



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 30, 2025 | 10:30AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD



ORGAN PRELUDE

In Heavenly Love Abiding, Mendelssohn/Margrethe Hokanson

INTRODUCTION

GATHERING



Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

CONFESSON OF SIN



Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Officiant 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***

Choir

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY 做人

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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.***

THE LESSONS



THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE



Joshua 5:9-12

Lector A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

The 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.

While 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. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE



Antiphon; all sing



Hap - py are — they whose trans - gres-sions are for - giv - en and whose sin — is — put a - way.

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
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!

Antiphon

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
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.

Antiphon

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

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

Antiphon

PSALM 32

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.

Antiphon

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 understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

Antiphon

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

¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE 

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lector A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From 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. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN



O Spirit of the living God, Hymnal 1982, 531

O Spirit of the living God, in all thy plenitude of grace, where'er
the foot of man hath trod, descend on our apostate race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to preach the reconciling
word; give power and unction from above, when e'er the joyful
sound is heard.

Be darkness, at thy coming, light; confusion, order in thy path;
souls without strength inspire with might, bid mercy triumph
over wrath.

Convert the nations! far and nigh the triumphs of the cross
record; the Name of Jesus glorify, till every people call him Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL



Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The 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. A 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So 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. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But 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.'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON



The Rev. Aidan Rontani

THE NICENE CREED



All 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 1, BCP, p. 383

Intercessor 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.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor 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.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For our Bishop Megan, for our rector Aidan, and for all the clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Intercessor For this city of Redding, for every city and community, and for those who live
in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

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| <i>Intercessor</i> | For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For an end to racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia and all forms of discrimination, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God, |
| <i>People</i> | <i>To you, O Lord our God.</i> |

Silence

Presider Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE 

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS 

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP p. 830

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM 

Now quit your care, Hymnal 1982, 145

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  *Remain standing, as able*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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:

The Presider and people sing:

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**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.

Presider 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.**

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

All 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.

AT THE FRACTION

Agnus Dei, S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Presider says the following Invitation

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION SELECTION

Lord Jesus, think on me, Hymnal 1982, 641

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Presider Let us pray.

All **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 BLESSING



Presider Bow before the Lord.

Silence

Presider Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

All ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN



O bless the Lord, my soul! Hymnal 1982, 411 v1-3, 6

DISMISSAL



Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary, Keith Kolander

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Journaling Week 7 Publication

Some of us have embarked on a journey of self-discovery through journaling.

We tackle three randomly selected journal prompts each week. I will share these in enews and the bulletin. You can choose to address them in any order. Some may speak to you more than others. That's okay. Just start writing (and digging) wherever it feels right.

We are in Week 7, but that's okay. There really isn't an official beginning or end. The journal prompts are completely random. This commitment should be enjoyable and stress-free. Participate to the degree your life and your comfort allows. If you miss an entry or a week - no worries. Pick it up again when you can.

If you feel compelled to share your self-discovery insights with others on this same journey, **we will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 12:30 in the choir room** to discuss our journeys. Please bring your brown bag lunch. This is a casual gathering to share insights, challenges, and growth (as much as you are willing to share). I hope you will consider joining us.

Week 7 Journal Prompts

1. What is the best piece of advice I've ever received?
2. When was the last time I cried? Why?
3. What are the first three laws I'd try to pass if I could be president for a day?

Easter lily Form 2025



If you would like to offer a lily (s) to decorate our beautiful church, please make a donation of \$10 with *lily* in the memo line. The deadline for donations and dedications is April 13th to the office. Questions? Contact the office, 530.243.1000

I/we _____

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and/or in Memory

of _____



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