

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The First Sunday in Lent
February 21st, 2021, 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

Meditation

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HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of Love

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

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.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Genesis 9:8-17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be

cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 *sung to BRESLAU*

Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path. I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.

Remember your compassion, Lord,
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
He teaches sinners in his way;
He guides the humble toward the right,
Instructs the lowly day by day.

The pathways of the Lord are love
And faithfulness to all his own
Who keep his covenant and all
The testimonies he made known.

THE SECOND LESSON *1 Peter 3:18-22*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of

Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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HYMN 455

O Love of God

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:9-15*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us offer prayers for our own needs, and for God's people in every place, saying:
Hear our prayer.

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that we may be led by the Spirit to a fuller living of the Gospel; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family: that we, who follow Jesus, may experience the Lenten wilderness as a place of both testing and triumph; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For reconciliation for our nation and the world: that God will strengthen the resolve of those working for peace, and that they may be guided along new paths of dialogue and understanding; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those continuing to face storms and freezing temperatures, those seeking work, those burdened by isolation, and those who are afraid: that they may receive a helping hand and find the resources they need; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the decline in the rate of COVID 19 infections. We pray for increased supplies of vaccine, persistence in observing safety measures, continued patience, and resistance to coronavirus fatigue so that we may continue to protect one another; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are in need of our prayers, especially those are suffering from the coronavirus, and those for whom prayers have been requested, including Mike; Linnea; Chris; David; Ron & Betsy; Karen; Karl S.; Ginny; Sohee; Donald; Elizabeth; Karl B; and all who care for sick or aging loved ones: that God may grant them strength, healing and hope; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God any petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ...; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially the more than 486,000 Americans who have died of COVID 19, that they may rest in God's loving care. We also pray God's presence with all who mourn; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today: as we begin our Lenten journey, we pray that God will guide us in the way of doing right, and that He will remember us—not for our transgressions—but rather according to His love, and for the sake of His goodness; Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, A SOLO

Nick Connolly, soloist

We are grateful for your offering to Grace Church.

To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn."

You may also give on-line at <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>.

AT THE PRESENTATION, HYMN 474 (stanza 4)

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 God 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 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-124 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

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.

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:

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

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM S-161 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

AT THE COMMUNION, HYMN 641 *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.



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