

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (choral)

March 30, 2025

LENTEN CUSTOMS

To draw our attention to the special season of Lent, the Church practices many changes in the typical customs of her worship. Some of these changes are:

- The sanctuary is as plain and simple as possible. There are no flowers. The Christus Rex is veiled. The color of vestments is purple.
- There are no organ preludes or postludes.
- There is no processional hymn.
- The Opening Acclamation is the one designated for Lent.
- The Service Music and Eucharistic Prayer are changed.
- The *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") is used, as is the Prayer of Humble Access.

May these changes put us all in mind to continually renew our repentance and faith this Holy Season.

A Word to Parents of Young Children

We are delighted to have children join us for worship. We encourage you to sit close to the front of the church, so that your child can get a better view of what is going on at the altar. Ask any usher for a Busy Bag – a cloth sack containing items for quiet play.

Please turn off cellphones and other electronic devices that could intrude on the solemnity of this service.

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The Holy Eucharist

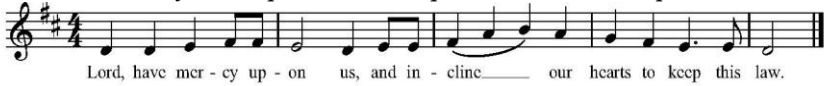
(Silence is observed before the service.)

The Procession (*stand*)

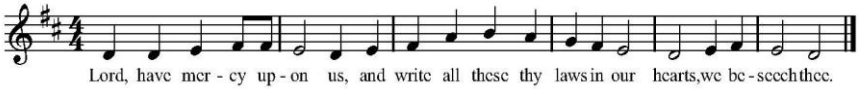
The Penitential Order

The Decalogue

After each petition, the People and Choir shall respond:



After Thou shalt not covet, the People and Choir shall respond:



The Liturgy of the Word

The Confession

Red Prayer Book, bottom of page 320

The Kyrie, S 91

Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

Red Prayer Book, page 167

The First Lesson, Joshua 5:9-12 (*sit*)

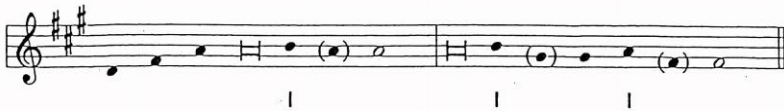
Revised Standard Version

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the people of Israel were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. And on the morrow after the passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased on the morrow, when they ate of the produce of the land; and the people of Israel had manna no more, but ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year."

The Gradual, Psalm 32

Beati quorum

Tone V.I



- 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!
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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.

The Second Lesson, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Revised Standard Version

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech 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.

The Sequence (*stand*)

Blue Hymnal 411 (1-3/4-6), O bless the Lord, my soul!

ST. THOMAS

The Holy Gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Revised Standard Version

Before the Gospel: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise 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 as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And 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 servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

After the Gospel: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

Red Prayer Book, page 326

The Prayers of the People

Red Prayer Book, page 328

The Peace (*stand*)

The Birthday and Anniversary Blessings (*sit*)

The Announcements

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem (*9:00 only*)

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

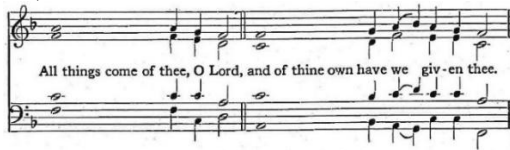
The Offertory Anthem (*11:15 only*)

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

The Presentation (*stand*)

Anonymous



The Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer I

Red Prayer Book, page 333

The Sanctus, Blue Hymnal S 113

John Merbecke

The Our Father, Blue Hymnal S 119

Plainsong, adapted by Charles Winfred Douglas

The Breaking of the Bread

The Agnus Dei, Blue Hymnal S 158

Healey Willan

The Prayer of Humble Access

Red Prayer Book, page 337

The Ministration of Communion

Visitors, if you have been baptized and receive communion in your home church, please join us for Holy Communion.

The Communion Hymn

Blue Hymnal 333, Now the silence

NOW

Blue Hymnal 470, There is a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

The Dispatching of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay ministers may be sent forth with Holy Communion to parishioners unable to travel to Church.

The Ablutions Improvisation (*9:00 only*)

The Ablutions Anthem (*11:15 only*)

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Red Prayer Book, page 339

The Solemn Prayer Over The People

The Procession (*stand*)

CWM RHONDDA

Blue Hymnal 690, Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

The Dismissal

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