



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:30 am • March 30, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

149. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Old 124th

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351 | CG 13

KYRIE ELEISON

8:30 Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:30 S 91, Healey Willan

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9–12

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.**

PSALM 32. *Beati quorum*

8:30 *We will recite the psalm antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the Narthex side*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison. S 415*



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for- / given, *
and whose sin is put a- / way!
- 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 a- / way, *
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 de- / liverance.
- 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 under- / standing; *
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

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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 411. O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

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

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 SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant As we gather in prayer, let us breathe out those things which keep us from God, and breathe in that which brings us closer to the divine.

Leader 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.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Guide the people of this land in the ways of justice and peace; that we may see the face of God in the other, lift up the lowly, and make your Kingdom a reality here.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

Comfort and heal all those in our community who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Campbell, Cheryl, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Karen, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Shari, Sherry, and Steve. We pray also for those who are struggling to find work, who are fearful in this time of upheaval, and those who are under attack because of who they are or who they love.

Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours — including Colin, Danielle, Emma, Evonne, Florence, Gemma, Geralyn, Grace, Jane, Jeff, Jer, John, Kate, Keili, Lori, Mary Kay, Paul, Rosalie, Roy, Sam, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Shannon, and Tim and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

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.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died — especially Montez Stetson, Debbie Holland, and James Emmons — that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**

Bless all those expecting a child — especially Hannah and David, Juliana and Jonathan, Corey and Michael, and Catie and Steve. We give thanks for the birth of Bailey, child of Laura and Michael and grandchild of Robin and Mike Rhaney.

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Lord Jesus, Think On Me Georgiann H. Toole

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life. Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Wondrous Love

To Fath-er, Son and Dove I will sing, I will sing.
To God, who reigns a - bove, I will sing.
For Christ— who, here be - low— did in the wil-der-ness go,
to fast and pray; and so I will sing, I will sing.
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361 | CG 17

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114, Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 23

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE COMMUNION HYMN

309. O Food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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**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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN: 470. There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

*We are thrilled to welcome back The Reverend Dr. Cathy Deats
as our celebrant and preacher today.*

*We are delighted to welcome guest organist Nicholas Welch,
and thank him for his playing in today's service.*

*We give our gratitude to Marie Berry for serving as our
substitute nursery attendant today.*



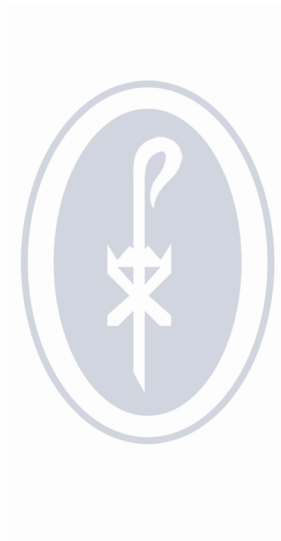
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Wardens Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Nicholas Welch, Guest Organist The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	David Tyeryar (8:30) Henry Dehart, Scott Beaver, Ailsa Tessier (10:30)
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30) Anne Sena and Bernadette Correa (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
TORCHES (10:30)	Harper Belk and Morgan Smith
BANNER (10:30)	Logan Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR GREENS	Gail Till
LIVESTREAM (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Sam Wesonga
FELLOWSHIP	The Knapp Family

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