

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Holy Communion Rite One



SIGNS OF LIFE why church matters

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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 10 AM • Saturday at 5 PM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.] Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

P Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

C God's mercy endureth for ever.

GATHERING PRAYER

P We pray for our life as a church community sharing God's signs of life:

All **Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy Spirit.**

P Let us pray...Beloved God, who, in your mercy, shelters us with your tender embrace; grant that we may know you as our one true refuge from the world of suffering, and help us to offer compassionate sanctuary to our neighbors in need; even as you dwell within and among us, one holy and undivided Trinity, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Readings Isaiah 32:1-2,15-20, Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16, Revelation 7:11-17, John 10:9-16
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

℣ *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 32...*

See here: A king rules to promote righteousness; rulers govern to promote justice, each like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from a storm, like streams of water in a wasteland, like the shade of a massive cliff in a worn-out land.

[A] spirit from on high [will be] poured out on us, and the desert turns into farmland, and the farmland is considered a forest. Then justice will reside in wild lands, and righteousness will abide in farmlands. The fruit of righteousness will be peace, and the outcome of righteousness, calm and security forever. Then my people will live in a peaceful dwelling, in secure homes, in carefree resting places. Even if the forest falls and the humbled city is laid low, those who sow beside any stream will be happy, sending out ox and donkey to graze.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

℣ *We will read responsively Psalm 31...*

℣ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

☩ **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

℣ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

☩ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

℣ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

☩ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

℣ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

☩ **Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.**

The Second Reading

L *The Second Reading is taken from Revelation chapter 7...*

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

[Please stand.]

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

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

D I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That's because he isn't the shepherd; the sheep aren't really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. He's only a hired hand and the sheep don't matter to him. "I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that don't belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd."

D The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

☩ Remembering that it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us, let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and for the world.

℣ We pray for all who call you Lord. Enliven our common life, that together we may worship you joyfully, give our hearts wholly to you in prayer, and gently commend to others the faith that is in us. We pray for all who are in need and who suffer [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*]. Help us to answer the prayers of those who cry out to you.

☩ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are courageous agents of justice and compassion, and share our resources generously.

℣ We pray for the leaders around the world. Help them to respect all by considering others as equal to themselves, by thinking charitably towards all neighbors near and far, and by seeking to understand and appreciate those who differ from them.

☩ Lord Christ, live in us so that we love and serve others as you love and serve us.

℣ We pray for all who are responsible for the mission and ministry of the church, lay and ordained.

☩ Lord Christ, live in us so that we are humble, patient and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action or abstention.

℣ We pray for a sense of awe for all you have created and entrusted to us, including our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others. We give you thanks for the blessings of this life. You open your hand and fill the earth with good things.

☩ Lord Christ, live in us so that we cherish the gifts you have given us, conserving and healing your creation for the sake of those who come after us.

- Ⓐ We pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, [especially, *read names from notebook*] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [*Leave time...*] Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- Ⓒ **Lord Christ, live in us so that we follow the good examples of your saints, who teach us to enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and to be honest in our daily life and work.**
- Ⓐ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- Ⓒ **Lord Christ, live in us and accomplish in us the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[*Please kneel or stand.*]

- Ⓓ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*]
Most merciful God, . . .
- Ⓐ **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.**
- Ⓐ 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.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[*If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary, you may ask for a blessing.*]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand. During the cold and flu season, we request that the Peace be exchange without handshakes or hugging. An elbow or fist bump, wave, or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely for the time being.*]

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Bring your tithes, gifts and offering with gladness

[*Please be seated. If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.*]

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]

- Ⓐ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge
- Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**

- Ⓐ 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. You bid thy 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 thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

- Ⓒ **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.]

- Ⓐ 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.

☑ **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;**

☐ 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.

☑ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **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

☐ Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there for you to consume. [**During the cold and flu season, we will not be sharing the Common Cup.**] When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.*

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray.

C 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.]

P Our Triune God gives us the signs of life, equipping, empowering, and strengthening us to become disciples of Christ Jesus. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, bless you in your Lenten journey, today and throughout this holy season.

C Amen.

D Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief