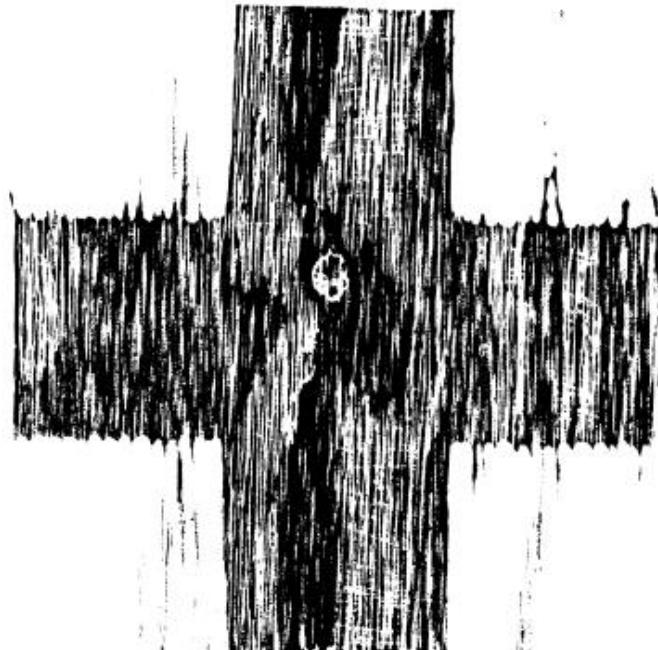




The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022 | 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector
Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ LENT +

GATHERING

Pages preceded by "BCP" may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews.

* = Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☩ = a customary time to "cross" oneself

PRELUDE

Ballade en Mode Phrygien

Jehan Alain

* ENTRANCE HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

* A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is one. 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 commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

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.

Priest 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.**

*** TRISAGION** (*Choir will sing through once; all join in for the second and third repetitions.*)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

WORD

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 (*The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon where indicated.*)

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

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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.

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.”

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 SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader A reading from the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* SEQUENCE HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy
(Emily Dungey, flutist)

Hymnal 469

* THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

* THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

Intercessor In this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others. Let us offer our prayers for the world God so loves.

We pray for the world. We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia and for all who live in places of danger wrought by humankind. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for your creation. May we turn from waste and desecration and care for your abundance with integrity and wonder. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for the church, for Brian our bishop, for April our priest, for Caroline, Sarah and Sean our Seminarians, and for all who are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. May we drink deeply from living springs, and travel the desert in trust and hope. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for this nation, and for all who seek to lead it. May we seek healing from our racism and lust for power, and embrace wisdom and understanding. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for this community. May we repent of the ways we deny your goodness in the world and in our lives, and open ourselves to blessing as we live these holy days of Lent. God of mercy,

People **Make us new.**

Intercessor We pray for all who suffer. May every sadness find you at its heart, and may we know your healing grace. We pray especially for Jamie, Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, Lee, David, Valorie, Wilma, Patricia, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Andrea,

Amy, Deborah, Rebecca, Libby, Jean, Barbara, and Ann and those we name before you now;

All are invited to share their petitions, either silently or aloud.

We give thanks for the birth last week of Everly Faith Brelsford, daughter of Daniel and Emily Stone Brelsford and grand-daughter of Jamie and Cathy Stone.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died. May they ever grow in faith and love, and live together in the joy of your eternal reign. God of mercy,

People Make us new.

Celebrant Eternal lover of our wayward souls, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and the pioneer of your new creation.

Amen.

*** THE PEACE**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

*** OFFERTORY**

Bread of Life

Isaac/Christiansen

O Bread of life from heaven, to every pilgrim given, O Manna from above:
The souls that hunger feed thou, the hearts that seek thee lead thou,
with thy most sweet and tender love.

O Lord, this feast receiving, thy word of truth believing, we thee unseen adore:
Grant, when the race is ended, that we, to heaven ascended,
may see thy glory evermore.

* THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We gather at your table, Lord: we humbly lift our hearts to you!
Here all are welcomed, all restored, and all are given work to do.

God, pour your Spirit on us all, and on these gifts that we receive;
For in Christ's presence, we recall his life and death, and so believe.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(From Enriching Our Worship 1, 1998)

(EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1)

Celebrant



The Lord be with you.

People



And also with you.

Celebrant



Lift up your hearts.

People



We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



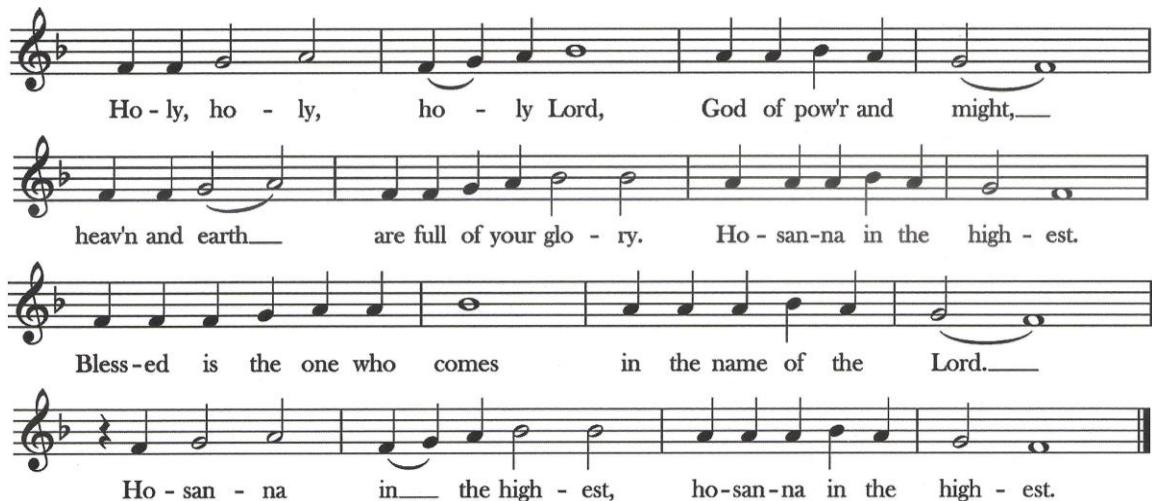
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy;

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*** SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___
heav'n and earth___ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in___ the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

(The Celebrant continues)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People)



Christ has died. — Christ — is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain. —

(Celebrant)

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may this be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [] and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres - pass-es, as we for-give those who tres -

broaden
pass a - gainst us, and lead us not in - to temp - ta tion,

but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

1.2.

3.

world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward to the altar. You may stand or kneel. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lenten Prose
O love of God, how strong and true
(Emily Dungey, flutist)

John Scott
Hymnal 456

SENDING

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* THE PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE ✕

* HYMN IN PROCESSION

O bless the Lord, my soul

Hymnal 411

* THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Canzona

Jean Langlais

Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. April Berends
Lectors	Rosy Milburn, Jean Whisenant
Intercessor	Jim Milburn
Lead Usher	Jerry Evans
Director of Music/Choirmaster	David Long
Organist	Karla Fowkes
Flute	Emily Dungey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During Lent the Sunday morning adult formation group will be working on *Life Transformed: The Way of Love* in Lent which is part of the *Becoming Beloved Community* program of the National Church. *The Way of Love* has seven themes: Turn, Pray, Learn, Bless, Rest, Worship, and Go. We will be focusing on one of these during each of the seven Sundays of Lent. We hope you will be able to join us in the Barth Room at 9:30 a.m. for all or some of the sessions.

Inquirers' class/Episcopal 101 Sundays (in person) and Thursdays (via Zoom)

Class continues this morning at 9:30am in the Merritt Room and on Zoom at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 31; come explore church tradition, history and our place in the Episcopal faith with Lay Catechist Laura Bertrand, Rev. April and our seminarians. This class will meet both on Sunday mornings (in person) and on Thursday evenings (via Zoom). **Participants should plan to attend one meeting per week, not both** (you can mix and match, too – Zoom one week and come in person another). While registration is **not required**, we would love to know you're coming! Please contact Laura Bertrand for more information (laura@laurabertrand.com).

Grace will host Family Promise again in June, specific dates TBA. If you volunteer with this program or would like to volunteers, make a note and watch for details here and in Grace Notes Weekly as details become available. Contact Skeeter Makepeace if you'd like to find out more about the programs and aid that volunteers provide.

Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414.**

Grace has moved to BREEZE for directory and donation services; this site can be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item "BREEZE" at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is 'saygrace' and the password is 'Chattanooga.' Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

Easter Flowers

This year's Easter services will be made more beautiful by 20 hydrangeas and 10 Easter lilies. You are invited to donate one or more of these plants and dedicate it in memory, honor or thanksgiving for a loved one, or in acknowledgment of life events such as birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments. All plants will cost \$20; colors of the hydrangeas will vary, and if you purchase one, you can select the color you prefer after the conclusion of the Easter services.

Please call or e-mail the church office (243-3257; dcarden@saygrace.net) to make sure the kind you want is available. **If you do not want a plant but would like either to submit a dedication or just help defray the church's cost, you are welcome to make a contribution in whatever amount is comfortable for you. The deadline for inclusion in the Easter bulletins is noon on Thursday, April 14.**

Material for Sunday's bulletins should be sent to the office no later than the previous Wednesday.

Donations may be made through the text-number and QR code below:

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