

# THE SEASON OF LENT

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Spirituality in Action*

The Holy Eucharist

Rite I, 8 AM



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## The Word of God

Call to Worship *Please stand at the sound of the bell*

Opening Acclamation

from *Enriching Our Worship*, p. 50

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*Assembly* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 323

*Presider* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* Amen.

Jesus, Light of Light

Mar Thoma Church, adapted

*Assembly* In thy light we see the light, Jesus, full of light.  
It's thy light that shines upon our world,  
lightest thou our minds.  
May thy light reveal the sin in our hearts,  
as we humbly pray in spirit and truth.  
Pure and holy One that dwelleth on high,  
in mansions of light,  
cleanse thou our hearts and souls,  
we lift them up, unto thee.  
Grant us purity of thought and mind,  
that our prayers may rise, up to thee.

## The Collect of the Day

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 166

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* And with thy spirit.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Assembly* Amen.

The Readings *Please be seated.*

The First Reading

Exodus 20: 1-17

*Reader* A reading from *The Book of Exodus*.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship

them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

*Assembly* Thanks be to God.

A Portion of the Psalter

*Recited by all*

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom  
out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge  
of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them  
there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from  
presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

*Assembly*      The Second Reading                      1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

*Reader*              A reading from *Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning  
I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the

called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

*Assembly* Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

*Please stand.*

John 2: 13-22

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*Deacon* The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under

construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily *Please be seated* The Rev. Dr. Randall R. Warren

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

*Deacon* Let us proclaim our faith, which covers the earth and spans the ages, by reciting the Nicene Creed.

*Assembly* 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 truly 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 and Confession

- Deacon*                    In thy light we see the light,  
Jesus, full of light.
- Intercessor*              For the holy Church of God,  
that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault  
at the day of thy coming;  
Holy One, we pray to thee.
- Assembly*                Cleanse thou our hearts and souls,  
we lift them up, unto thee.
- Intercessor*              For Michael our Presiding Bishop  
and Skip our Assisting Bishop,  
for Randall and Gill, our Priests,  
Greg and Micheal our Deacons,  
Anne Marie and Barrett  
    in formation for the Priesthood,  
Sarah, our Monastic Solitary,  
and all the People of God.
- Assembly*                Continually renew thy Church. O God,  
we humbly pray in spirit and truth.
- Deacon*                    It's thy light that shines upon our world,  
Lord Christ.
- Intercessor*              We pray for all nations and their leaders,  
especially Joseph, our President,  
Gretchen, our Governor,  
and they that serve in our armed forces,

particularly Joe, Nathan, Stephen, Allison,  
Gordon, Andrew, and Riley.

*Assembly* Grant purity of thought and mind,  
that all the world may pray in spirit and truth.

*Deacon* Pure and holy One that dwelleth on high,  
in mansions of light,

*Intercessor* shine thy light upon  
those celebrating birthdays,  
especially Jan, Pam, Deborah, Gordon, Abbey,  
Micheal, Savannah, Dylan,  
those celebrating wedding anniversaries,  
and those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,  
especially Jim, Kay, Sarah, Joe.

*Assembly* We lift them up, unto you.

*Deacon* Grant that our prayers may rise to you, O God.

*Intercessor* We pray for the sick and the suffering;  
those who are addicted, hungry,  
lonely, lost, or imprisoned,  
remembering especially Thomas, Pat, John,  
Donna, and Will,  
and all who have none to care for them.

*Assembly* Shine thy light upon them,  
O thou who dwellest on high.

*Intercessor* We pray for all people, everywhere,  
who have died,  
remembering particularly Terry, Ruthie, Alan,  
Mary, and Pierce, whom we entrust to thy never  
failing care.

*Assembly* Welcome them to thy mansions of light.

*Deacon* May thy light reveal the sin in our hearts,  
as we humbly pray in spirit and truth.

*Assembly* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*Presider* 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 thy Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## The Exchange of Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* And with thy spirit.

*Members of the Assembly greet one another  
with the peace of Christ.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* We proclaim with joy thy life-giving Cross, O Christ our Savior, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of thy dying and rising; for thou in thy almighty power used weakness to bring to pass the salvation of the world.

### On receiving the Offering

I Chronicles 29:14

*When the offering plates are brought forward,*

*Deacon* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*Assembly* And of thy own have we given thee.

### Eucharistic Prayer 1

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 333

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* And with thy spirit.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Assembly* It is meet and right so to do.

*Presider* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy 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 thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Assembly* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Presider* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*Assembly*    AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

*Deacon*        And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,  
                      we are bold to say,

*Assembly* 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

*from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 337*

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Assembly* have mercy upon us.

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Assembly* have mercy upon us.

*Presider* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Assembly* grant us thy peace.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

*from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 337*

*Assembly* We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but  
in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Call to Receive Holy Communion

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 338

*Presider*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Deacon*     Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians regardless of age or denomination.*

*If you are not baptized but desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ,*

*you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you do receive Holy Communion, please make yourself known to one of the clergy after today's liturgy.*

*Our clergy would be happy to work with you to deepen your relationship to Christ.*

*Healing Prayers can be received in the Chapel after your communion.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 339

*Please stand or kneel.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Announcements* *Please be seated.*

*Prayer over the People*

from *The Book of Occasional Services*, p. 11

*Deacon* Bow down before our God.

*Members of the Assembly make a profound bow.*

*Presider* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* Amen.

## The Dismissal

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 340

*Presider*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Assembly*    Thanks be to God.

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*Please Pray for the Following People this Week*

Will, Donna James, John Brigham, Pat, Thomas Allen, Adam, Maggie, Ron Forder, Will Comtois, Patti Huiskamp, Cynthia Williams, Dennis Mapes, Al Dykema, Jill Toma, Matthew Sweet, Betsy Kent, Jim Kalleward, Biemer families, Paula Morrison, Conn Maacomber, Anne Marie James, Paul Adams, Bill Gottschalk, Maya Hanna and family, Linda Snyder, Dee Cekola, John Caswell, Barbara Miller, Billy Lesman, Todd Miller, BJ Jeschke, Mary Ellen Douglas, Wally Clore, Diane Bishop, Kevin, Max Staub, Barbara Spence, Drew, Dorothy Fancher, Sadie, Nina, Bill, Jenna Bungard, Linda H., Elizabeth Belden, Bob, Chris Welborn, Darlene, Herman, Lyndi, Joel Orosz, Lucy Matthews, Bonnie Tucker, Patti Fenner, Craig Timm, Nora (Breisach) Brannan, Nancy Kelley, Pam Grimm, Brian Buerkle, Roger Peterson, Ben Brown, Mary, Laura, Donna Stearns, Beverly Alward, David O'Rourke, Tom, Val Clore, Barbara Bailey, Kay Ishmael, Ryan Ledow, Steven, George Peterson, Charlotte Dentler, Caitlin Dane, Bill LaDuke, Hattie Ford, Dave Stimpson, Eve Reid, Barbara Jane, Larry Lueth.

*Those in the Military*

Joe Geiser, Nathan, Stephen Breisach, Allison Meyers, Gordon Hueschen, Andrew Orosz, Riley

*Birthdays this Week*

Jan Latham, Pam Grimm, Deborah Hudgins, Gordon Boardman, Abbey Flentje, Micheal Hueschen, Savannah Caswell, DylanCaswell-Wine

*Baptismal Anniversaries this Week*

Jim Ishmael, Kay Ishmael, Sarah Swart, Joe Geiser

*Please Pray for the Departed*

Terry Dercy, Ruthie Breiland, Alan Burke, Mary Hallett, Pierce Warner

*Please Pray for Members of our Parish in Formation for Holy Orders*

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