

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Livestream Service

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Prayer A

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Voluntary

O Mensch Bewein Dein Sünde Gross

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order, Rite Two

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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***All:* 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.**

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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.

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The Trisagion

Marty Wheeler Burnett

Sung virtually by the choir

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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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 Reading

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

Lenten Sermon Series: “Connection”

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sermon Video from The Right
Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis

Meditation Song

Ex More Docti Mystico

The Fast, as Taught by Holy Lore

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Kristen Balisi, Cantor

The fast, as taught by holy lore,
we keep in solemn course once more:
the fast to all men known and bound
in forty days of yearly round.

The Nicene Creed

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 for Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Leader: Dear People of God: Jesus taught his disciples that what we do for the least of God's children we do for Christ. Let us pray, therefore, that as we walk *The Way of Love* with compassion, mercy, justice and reconciliation in our hearts, we may inspire the Church and the world to serve Christ in the other.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the poor and the hungry throughout the world, that poverty and hunger in all its forms may end and that all peoples, especially the children in countries both rich and poor, may realize improved nutrition and food security.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the good health and well-being of all people, building on the progress that has been made and working to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from pollution-related diseases as we continue our efforts to reduce the spread of all infectious disease.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, to ensure free, inclusive and equitable high-quality education, promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all of God's people.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, especially the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, a living wage, and equal political and economic representation; so that all who have been formed in God's image, both male and female, might know equality in the pursuit of the blessings of creation.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for this fragile earth, our island home, that we may be emboldened to act on behalf of all of God's creation on land, in the seas and

oceans, and in the air; protecting, restoring and promoting the sustainable use of the land God commanded us to till and keep so that it will continue to bring forth the fruits of the earth in abundance; conserving and sustainably using the marine resources we have been given; and acting to combat climate change and its impact on creation, promoting the development of renewable energy.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for justice and peace throughout the earth, following the way of Jesus and learning from his example, seeking to serve him in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart, and for those you wish to name at this time . . .

Silence

Leader: God of grace and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant continues:

Eternal God, continue to grace your people with the will to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we discern your presence in all challenges we face, for we have been redeemed by your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, Jesus, Think on Me

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

*Lord Jesus, think on me, purge away my sin;
Set me free from selfishness, make me pure within.
Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me be your loving servant; taste your promised rest.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, don't let me go astray.
Lead me through the darkness, Lord, to your chosen way.
Lord Jesus, think on me, that when the flood is past,
I might see your brightness Lord and share your joy at last.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Rite II, 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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth. BCP 362

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you knit us together in love to
strengthen communities, empower those who are poor, nourish
those who are hungry, heal those who are sick and renew
victims of disaster. ERD

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: BCP362

All: 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.

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Celebrant: 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:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

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Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

**Distribution of Home Communion elements from 11AM to 11:30AM in rear parking lot. Please wear a mask, stay in your car, and wait for the minister to bring items to you. Please take communion home to reverently consume.*

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: 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

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Prayer Over the People

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Due to its festive nature, the concluding voluntary is omitted during Lent.

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