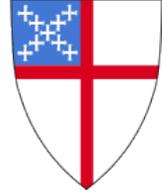




EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 14, 2021 | YEAR B | RITE II



The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE | *BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD, WE ARE GATHERED* | J. S. Bach, b.1665

PENITENTIAL ORDER | BCP 351 | Fr. Bob

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said,
"The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
The second is this:
Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

THE CONFESSION | BCP 352 | Dcn. Lauri

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.

ABSOLUTION

| BCP 353

| Fr. Bob

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.

People Amen.

- MINISTRY OF THE WORD -

TRISAGION

| BCP 356

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Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

| BCP 219

| Fr. Bob

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.

People Amen.

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21:4-9 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom;

but the people became impatient on the way.

The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people.

And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."

So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Confitemini Domino [Acknowledge the Lord]

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.
Let all those whom the Lord has re-
deemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand
of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.
They abhorred all manner of food

and drew near to death's door.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their dis-
tress.

He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his chil-
dren.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10 (NRSV)

| Lector

Reader A reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh,
following the desires of flesh and senses,
and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy,

out of the great love with which he loved us
even when we were dead through our trespasses,

made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- and
raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kind-
ness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in Heaven;
3. For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of the mind



1. there's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
2. there is no place where earth's failings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
3. and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



1. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
2. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
3. If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;



1. there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
2. there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head
3. and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt..

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21 (NRSV)

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in

the name of the only Son of God.
And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.
For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be
exposed.
But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds
have been done in God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

| Fr. Bob

May the words of our lips, and the meditations of our hearts, be always acceptable to you, Lord God, our
strength and redeemer. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

| BCP 358

| Lector

All 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

| BCP 364

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, let us now pray.

All

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

| BCP 389 (V)

| Dcn. Lauri

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Silence

For the holy Church of God, that it may be
filled with truth and love, and be found
without fault at the day of your coming,
we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Diana,
our Bishop; and for all bishops and other
ministers, and for all the holy people of
God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord
Christ, that our divisions may cease, and
that all may be one as you and the Father
are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful
witness it may preach the Gospel to the

ends of the earth, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of re-
spect and forbearance may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that
they may serve justice, and promote the
dignity and freedom of every person, we
pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for
the right use of the riches of creation,
that the world may be freed from pover-
ty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you,
O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation and for those who are present, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The People may add their own petitions

For those we have named, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of

your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray in gratitude for our new priest, Father Birch; for Sharon, his wife; and for their family. We also pray for St John's of Wytheville, as they now enter a time of transition. May Father Birch's move be easy and joyous, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding collect

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE

| BCP 360

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Fr. Bob

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

| BOS 11

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.
Celebrant 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.
People **Amen**

THE BLESSING

| BCP 339

| Fr. Bob

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

| BCP 366

| Dcn. Lauri

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

| *BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD, WE ARE GATHERED*

| J. G. Walther b.1684



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