

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

10.30 A.M.

Celebrant: **Fr. George Joseph**



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The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN *In your mercy, Lord, you called me*
(Halton Holgate) (H 706)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 319)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins
People His mercy endureth for ever

**COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT
COMMANDMENTS** (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy
soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law
and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

INTROIT -

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE **S 84**

Kyrie eleison (Greek) (Hurd)

The following is sung, all standing

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And with thy spirit

Celebrant Let us pray

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5The 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.” 6Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The 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. 8And 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.” 9So 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

Silence may follow.

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

Remain seated.

1Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3He gathered them out of the lands; *

- from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

1You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in 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. 3All 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. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For 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

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*
(Gott sei Dank) (H 530)

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 14“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16“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.

17“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. 18Those 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. 19And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY Fr. George

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

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 (BCP p. 328)

All standing or kneeling.

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

[For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.]

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church

of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop George Sumner, George Joseph our Priest and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joe Biden our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating their anniversary of birth and those celebrating their anniversary of wedding, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who are travelling, especially Claude Lee, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, strength, guidance from the Holy Spirit, especially for Conrad Vermaak and family, Kristina, Steve, Achille, Michelle, Jay, Brenda, Merle Wells, Catherine, Natalie family, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are sick - Robertg Delk, Claude Lee, Ben Doherty, Edgar, Joeline, Michelle, Fred, Sam, Destiny, Marla, Jean, Merle Wells, Clint Harron, Bruce Magers, Bob Bowser, Mary Ann, Natalie, Jade, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer - Pray for Dallas--Transfiguration The Rev. Robert (Casey) Shobe, The Rev. Rebecca Tanklersley, The Rev. Terry Roper, The Rev. Virginia (Ginny) Kivel, Denison--St. Luke's, The Rev. Donald Perschall, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer - Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Church of the Holy Cross, all members, former members and friends of the Holy Cross. For their life and contribution to the ministry of this church, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially Alice Roberton, Willie M Forian, David W Cheriana, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Absolution

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360) (No physical contacts please)

All stand.

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Holy Communion

(About receiving the sacraments:

All Baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of the Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are visiting an Anglican/Catholic traditional church for the first time, this information will help you. We are simply doing what Jesus said to do, and trusting him to make himself present to us.

- *“Do this in remembrance of me...”*
- *“This is my body...This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you.”*
- *We aren't intending to do any more or less than obey Jesus by*
- *taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it.*
- *When the invitation is given, please proceed to the altar rail, and take the next available spot. Our custom is to kneel, but standing is fine if you are more comfortable that way. Fold your right hand on top of your left, palms facing up, and receive the wafer (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask for one.)*

According to the doctrine of concomitance each element conveys the full presence of Christ and therefore receiving the bread alone is considered full communion. When you are done, you can return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the rail, please let an usher know, and we will bring Communion to you. All baptized children are welcome to receive communion.

- *It is not necessary to receive the Sacrament in order to worship at Mass and we welcome and encourage all people to join us in worshipping God. If you don't want to receive the sacrament you still can come to receive the blessing. Please come forward and kneel at the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.)*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

All stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN *When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph) (H 603)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

The People remain standing.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

S 113

Holy, holy, holy (Merbecke)

Celebrant 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy.....

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 LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *S 1 57*
Lamb of God Agnus Dei

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 338)

COMMUNION HYMN *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed*
(Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt) (H 323)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

CLOSING HYMN

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise (Lyons) (H 533)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Program

Benediction and Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6.30 PM (Feb 24, March 3,10,17,24 and 31)

Palm Sunday Service - March, 28 @ 10.30 AM

Maundy Thursday Service - April 1, @ 6 PM

Good Friday Service April 2, @ 12.00 noon

Easter Vigil. Service - April 3, @ 5.30 PM

Easter Sunday Service - April 4, @ 10.30 AM

