



Worship Plan for March 27, 2022  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10:30 am

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

**The Peace May Be Exchanged; Dan Locklair**

## PROCESSIONAL

**#690 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

## Penitential Order

**BCP 351**

*For use at the beginning of the Liturgy, or as a separate service. A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

## The Decalogue *Kneel as able.*

**BCP 350**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

*The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

## KYRIE

**Hymnal p. S-95**

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

*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.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the people.*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

*The people sit.*

## Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

Reader

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God

## The 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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*The people sit.*

Reader            A Reading from the book second book of 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.

Reader:            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
People:            Thanks be to God

**The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32***All stand.*

Deacon: 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.'"

Deacon:      The Gospel of the Lord  
People:      Praise to you, Lord Christ

**SERMON:**

**Fr. Jos Tharakan**

**THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358**

*Celebrant and People*

*All 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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I**

**BCP p. 383**

*People respond after each prayer.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

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.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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

*Lord, have mercy.*

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

*Lord, have mercy.*

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

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy*

For the absolution and remission of our sins, and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

Watch over thy children, 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on your children who

come to renew the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE BCP p. 376

*The Celebrant chooses the sentence from BCP*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**And the Father Will Dance; Mark Hayes**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you
People	<i>And also with you</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts
People	<i>We lift them to the Lord</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise</i>

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS Hymn S-130**

*Celebrant 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.*

*The Celebrant Continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*People and Celebrant*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
    hallowed be thy Name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done,  
        on earth as 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

### AGNUS DEI S-164

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.*

## **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**BCP 364**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**BCP p. 365**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

*If you would like a Gluten-Free host, cross your hands with palms down to let the clergy know your preference. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. You can indicate this by crossing your arms on your chest. Our Prayer Partner will meet with anyone who would like private prayers for healing during Holy Communion by the doors of the Parish Hall.*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

## **What is spiritual communion - page 457 BCP**

*If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.*

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Come spiritually into my heart and stay with me.  
I embrace You as You are already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**#140 Wilt Thou Forgive the Sin, Where I Begun**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

**BLESSING****BCP p. 366**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN****#411 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL****DISMISSAL****BCP p. 366**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**

## **Altar Schedule**

Altar Guild- Tessa Eggers, Terry Abshire

Celebrant - Fr. Jos Tharakan

Preacher- Fr. Jos Tharakan

Deacon & Gospel Proclamation- The Rev. Suzy Lynch

Eucharistic Minister 1- Chris Dodson

Eucharistic Minister 2- Matt Hopper

1st Reading- Lisa Pruitt

Psalm- Lisa Pruitt

2nd Reading- Chris Dodson

Prayers of the people-Lisa Pruitt

Acolyte (s) Lisa Pruitt

Usher

Greeter- Eric Atkinson

Hospitality-Dottie K

## **Happy Birthday**

Daniel Redding, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jim Colwell, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tammy Larimore, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Sam Breid, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Carter Stuckey, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Dorothy Kaiser, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Rayl, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Jos Tharakan, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Asha Tharakan, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Kathleen Jackson, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Joanne Ibrahim, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Robert Jackson, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Addison Stuckey, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Destiny Zook-Monteleon, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Isla Rayl, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Clara Rajek, March 25th.

Vera Lynch, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Terry, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Janis Micklea, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Astry Rivera-Amigon, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Greta Gourley, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Happy Anniversary**

**N/A**

## **Prayers for Families This Week**

Holder, Hopper, Hutcherson

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