



The Fourth Sunday of Lent Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:00 am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn

When Israel was in Egypt's Land

Hymnal #648

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.
The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go; to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.
They journeyed on at his command, let my people go; and came at length to Canaan's land, let my people go.
Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go; and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

African-American spiritual

Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Decalogue

pg. 350 in Book of Common Prayer

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit adultery. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not steal. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not be a false witness. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Confession & Absolution

pg. 352 in BCP

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister 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.

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.***

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Priest Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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 First Reading: *Numbers 21:4*

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The 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." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The 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. ⁸And 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." ⁹So 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.

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

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.**

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:1-10*

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Gospel: *John 3:14-21*

Jesus said, ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Those 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. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But 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.”

The Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Old Irish Blessing

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 . . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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 We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. ***Amen.***

I Bind Unto Myself Today

Hymnal #370

Verse 1: I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

Verse 5: I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken, to my need;
the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward;
the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

Verse 6: Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Verse 7: I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.