

Sunday, March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM RITE I



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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.**

SERVING TODAY

Officiating: Rev. Robert Leaverton ELCA
Organist: John Goodwin
Lay Reader: Jackie Brehe
Chris Stockwell
LEM: Chris Boyce
Usher: Chris Stockwell
Maggie Stockwell
Crucifer: Chris Boyce
Torchbearers: Liam Fox
Duke Demmons

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Please stand, as you are able

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 690*

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

HYMNAL S-80

THE KYRIE **HYMNAL S-90**

"Lord, have mercy upon us"

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY **BCP 325**

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit
Let us pray

THE FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 32

We will read antiphonally by verse, lectern side first then pulpit side.

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!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

4 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.

6 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.

10 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.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN *HYMNAL 467*
"Sing, my soul, his wondrous love"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Rev. Robert Leaverton, ELCA

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 331

Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE

BCP 332

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Together

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may

joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to “Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ.” Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS
BCP 830

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY **HYMNAL 76**
“On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer II **BCP 340**

THE SANCTUS **HYMNAL S-113**
“Holy, holy, holy”

THE CONSECRATION **BCP 341**
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP 336**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
BCP 337

THE ANGUS DEI **HYMNAL S-157**
“O Lamb of God”

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(for those attending remotely)

In union, O Lord, with thy faithful people at every altar of thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to thee praise and thanksgiving. I remember thy death, Lord Christ; I proclaim thy resurrection; I await thy coming in glory. Since I cannot receive thee today in the Sacrament of your Body

and Blood, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with thy grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from thee. May I live in thee, and thou in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 HYMNAL 301
“Bread of the World, in mercy broken ”

#2 HYMNAL 693
“Just as I am, without one plea”

#3 HYMNAL 333
“Now the Silence”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

THE BLESSING **BCP 339**

THE CLOSING HYMN **HYMNAL 470**
“There's a wideness in God's mercy”

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 339**
Please stand, as you are able.

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