



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025 - 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. The liturgy begins on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns that are listed in the bulletin may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. We hope this bulletin provides the information you need in order to participate fully in our worship. We are glad you are here! You can access the Key News insert or give to St. Peter's by using these QR codes.



PRELUDE

Voluntary in B flat (Jonathan Battishill)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

TRISAGION

S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky) (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (9:00 a.m. only)

After a prayer, children ages 4 through 5th grade are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children under age 4 may attend with a parent or be cared for in the nursery.

The People sit.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32



Tone VIII

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are for/given,*
and whose sin / is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes / no guilt,*
and in whose spirit / there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way,*
because of my groaning / all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night,*
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*
and did not con/ceal my guilt.

⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of / trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach
them.

⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should
go,*
I will guide / you with my eye.

¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under/standing;* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not / stay near you.” ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD;* shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the / wicked;* but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, every thing has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing (Nettleton) (H 686)

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon or Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Marcia King

THE NICENE CREED

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 - FORM IV (BCP P. 388)

Please kneel or stand, as best helps you to pray.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 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 Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hide Not Thy Face (Richard Farrant)

PRESENTATION HYMN *verses 1, 2 and 3 only*

Let us, with a gladsome mind (Monkland) (H 389)

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 124 Holy, holy, holy (Hurd)

The People stand or kneel. 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:

Celebrant and 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

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

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 161 Lamb of God (Hurd) (BCP p. 364)

We welcome you to receive the true presence of Jesus in this Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand with an upturned palm to receive the bread. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.) To receive the wine, you may either drink from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread carefully in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, kneel or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. Please do not hesitate to ask for communion to be brought to you in your pew. Notify an usher, who will let the clergy know to assist you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love (St. Bees) (H 467)

COMMUNION HYMN

Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest) (H 620)

COMMUNION HYMN

Jerusalem the golden (Ewing) (H 624)

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the Name of Christ and 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, as we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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, 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. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER

CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda) (H 690)

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor (Thomas Sanders Dupuis)