

The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 10th, 2024



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## Introduction to the Season

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Day. These forty days echo the time of testing that Jesus experienced in the wilderness following baptism. It is a time when we are invited to examine ourselves before God; repent of sin and failure; and strengthened by God amend our lives. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and study of scripture.

In the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, the Book of Common Prayer states: “The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those, who because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.”

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 264-5.

## Welcome

**Prelude**                      Herr Christm der einig Gottes Sohn              Johann Gottfried  
Walther

(From the Father’s heart sprang Christ, the only Son of God)

**Opening Hymn**                      Now Quit Your Care                      H. 145

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| 1 | Now quit your care<br>and anxious fear and worry;<br>for schemes are vain<br>and fretting brings no gain.<br>Lent calls to prayer,<br>to trust and dedication;<br>God brings new beauty nigh;<br>reply, reply,<br>reply with love to love most high. | 2 | To bow the head<br>in sackcloth and in ashes,<br>or rend the soul,<br>such grief is not Lent’s goal;<br>but to be led<br>to where God’s glory flashes,<br>his beauty to come near.<br>Make clear, make clear, |
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make clear where truth and light  
appear.

to fight till every wrong's set right.

3 For is not this  
the fast that I have chosen?  
(The prophet spoke)  
To shatter every yoke,  
of wickedness  
the grievous bands to loosen,  
oppression put to flight,  
to fight, to fight

4 For righteousness  
and peace will show their faces  
to those who feed  
the hungry in their need,  
and wrongs redress,  
who build the old waste places,  
and in the darkness shine.  
Divine, divine,  
divine it is when all combine!

5 Then shall your light  
break forth as doth the morning;  
your health shall spring,  
the friends you make shall bring  
God's glory bright,  
your way through life adorning;  
and love shall be the prize.  
Arise, arise,  
arise! and make a paradise!

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Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Great Litany will be sung on the First Sunday of Lent: please find this in the Book of Common Prayer, pp.148-153.

## Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1: 8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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 denounce the evil that enslaves us,  
repent of 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.

The Bishop, when present, or 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.

## *Kyrie Eleison*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #88

*Cantor or Choir*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*All*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor or Choir*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*All*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. \_\_\_\_\_

*Cantor or Choir* *All*

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## The Collect of the Day

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.*

## Old Testament

### Numbers 21:4-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

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

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

- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He 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 the Lord in their trouble, \*  
**and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
**and saved them from the grave.**
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
**and the wonders he does for his children.**
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

**Song:**

Forever by Chris Tomlin sung by Chloë Wiebe

## **The Epistle**

## **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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

## John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

Tommy Bresson

A time of Silence is kept.

## Anthem

Amazing Grace

H. 671

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost but now am found,<br>was blind but now I see.             | 3                                                                                                                  | The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be<br>as long as life endures.                   |
| 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to<br>fear,<br>and grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 4                                                                                                                  | Through many dangers, toils, and<br>snares,<br>I have already come;<br>'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home. |
| 5 |                                                                                                                                                  | When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>bright shining as the sun,<br>we've no less days to sing God's praise |                                                                                                                                                  |

than when we'd first begun.

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## 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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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

### The Peace

Once we were far off,  
but now, in union with Christ Jesus,  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for He is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High. –Psalm 50:14

### Offertory Hymn

Christ has no Body Now, but Yours D. Ogden

A period of silence is kept.

## The Agape Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes, and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider    The Lord be with you.  
People      **And also with you.**  
Presider    Lift up your hearts.  
People      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Presider    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People      **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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:

Presider and People  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

Silence

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider 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.

**Communion Music**                      The Lord's my shepherd (Brother James' Air);  
Bless the Lord my soul

After Communion, the Presider says  
Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

**Final Hymn**                                      Lift High the Cross                                      H. 473

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks  
combine.                                      3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to  
thee.

Refrain

Refrain

2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.                                      4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

Refrain

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## Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Voluntary in E Minor

Samuel Wesley

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