

The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring. When He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing? Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell. Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell.
2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow; His head with radiant glories crowned his lips with grace overflow. No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men. Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the Heavenly train.
3. He saw me plunged in deep distress He fled to my relief; for me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief. His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head; His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed.
4. To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have. He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave. To Heaven the place of His abode he brings my weary feet; shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete.
5. Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine, had I a thousand hearts to give Lord, they should all be Thine. A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring; yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Let us pray

All 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.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Nothing Else

C. I'm caught up in Your presence; I just want to sit here at Your feet. I'm caught up in this holy moment; I never want to leave. Oh, I'm not here for blessings Jesus, You don't owe me anything. More than anything that You can do, I just want You.

1. I'm sorry when I've just gone through the motions. I'm sorry when I just sang another song. Take me back to where we started; I open up my heart to You.

2. I'm sorry when I've come with my agenda. I'm sorry when I forgot that You're enough.

Take me back to where we started; I open up my heart to You.

B. I just want You. Nothing else, nothing else, Nothing else will do. (repeat)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lessons

2 Chronicles 36:14-23

¹⁴ All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem.

¹⁵ The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²³ "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalms 122

¹ I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.

⁴ **For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there is the throne of judgment, even the throne of the house of David.

⁶ **O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and plenteousness within your palaces.

⁸ **For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish you prosperity.**

⁹ Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Gospel John 6:1-15

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you Lord Christ

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.”¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Leader For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Biden, Governor Beshear and the Mayors of the Bluegrass. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(As we pause in silence all are invited to offer silent petitions and intercessions or pray out loud with those gathered together.)

Leader Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People And of your own have we given you.

The Sursum Corda

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

The Sanctus

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.

The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "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: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People grant us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

There is a Fountain

1. There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

4. E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

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1. The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. (repeat)

C. Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

B1. May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations; Your family and your children, and their children, and their children. (repeat)

B2. May His presence go before you and behind you, and beside you; All around you, and within you; He is with you, He is with you. In the morning, in the evening, In your coming, and your going; In your weeping, and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.

He is for you, He is for you; He is for you, He is for you; He is for you, He is for you.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.