St. John's Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
MARCH 14, 2021
10:00 AM

Voluntary

The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 686, vv. 1-2 *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: This is the day which the Lord has made.
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Ten Commandments

Read by a Sunday School student. The people's response is in bold.

Hear the commandments which God's people were given through Moses.
You shall have no other gods but me.
You shall not make yourself idols;
You shall not worship them or serve them.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Honour your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness.
You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Jesus said: "There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.
Silence

Let us confess our sins.
Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

The Collect for The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Priest: The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
People: **The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**
Priest: 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 First Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 *(Seated)*

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.**

Sequence Hymn 620, vv.1-2 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21 *(Standing)*
Deacon: 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."

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

Children's Homily

The Sermon *(Seated)* The Reverend David C. Killeen

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The Prayers of the People
Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church, remembering Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missioner; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest. Father, remembering our companion parish San Pedro Apóstol in Zorrilla, Cuba, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

In gratitude we pray for James "Owen" Wiley, Sumner Boyd Wiley, Isabella Chayse Cayer, and Emmi Camden Cayer, baptized this week. Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace
that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for our nation, state, and community, remembering Joe, our president; Ron, our governor; and John, our mayor. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

We pray for those in need, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Betzi Welch, Michelle Sosa, Katie Nielsen-Nuñez, Marcos de Souza Lima, Michele Rios, Lila Poston, Duncan, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries, either silently or aloud.

Silence.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.
Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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

Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.

The Holy Communion

Offertory *God so loved the world* John Stainer

We encourage you to place your offerings in the offertory plates at the exits of the church if you are worshipping with us in person. If you are worshipping with us online, you can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56. You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage. You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: The Lord is here.
People: **God's Spirit is with us.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature, who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus Traditional Spanish

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Priest and People:
Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Priest and People:
Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

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

The Lord's Prayer *(Said by 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

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.**

Invitation to Communion: *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Communion Hymns 706, 691 *(Sung by the choir)*

Postcommunion Prayer

Priest: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

People: **Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 690, vv. 1-2 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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