

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
3760 Dover Center Road  
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March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL Hymn Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door**  
(Handout pg. 9)

**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.**

*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 intinction cup is 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 HYMN BOB #176 On Eagle’s Wings**

*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 #142 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

**THE DISMISSAL BCP 366**

**POSTLUDE**

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;

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**

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 people sit*

**READING**

**Deuteronomy 26:5-11**

**Pew Bible 209**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM**

**Psalm 91:9-15**

**BCP 720**

- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge,\*  
and the Most High your habitation,  
<sup>10</sup> There shall no evil happen to you,\*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.  
<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over you,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup> They shall bear you in their hands,\*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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."

*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

*Celebrant* But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## 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.

<sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and adder;\*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.

<sup>14</sup> Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;\*

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

<sup>15</sup> He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;\*

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

## 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 10:8b-13 Pew Bible 1186**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL PROCESSION

**BOB #12 As the Deer (Verses 1 & 2)**

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible 1074**

*Celebrant* *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**BOB #12 As the Deer (Verse 3)**

## 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 387, Form 3

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***  
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***  
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***  
Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***  
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

***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 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*