



Church of the Ascension

March 10, 2019

The First Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

Please note that in our liturgy we often refer to God using the male pronouns. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human gender. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary: Erbarm' dich mein, Herre Gott J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days H142

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*) *BCP 351*

Presider ~~BLESS THE LORD~~ **Blessed be God** who forgives all our sins.

People ~~His~~ **God's** mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession of Sin *BCP 352*

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and 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)~~ **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.*

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through
~~OUR LORD~~ **the grace of** Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand

Song of Praise Holy God

S102

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

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The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Deuteronomy

26:1-11

Moses said to Israel:

The LORD is giving you the land, and soon you will conquer it, settle down, and plant crops. And when you begin harvesting each of your crops, the very first things you pick must be put in a basket. Take them to the place where the LORD your God chooses to be worshiped, and tell the priest, “Long ago the LORD our God promised our ancestors that he would give us this land. And today, I thank him for keeping his promise and giving me a share of the land.”

The priest will take the basket and set it in front of the LORD’s altar. Then, standing there in front of the place of worship, you must pray:

My ancestor was homeless,
an Aramean who went to live
in Egypt.

There were only a few
in his family then,
but they became great
and powerful,
a nation of many people.

The Egyptians were cruel
and had no pity on us.
They mistreated our people
and forced us into slavery.

We called out for help
to you,
the LORD God
of our ancestors.
You heard our cries;

you knew we were in trouble
and abused.
Then you terrified the Egyptians
with your mighty miracles
and rescued us from Egypt.
You brought us here
and gave us this land
rich with milk and honey.
Now, LORD, I bring to you
the best of the crops
that you have given me.

After you say these things, place the basket in front of the LORD's altar and bow down to worship him.

Then you and your family must celebrate by eating a meal at the place of worship to thank the LORD your God for giving you such a good harvest. And remember to invite the Levites and the foreigners who live in your town.

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

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

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16 (*metric text*)

Tune: 43 (Tallis' Canon)

1. *The one who dwells within God's care,
Under the shadow of God's throne,
Shall say, "You are my refuge, Lord,
I put my trust in you alone.*
2. *"Because my refuge is the Lord,
A dwelling free from any fear,
No evil shall afflict me there,
Nor yet shall any plague come near.*
3. *"To keep me safe in all my ways,
You give the angels strict command
That, lest my foot should strike a stone,
They bear me always in their hand.*
4. *"The lion and the adder both
My foot shall tread on, trample down;
You will protect those bound to you,
And those to whom your Name is known.*

5. *“For I will call on you in need,
And you will surely hear my prayer
And answer me and be with me
In every trouble and despair.*
6. *“So you will rescue me at last
And praise and honor me above,
And satisfy me with long life
And show me everlasting love.”*

A Reading from Romans

10:8b-13

All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, “The message is as near as your mouth or your heart.” And this is the same message we preach about faith. So you will be saved, if you honestly say, “Jesus is Lord,” and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

The Scriptures say that no one who has faith will be disappointed, no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. All who call out to the Lord will be saved.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Shepherd of Souls

H343

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to

Luke 4:1-13

People ***Glory to you, O Christ***

When Jesus returned from the Jordan River, the power of the Holy Spirit was with him, and the Spirit led him into the desert. For forty days Jesus was tested by the devil, and during that time he went without eating. When it was all over, he was hungry.

The devil said to Jesus, “If you are God’s Son, tell this stone to turn into bread.”

Jesus answered, “The Scriptures say, ‘No one can live only on food.’”

Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place and quickly showed him all the nations on earth. The devil said, “I will give all this power and glory to you. It has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. Just worship me, and you can have it all.”

Jesus answered, “The Scriptures say:

‘Worship the Lord your God
and serve only him!’”

Finally, the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem and had him stand on top of the temple. The devil said, “If you are God’s Son, jump off. The Scriptures say:

‘God will tell his angels
to take care of you.
They will catch you
in their arms,
and you will not hurt
your feet on the stones.’”

Jesus answered, “The Scriptures also say, ‘Don’t try to test the Lord your God!’”

After the devil had finished testing Jesus in every way possible, he left him for a while.

Presider The Gospel of ~~(THE LORD)~~ **our Savior.**

People say: ***Praise to you, O Christ***

The people sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Vincent Black

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as

an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

*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.)*

*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 (AND THE SON),*

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

(HE) 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.*

The Great Litany

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, Arthur, and William our Bishops; Vincent, our Priest; Barb, our candidate to the diaconate; Anna, Noah, and Steve, our seminarians) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially ... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially ... *the names of the recently deceased are read*) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

***Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of ~~(THE LORD)~~ Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low
William Bradley Roberts

The Offering of God's Tithes and Offerings

The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread, wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.

All stand

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology **H380 v. 3**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP 361*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give ~~(HIM)~~ our thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, ~~(FATHER ALMIGHTY)~~ **Almighty God**, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 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:

Presider and People

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

The people stand or kneel and the Presider 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~~ **maker** of all.

~~HE~~ **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 ~~LORD~~ **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 ~~HE~~ **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:

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, ~~O FATHER~~ **Almighty God**, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling ~~HS~~ **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 ~~HM~~ 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 ~~YOUR SON~~ Jesus Christ our Savior. By ~~HM~~ Christ, and with ~~HM~~ Christ, and in ~~HM~~ Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty ~~FATHER~~ God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

People and Presider

*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

Fraction Anthem

S156

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

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.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. The ushers will direct the congregation row by row.

Communion Music: You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
Michael Joncas

Post Communion Music: O Lord Hear My Prayer Jacques Bertier

*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.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)* BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of ~~(YOUR SON)~~ Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, ~~(FATHER),~~ send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our ~~(LORD)~~ Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: In Christ there is no East or West

H529

Convention approves use of expansive-language version of Rite II Eucharistic prayers

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Mary Frances Schjonberg

[Episcopal News Service – Austin, Texas] Both houses of General Convention on July 12, 2018 adopted a resolution that allows all congregations in the Episcopal Church to use optional, expansive-language versions of three Rite II Eucharistic prayers in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

Prayer book revision has been the subject of great debate during this convention, which eventually agreed to the creation of new liturgical texts to respond to the needs of Episcopalians across the church while continuing to use the 1979 book. No specific date was set to begin such a comprehensive revision.

Here are some examples of the optional language included in the trial-use rites:

- Priests may begin any of the three rites by saying “Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.” The current Opening Acclamation of “Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit” is also an option. In either case, the people’s response is “And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.”
- At the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving in all three rites, the priest may say “God be with you” instead of “The Lord be with you.”
- The Sanctus can now be said using “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord” in addition to “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”
- In Eucharistic Prayer A, Presiders now have the option of saying “... 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.” In the original version, that sentence ends with “...the God and Father of all.”
- Eucharistic Prayer B contains an optional wording for the sentence “Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.” The option reads “Unite us in the sacrifice of Christ, through whom we are made acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”
- Eucharistic Prayer D offers the option of adding the word “matriarchs” after “patriarchs” in this sentence: “And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with ____)] and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.”

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