

February 26, 2023 The First Sunday in Lent 10:45am

Welcome

Opening Songs

A Penitential Order

Clergy Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. **Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor. Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.

Clergy

If we say that 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. 1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

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.

Priest

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.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Clergy Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

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

Gospel Song

Holy Gospel Matthew 4: 1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not

dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

The Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice.

Silence

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Oneida and their priest, the Rev. Arthur N. Smith, and for the people of The Church of the Resurrection in Oswego and their priest, the Rev. Jeffrey Knox. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of East Tennessee and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole. And In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Scottish Episcopal Church and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Mark Strange. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That those who are struggling with illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud ______. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud ______. In your mercy, Lord; hear us as we pray.

Clergy:

Almighty and eternal God, 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offering

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving BCP Page 367

Sanctus BCP Page 367

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 Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Music at Communion

The Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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