*



*Unison* *Harmony*



1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.  
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.  
 3 to fight, to fight, to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.  
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!  
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

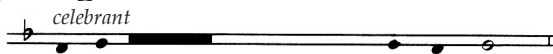
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Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)

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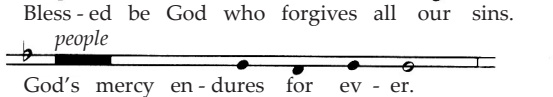
## Opening Acclamation

*celebrant*



Bless - ed be God who forgives all our sins.

*people*



God's mercy en - dures for ev - er.

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

**BCP • Book of  
Common Prayer**

**S • Service  
music found at  
the front of the  
hymnal**

**The people's  
responses are  
indicated in  
bold type.**

## 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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Kyrie S 96 • 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,

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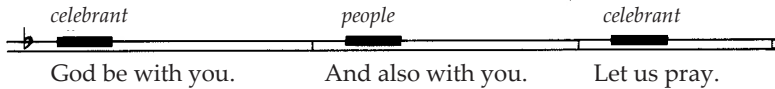
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent



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 Joshua 5:9-12

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.

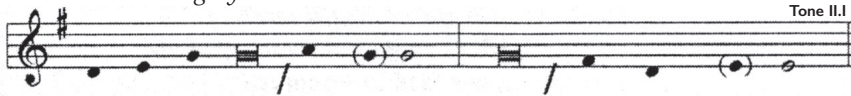
While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the

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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32** • *sung by all*



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for/ given, \*  
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 a/ way, \*  
because of my groan / ing 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 under / standing; \*  
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.

**Second Reading**    2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**



**Hymn 469** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

*Introduction*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good; there is mer - cy  
 ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

*Interlude/Conclusion*

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.  
 Music: *St. Helena*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



**Gospel** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**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.'"

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** • *all stand*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Dean's Welcome**

## LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

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**Offertory Anthem** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest"  
And in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
And found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water: thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light:  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun:  
And in that light of live I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language

*celebrant*                      *people*  
God be with you.      And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

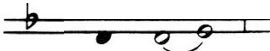
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**



A - men.

### **The Lord's Prayer** • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

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

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## 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 343** *Shepherd of soul refresh and bless*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937),  
 after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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- *all kneel*

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 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, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.  
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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## Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*serving today . . .*

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The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Dr. James Rightmyer, *organist & choir director*

Dorothy Converse, Tim Tice, *lectors*

Nick Teale, *intercessor*

Dorothy Converse, Mike Foster, Marilyn Werst, Carolyn VanZant, *chalice bearers*

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

Patsy Melton, *altar guild*

Becky Collings, Mike DaRif, Susan Torok, *greeters/ushers*

Rob Guillen, *bell ringer*

Frazier Marsh, *live stream*



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

Joshua 24:15

## **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.





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