

***Worship for  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2020***

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
THE WORD OF GOD**

**A Penitential Order: Rite I**

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People*            ***His mercy endureth forever.***

*The Presider continues*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*The Presider then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

***Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises, declare unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord:  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.***

*The Presider stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

# The Kyrie

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

*The Presider says to the people*

*People*      The Lord be with you  
*And with thy spirit.*

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

## A Prayer for the Church of the Holy Spirit *Presider and Congregation together*

Bless us, O God, as we seek to discern your will for our congregation. Help us to speak the truth in love as we consider our future and the role our new rector is to play along with us in the building of our faith community and the spreading of the gospel. Enable us with your blessed Holy Spirit to move forward in faith. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

## The Psalm

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.***

He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

***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.***

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

***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.***

## **The Epistle**

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.”

## **The Gospel**

John 9:1-13,-28-41

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

*People* ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

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 might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one 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.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

**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.

**The Prayers of the People**

BCP 328

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to

grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**The Peace**

BCP 332

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**

The Lord is my shepherd  
Zachariah Martin-Schmidt, soloist

John Rutter

**The Presentation Hymn # 304**

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Land of Rest*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1**

BCP 333

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Eucharistic Prayer adopted for the first Book of Common Prayer in the US (by the convention in 1789) was based on the Scottish prayer of 1764 and the English rite of 1662. During the season of Lent we are using the Rite I option in our prayerbook, which largely corresponds to the service of the 1942 prayer book and its antecedents. The language is from the Elizabethan era, which is both poetic and beautiful, and hard to get one's tongue around.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*The Presider proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who dost bid thy 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 thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus** *Presider and People*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or o lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Presider then continues*

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

*Presider and People*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

*Facing the people, the Presider may say the following Invitation*

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.

### **Prayer for those Not Receiving the Sacrament**

Adapted from  
Saint Augustine's Prayer Book  
by the Rev. Mandy Brady

*The People gathered virtually pray together*

**Blessed Jesus,**

***in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation,  
I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you.***

***I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given.***

***Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament,  
I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart.***

***Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely,  
and submit myself to your love and mercy.***

***Let me never be separated from you,  
that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence.***

***I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.***

*The Presider responds*

Loving and gracious Father, look with mercy upon this parish family in these uncertain times. May they know that neither walls nor distance can separate us from the love and prayers of this community. And that no circumstance can separate us from your presence and power. We entrust ourselves to your care and keeping this day, and in the days to come; in your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

## **The Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses the people*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

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