



**The Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 11, 2018, 12 p.m.**

**A Penitential Order**

**Opening Hymn** *Sweet Sweet Spirit* Folk Songbook 21

**Celebrant** Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
**People** *Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

**The 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 to God.

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

**Priest:** 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. *Amen.*

**Kyrie eleison** Folk Songbook S-3

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Preacher** God 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** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**People** *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** From the St. Helena Psalter

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; \*  
your mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim \*  
that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 You 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 rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death’s door.
- 19 Then they cried to you in their trouble, \*  
and you delivered them from their distress.
- 20 You sent forth your word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to you for your mercy \*  
and the wonders you do for your children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of your 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.

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**Sequence Hymn** *Because He Lives* LEVAS #43

**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 resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**The 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 Jeffry, 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 Christ 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

**Offertory** *Amazing Grace – My Chains are Gone*  
**Walk Up** *Down In The River* Folk Songbook S-8

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer 1)

**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 our thanks and praise.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Sanctus (S-14):** *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

**(S-15)** *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

**Agnus Dei** S-11  
*Oh Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world have mercy on us, Oh Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace!*

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

**Jesus Remember Me**  
*Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**Communion Hymn** *One Bread, One Body* Folk Songbook 99

## 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.

**Celebrant and People**  
*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.*

**Postcommunion Hymn** *Thank you Lord* Folk Songbook 20

## The Dismissal

**Deacon or Priest** Let us bless the Lord.

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

(Quiet exit.)