

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m.**

**Prelude** *Lord, we beseech Thee* Batten

**A Penitential Order**

**Opening Hymn** *All hail the power of Jesus' name!* Hymnal 450

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**People** *His mercy endures for ever.*

**Decalogue** *All kneel.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

**Deacon or Priest:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

**Priest:** 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.*

**Kyrie eleison** Hymnal S 86  
*Children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Church during the Kyrie.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Preacher** The Lord be with you.  
**People** *And also with you.*  
**Preacher** 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. *Amen.*

**A Reading from the Book of Numbers** (21:4-9) *All sit.*

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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 107:1-3,17-22**



: Move to next measure of notes *Italics:* Sing two syllables to one note  
**Bold:** Sing one syllable to two notes --| : Omit first measure; start at second

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is | good, \*  
and his | *mercy* en-| dures for | ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has re-| deemed pro-| claim \*  
that he re-| *deemed 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 af-| *flicted* be-| *cause* 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 de-| *livered* them from | their dis-| tress.
- 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.

*Repeat 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the chant music*

- 22 Let them offer a | *sacrifice* of | thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his | acts with | shouts of | joy.

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn** *Amazing grace!* Hymnal 671

**Deacon or Priest** The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (3:14-21)  
**People** *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."

**Deacon or Priest** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** BCP 358 *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: 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 the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Deacon or Priest:** As we continue our Lenten journey, let us offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

**Leader:** We pray for the Church in all places, in all expressions, that we may be one.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** We pray for the Church of England and for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Anglican cycle of prayer and in our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Timothy in Fort Worth, Trinity in Fort Worth, and St. Paul in Gainesville; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Scott, Rayford, and Sam, our bishops, and for our parish clergy. We pray for Yan and all those preparing for Baptism; for those on the Journey of Faith, for Clay, Tricia, Gabe, Katie, Leslie, Landa, Graham, Andy, Andrea, Izzy, John, and Jeffrey, and for the Companions on the Way.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** We pray for our city, our state, and our country; for legislatures and courts and for all elected officials.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** We pray for those who suffer from violence and fear, especially all victims of gun violence; give us wisdom and courage in the face of suffering.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** For all those who are injured, for those who are sick, for those needing ongoing care. For all those who seek healing.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** For this community and this congregation; for our joys and for our challenges.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** For those we love but see no longer; for all those who have died.

**People:** *O Christ, hear us.*

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

**Deacon or Priest:** Gracious God, who sees us through the eyes of love and compassion, give us your sight as we pray for your world and your people. Lead us into moments of your abundant goodness, that we may rejoice, but also draw us closer to you as we think on the sorrow of the Cross. Strengthen our repentance, when we add to that sorrow and renew our hearts for the day to come; through Jesus our Redeemer. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *All stand.*

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

### Announcements, Anniversaries, Birthdays

*Hymn 414, Vs. 1—God, my King, thy might confessing, Ever will I bless thy name: Day by day thy throne addressing, Still will I thy praise proclaim.*

## The Holy Communion

**Anthem** *If Thou but suffer God to guide thee* Lindh

**The Doxology (to the tune of Tallis Canon Hymnal 25):** *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. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A)

**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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 130)** *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.*

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.”

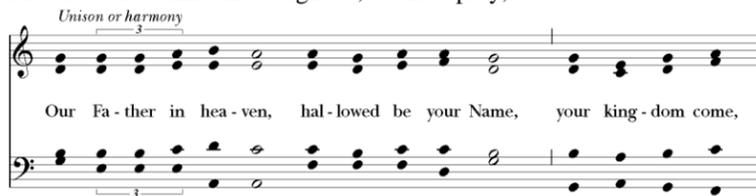
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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.

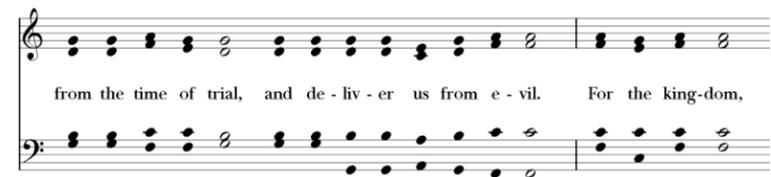
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

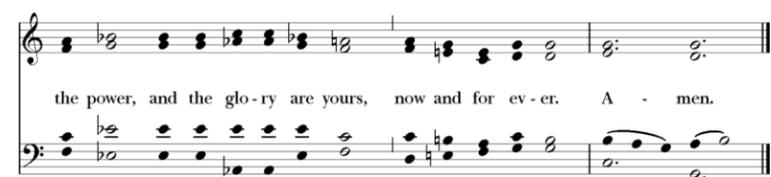
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Unison or harmony*  
  
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come,

  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.

*Slightly faster*  
  
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us

  
from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,

  
the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

**Agnus Dei** Hymnal S 161  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *have mercy on us.*  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *grant us peace.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)

**Communion Hymn** *Wondrous Love* Hymnal 439

## Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

**People:** *We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray. BCP 365

**Celebrant and People:** *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.*

## Solemn Prayer over the People

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.*

**Closing Hymn** *Lift high the cross!* Hymnal 473

## The Dismissal

**Deacon or Priest** Let us bless the Lord.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*