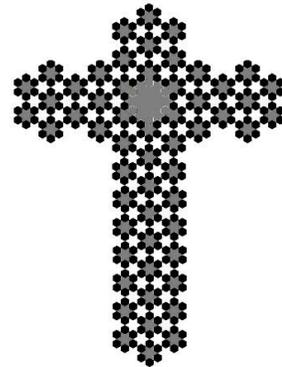


The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remain seated.

ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People **His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 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.
All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Numbers chapter 21...*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3,17-22

Lector *We will read responsively from Psalm 107...*

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

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

Lector He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.**

Lector They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

People **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

Lector He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

People **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.**

Lector Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians chapter 2...*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Please stand.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Deacon 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 The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

People 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

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

Lector Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which
we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and
godly love. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding
Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; to our
companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our
Diocese; St. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St.
Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples, and Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples; and to all
priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and

doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Maryellen Tilly and Hazel DeStefano. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

People **We pray to you.**

Lector Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand.

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

People **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Deacon As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

People **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Celebrant says a proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

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.**

Please kneel or stand, as you choose.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Celebrant and People **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand.

Celebrant announces the blessing.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Wendy Anderson
Lector	Gail Griffin
Prayers of the People	Wendy Anderson
Ushers	Bob DeStefano & Ed Steponaitis

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Mar 3 – Mike T, Tony B, Johanna, Judy, Pat C, Butch N, Gerry B, Bill GW, Brenna & John, Gene B, Jason C, Dave P, Marc W, Kari, Suzanne, Stacey, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Sharon, Jacob G, Milly L, Bob S, Olena & family, Bonnie L, Colette S, Lee S, Heather S, Lou F, Gloria L, People of Ukraine, Maggie, Scott, Christopher J, Lou W, Carol W, Kipling, Mandeville P, Enez P, Tracey S, Mavis S.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Maryellen Tilly and Hazel DeStefano.

Announcements

Bagzilla collections for next Sunday, Mar 17: Dunedin Cares Inc. Food Pantry Wish List – Pasta sauce, pasta, condiments, cereal, rice, canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, peanut butter, instant mashed potatoes/gravy, baked beans, jelly, and personal care items.

Game Night: Join us Friday, March 15 at 6 PM in the Patio Room as we play your favorites and/or learn new games. Please RSVP to the office as a light supper will be provided. Bring your own beverage and a game to share.

Soul Sisters: March meeting will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 9:30 in Kirk Hall. Paula Thornton, Pinellas County representative of the Linus Project will be the speaker. Ms. Thornton will describe the Linus Projects' goals and activities. Light refreshments will be served. All women of the parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Goletz.

The Way of Love – Lenten Study with Soup Supper: Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 6 PM.

Easter Flowers & Music Donations: Donations for flower and music dedications are due by Monday, March 18. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the front or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Suggested minimum donation - \$25.00.

Prayer Vigil: The Gethsemane Watch Thurs, 3/28 through Fri, 3/29, 2024

Beginning the evening of Maundy Thursday and continuing overnight into Good Friday morning, COGS will host a prayer vigil to “keep watch” with Christ. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up for a 1-hour time slot from 8 PM to 8 AM. Contact Cheryl Sharpe directly or use our sign up form found here: <https://www.cogsdunedin.com/prayer-vigil>

COGS Holy Week Services:

Sunday, March 24 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday