

# A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE SEASON OF *Lent*



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

The First Sunday in Lent

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### **Mission Statement**

To love and serve God and our neighbor, by striving to meet the needs of God's people.

### **Vision Statement**

To be a Christian community of faith where love lives, love works, to spread the good news of God's grace and mercy.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

*The People say*

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.***

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen***

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when

the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 32**

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

## SECOND READING

**Romans 5:12-19**

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us

Hymnal 559

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**All please stand as able during the proclamation of the gospel.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God,

throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **BLACK HISTORY PRESENTATION**

### **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.***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Anne, our bishop, for William and Arthur, our retired bishops, and for all in our parish.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. (Especially, we pray for those of different political and moral opinions)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. (Especially, we pray for our government leaders)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God, our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in the hospital, and for those with any other problems. Especially, Les Blakemore, Jan Wooley, Kim Sands, and James Bragg.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or mentally/emotionally challenged. And bless all those who try to help them.

God of love  
**grant our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

### **Celebrant**

Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

***Amen.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**            *You may stand or be seated as able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 PEACE**

*All stand, as able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow or wave.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

#### **OFFERTORY**

The Lord is my Light

Morgan State, Andrea Crouch

#### **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of Host  
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.

*The People stand.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S-164**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*To partake communion in the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons may approach the altar and receive the bread in their outstretched hand, saying "Amen" when the minister says "The Body of Christ". You can then choose to drink wine from the cup, or to receive the bread only. If you do not wish to receive the wine, fold your arms across your chest after receiving the bread. If you desire not to receive either, but a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest and wait for the priest to bless you.*

## **HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION**

Come ye Disconsolate	LEVAS 147
Yield not to Temptation	LEVAS 170
Near the Cross	LEVAS 29

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **THE BENEDICTION**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

**BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Lift Every Voice and Sing LEVAS 1  
**All please stand as able during the singing of the anthem.**  
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**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Praise to the Holiest in the Height Hymnal 445

## **DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant**  
*People*

Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## LAY READER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	I LESSON	II LESSON	PRAYERS
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	James Greene	Pearl Culbreath
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Anna Marie Ferguson	Jerome Rubin	Stephanie Combs
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Darcel Arrington	Andrea Porter	Velma Romain-Rouse
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Williams	Lois Jackson	Yvonne Gates
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Will Seifert-Kessell	Dianne Audrick Smith	Stephanie Combs
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Marie Ferguson	Jerome Rubin	Brenda Shepherd

### CHALICE MINISTERS

February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
March 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams

**Alternate – Linda Adams**

### USHER'S SCHEDULE

March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kelly, Gail
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Leticia, Patti Joy
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jim, Andrea
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Patti Joy, Darcel
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea, Pearl

### VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Lois Jackson, Andrea Appling, Darcel Arrington
Second Sunday	Leslie Blakemore, Carmen Wildgoose
Third Sunday	Jerome Rubin, Brenda Shepherd
Fourth Sunday	Giesele Greene, William Seifert-Kessell
Fifth Sunday	Lois Jackson, Andrea Appling



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