



Lent IV
Saturday, March 26, 2022

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Hymn “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymnal 686

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: 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.*

Celebrant: 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

Song of Penitence “Lord, have mercy upon us”

Hymnal S-91

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.*

Celebrant: 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 WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

Reader: A reading from 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.

Psalms 32:1-12

Reader: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

People: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

Reader: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

People: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Reader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Reader: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

People: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Reader: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

People: 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."

Reader: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

People: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader: A reading from 2nd 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.

Gospel Hymn “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Hymnal 470

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Celebrant: 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.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People: 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.*

A Litany for Deliverance of the People of the Ukraine

Reader: Hear our prayer for peace among the nations,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the people of the Ukraine torn by war and loss of life,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all displaced persons, refugees and especially the children,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We give thanks for the nations supporting refugees, the agencies providing humanitarian aid and the people who have opened their homes to them.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who risk their lives to minister to all those in need.

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Deliver us from the brutality and atrocities upon your people,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Reader: Deliver us from war spreading through Europe and the world.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Reader: Deliver us from casting judgment and the temptation to retaliation.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Reader: Deliver us from the despair of violence, war crimes and sorrow for those who suffer.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Reader: Gracious God, do not abandon us but come to our rescue.

People: Remember us according to your favor.

Reader: Grant us the peace of your Kingdom.

People: In our world, in our nation and our community.

Reader: Help us to be ministers of your reconciliation and peace,

People: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.

Reader: Lead us in the paths of your righteousness.

People: For only in you can we live in safety and peace.

Celebrant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they might live in peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and Those Who Care for Them

Carter Harrigan

Stephen Brown

Tisha Austin

Patrick Farragher

Althea Prins

Fred & John Warren

Stella Waltemeire

The Hollinger Family

Bob Stewart

TJ Hill

Russell & Lula

Candi & Taylor

Gwenivere Black

Evan Hansen

Laura Harrigan

Liam Ferguson

The Pisciotta Family

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those with special ministries, especially:

Those Serving Our Country

Shawn Austin

Amity Hess

All First Responders

All Front Line Workers

All Hospital and Emergency Room Workers

Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Neighbors

Reader: Are there other prayers?

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Benjamin Hall, reporter in Ukraine
Pierre Zakrzewski, cameraman in Ukraine

Silence

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Reader: Let us pray together for the Church of Our Redeemer.

Reader and People: Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Announcements

The Presentation “Doxology”

Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

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

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.*

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

Celebrant and People: 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

Celebrant: Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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.

Covid Protocol Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

1. *We are following the CDC guidelines for Loudoun County, masks are optional.*
2. *The Celebrant sanitizes his hands prior to the consecration of the elements and remains masked for the reading of the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution.*
3. *At the distribution, we ask that you come forward, socially distanced with no more than 3-4 people at the altar rail at a time.*
4. *Stand or kneel at the rail. The Celebrant will drop the wafer into your hands. Partake the bread at the altar rail.*
5. *The Celebrant or Lay Eucharistic Minister will bring a tray of cups with wine to you. Take one and partake the wine at the altar rail.*
6. *Place the cup in the receptacle on your way back to the pew.*
7. *Please wait until those who have received Communion return to their seats so that we avoid passing each other in the aisle.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Remember that life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind...and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and forever more.

Closing Hymn “My faith looks up to thee”

Hymnal 691

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us after service for a fellowship dinner in our parish hall.

LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at msflip925@aol.com. You may also contact the office by email redemeraldie@gmail.com or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email l.packard@verizon.net or phone (703) 425-8315.