

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

Prelude: "Pastorale"

Flor Peeters

The Processional Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymn #150, v. 1, 4, 5

For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing
So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness
Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant
in the wild; for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet
ours shall be; round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is -
by thy side; that with thee we may ap - pear at thee - ter - nal
un - de - filed.
tered to thee.
Eas - ter - tide.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Decalogue

*Please join in saying the words **in bold**,*

Celebrant 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.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body.

Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jude Lyons

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.

Celebrant Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Absolution

Celebrant 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 Kyrie

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

The 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 First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

Reader: Liz Cook

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

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.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, *Confitemini Domino*

Reader: Liz Cook

Reader—Let us read together from Psalm 107

- 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.

The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

✠ Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

All 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 for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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, 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.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Mary Ann Cronin

We pray for our church, our nation and the world. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the power of forgiveness. Guide us along pathways of healing love.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen and protect them.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the afflicted, the unhoused, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all who suffer in body, mind or spirit or are in any kind of need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Ted Wong, and all those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*. Guide us along pathways of health and wholeness.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, and for those who grieve for them. Guide us along pathways of safety. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially those we name to you now...

(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud). Guide us along pathways of eternal comfort and strength.

God of mercy, **make us new.**

Let us pray together

All God of our Lenten journey and beyond, you have made us to be one with you. Lead us to all who need us. We pray this in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Light of the World

Karen Marrolli

*Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.
Christ, in your glory, come to light the way; teach us how to follow.
Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ, in your mercy, come to show us love; teach us how to follow.
We must be your hands, lent to heal and blessed.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ in your image, we will greet the world; this is how we follow.
Light of our days, we feel your dawning call;
Send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!
Christ, you have claimed us, made us one. We will always follow!*

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

*Please remain standing for,
The Great Thanksgiving*

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

† And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me."**

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers Sarah, Leah, Rebekah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer, fasting, and service may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ give you grace in this holy season of Lent to grow in holiness; may Jesus Christ give you grace to grow in love, in faithfulness and to follow him; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

The Closing Hymn

Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear

Hymn #145, v. 1, 4

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Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fa - ces to

10
schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -

14
prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
dress, who build the old waste pla - ces, and in the dark - ness

20
nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high; re -
shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine! Di -

ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.
vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!

Postlude: "Dresden Amen" (from Parsifal)

Richard Wagner