

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**February 25, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist – A Penitential Order**  
**Rite II**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Take Up Your Cross (Handout)**

**OPENING SALUTATION & RESPONSE BCP 351**

*The people standing.*

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

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever. Amen.***

**THE DECALOGUE**

**BCP 350**

*The people kneeling*

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.***

*The Celebrant reads the following sentence*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw

near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14, 16)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**BCP 320**

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**BCP 356**

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 218**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit*

**READING**            **Genesis 22:1-14**                            **BCP 21**

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM**                **16:5-11**    **BCP 600**

- <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;\*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;\*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;\*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me;\*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;\*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;\*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Psalm Response (said)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**READING**                **Romans 8: 31-39**                            **Pew Bible 1184**

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine!

O what a fore taste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood

This is my story, this my song, Praising my Savior

all the day long; This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long.

*Celebrant*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**            **Mark 8:31-38**    **Pew Bible 1055**

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Perfect submission Christ on the cross,

For my salvation He suffered loss

Gave up His life and gave up His throne,  
Purchased and won me, made me His own

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED** *(all standing)*

**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**

**BCP 388, Form 4**

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit. We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.***

***Amen.***

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN Tree of Life (Handout p.11)

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*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

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.***

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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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:

*Celebrant and People say*

***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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*(Said)*            **Christ has died.**  
                         **Christ is risen.**  
                         **Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,*

*People and Celebrant*

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**

**BCP 364**

*Celebrant*        Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*            **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*(In Lent, Alleluia is omitted.)*

*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.

\* *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

*For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.\* Administration of Communion:*

- *Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*

- *The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*

*"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).*

- *The chalice and intinction cup are offered with the words,*

*"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*

\* *You may dip your bread in the intinction cup \* Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary.*

### **COMMUNION Create in Me, O God (Handout)**

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)**

**BCP 365**

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 BLESSING**

#### **RECESSIONAL Hymn #455 O Love of God**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

#### **POSTLUDE**