

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021

The Opening Hymn

Shout To The Lord

Verse 1

My Jesus my Saviour, Lord there is none like
You; All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and
strength; Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Chorus

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Said all together

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.***

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Numbers 21: 4-9

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.***

The Psalm Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle Ephesians 2: 1-10

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 kindness 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.***

Gospel Anthem

Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive
The Hymnal 1982 #674[

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" you taught us Lord, to pray; but You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

2 How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew, how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to You.

4 Lord cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread Your peace.

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The Gospel John 3: 14-21

Priest **The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

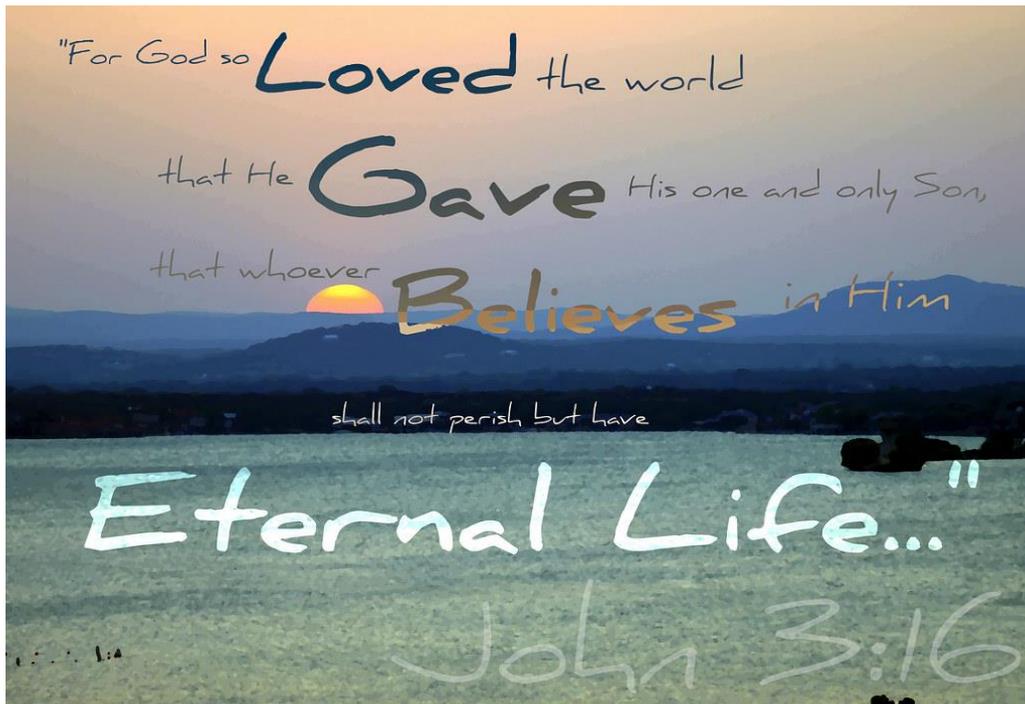
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"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.”

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

Sermon **The Reverend Jonathan Brice**



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The Nicene Creed

All stand and say together.

**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 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
March 14, 2021
The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*Embraced by God's word, let us intercede for all those in need,
saying: **Have mercy, O Lord.***

For the church, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds of justice, we pray: **have mercy, O Lord.**

For the church, that all those to be baptized at Easter may see through the dazzling attractions of sin and rejoice only in God's marvelous gift, we pray: ***have mercy, O Lord.***

For the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel us on the way to solidarity and peace, we pray: ***have mercy, O Lord.***

For the exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or hunger, because of the greed or hatred of others, because of disabilities, may find places of rest and kindness, we pray: ***have mercy, O Lord.***

For those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for the simple gifts of God, we pray: ***have mercy, O Lord.***

For this assembly, God's handiwork, that our steps be directed in the ways of peace that lead us to the side of those the world despises, and that we name these rejected ones our brothers and sisters, we pray: ***have mercy, O Lord.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Myanmar and Thailand

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, El Dorado

We pray: ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces: Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Wichaël; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

We pray: ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

For Health & Strength: Marcia Streepy; Bob Mossman; Charlene Lassiter; Candace Harvey; Anthony Straker; Suzy, Lyndsay, Trevor and Michael Knabel; Fred Kniggendorf; Deanne and Kelly; Jeanette Burris;

We pray: ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

For Birthdays: Amy Walls; Anne Kniggendorf; Alyson Uhrmacher

We pray: ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

God, full of goodness and open to weakness, remember all whom we remember, and remind us of all whom we would forget. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Priest and People

**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.**

Priest

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.**

The Exchange of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light
my strength my song; This Cornerstone this
solid Ground firm through the fiercest drought
and storm. What heights of love what depths of
peace, when fears are stilled when strivings
cease. My Comforter my All in All, here in the
love of Christ I stand

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the
world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in
glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost
its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 2

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of
God in helpless babe! This gift of love and
righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to
save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath
of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to
final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever
pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or
calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll
stand!

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The Presentation of Bread



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Standing as you are able.

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

AMEN.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

(All together)

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Communion Hymn

Grace Alone

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make
 Ev'ry prayer and step of
 faith
 Ev'ry diff'rence we will make
 Is only by His grace
 Ev'ry mountain we will climb
 Ev'ry ray of hope we shine
 Ev'ry blessing left behind
 Is only by His grace
[Chorus]

Chorus

Grace alone which God
 supplies
 Strength unknown He will
 provide
 Christ in us our Cornerstone
 We will go forth in grace alone

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach
 Ev'ry heart we hope to teach
 Ev'rywhere we share His peace
 Is only by His grace
 Ev'ry loving word we say
 Ev'ry tear we wipe away
 Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise
 Is only by His grace *[Chorus]*

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A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Closing Hymn

Lift High The Cross
The Hymnal 1982 #473

Refrain

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
[Refrain]

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who
died *[Refrain]*

3 O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw men unto Thee.
[Refrain]

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory *[Refrain]*

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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