

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

Plainsong

¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

² Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take

what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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.

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For *Justin*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Terry*, our own Bishop, for all bishops, for *Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim*, and other clergy, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you,

O Lord.

For this *congregation*, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

FOR Al, Alanna, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Barry, Bill, Brandt, Braxton, Bud, Charles, Christy, Dan, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jady, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Ken, Lacey, Lachelle, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Pam, Patricia, Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, , and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (*blessed Luke*) and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

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

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.

The Absolution

The Peace

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Jesus Christ, the apple tree” Elizabeth Poston

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.**

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

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface

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.

Celebrant and people

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People Grant us your peace.

Communion Anthem

**“Steal away”
James Layton, tenor**

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

***All* 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.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**“Fugue in g minor”
James Layton, organ**

J. S. Bach



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study Zoom, starting at 9:45, will resume its study of the Resurrection, led by Father Michael. Please check your email for the invite.

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study continues on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639?pwd=bUZFYjRhdlhUDNmck9sb0VYa1Budz09>

Meeting ID: 284-582-639

If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Bishops – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings for "Know Your Bishops." Our discussion group will be talking about prominent and history significant Episcopalian and Anglican Bishops.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908725675> / Meeting ID: **869 0872 5675**

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer has gone from once a month to TWICE a month, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Join us on **September 22nd from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group:

<https://zoom.us/j/662061797?pwd=RVhkL2FWY3NEc204UHQweVovK3R5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 662-061-797

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, admin@stlukesanchorage.org. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by John & Jean Carroll in thanksgiving for the blessings of their children and grandchildren.

In our prayers ... Al, Alanna, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Bethann, Barry, Bill, Brandt, Braxton, Bud, Charles, Christy, Dan, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Elizabeth, Gene, Helga, Hugh, Ira, Jacy, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Kailee, Kathy, Ken, Lacey, Lachelle, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Monica, Nancy, Natalia, Natalie, Nina (Nine-ah), Pam, Patricia, Paul, Phil, Phyllis, Rob, Ronald, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: **Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Steve.** We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

September 26 & 27: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.