

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 27, 2022

## We Gather for Worship

**Opening Hymn: #448** *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Please stand & sing as you are able.  
(v. 1-3)

### Opening Sentences

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*Officiant:* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*I John 1:8-9*

### Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant & People:* **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.**

### Venite: Psalm 95:1-7

*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God, \*

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**  
*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## Antiphon for Lent

*BCP Page 80-81*

*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
*People:* **Come let us adore him.**  
*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Joshua.  
 The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt."  
 And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.  
 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the  
 fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on  
 that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.  
 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no  
 longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.  
*Reader:* The word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32

*Reader:* Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,\*  
*People:* **and whose sin is put away!**  
*Reader:* Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,\*  
*People:* **and in whose spirit there is no guile!**  
*Reader:* While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,\*  
*People:* **because of my groaning all day long.**  
*Reader:* For your hand was heavy upon me day and night,\*  
*People:* **my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**  
*Reader:* Then I acknowledged my sin to you,\*  
*People:* **and did not conceal my guilt.**  
*Reader:* I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."\*  
*People:* **Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**  
*Reader:* Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;\*  
*People:* **when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**  
*Reader:* You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;\*  
*People:* **you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**  
*Reader:* "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;"\*  
*People:* **I will guide you with my eye.**  
*Reader:* Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;\*  
*People:* **who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**  
*Reader:* Great are the tribulations of the wicked;\*  
*People:* **but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

*Reader:* Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;\*  
*People:* **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## **Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*Reader:* A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn: #690**

***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## **Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Please remain standing.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed

your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Homily:** Van Odom

*Please be seated.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **We Pray**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant & People:* **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.**

### **Suffrages: Set A**

*BCP Page 97-98; Please be seated.*

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* 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.**

## Collect for the Renewal of Life

*BCP Page 99*

*Officiant:* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Peace

*BCP Page 99*

*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Ukraine 1

*Archbishops of Canterbury Justin Welby & Stephen Cottrell*

*Officiant:* God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

## Collect for Grace

*BCP Page 100*

*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Guidance

*BCP Page 100*

*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Mission 2

*BCP Page 100*

*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please kneel, sit or stand.*

*Reader:* As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever more faithful fellowship and service.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...  
*People:* **St. Paul's Cathedral; Holy Trinity Cathedral, Montevideo, Uruguay; Diocese of Delaware; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* We pray for...  
*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...  
*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...  
*People:* **Alyssa, Ami, Bill, Bill N., Cheryl R., Dennis C., Dennis C. Jr., Emma, James & Shirley, Jessica, John G., John & Sharon, Kenneth, Kenyon, Kim, Mike & Betty, Pat & Joe, Priscilla, Quinn & Nancy, Rogers Family, Ronna, Ronnie, Sakina, Sarah, Troy, Eliso, Vitality & Natalia, Finley, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, *(especially...)*  
*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...  
*People:* **Alex, Brett, Carl, Blake, and Ron.**

*Reader:* Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People:* **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## **Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers**

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## For a Birthday

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*Officiant:* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory

*Please remain seated.*

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

## Offertory Music

*Please remain seated.*

## Doxology: #380

*Please stand and sing as you are able.*

## We Go Out Into the World

## General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant & People:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## Sending

BCP Page 102

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

## Closing Hymn: #686

***Come thou fount of every blessing***

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## Dismissal

BCP Page 366

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

It's never too early! Order your Easter Lilies today!

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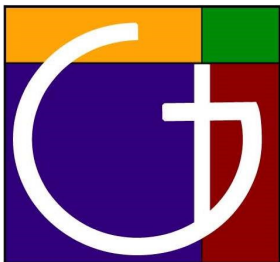
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