

Holy Communion



9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

CHRIST CHURCH
118 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314
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9:00 AM & 11:15 AM Holy Communion

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Childcare is available across the courtyard in the Parish House nursery. We also offer an Infant Caring Room, where you can watch the service with your child. Please silence all cell phones and pagers. We invite you to put on a name tag, which can be found in your pew rack. If you are visiting with us this morning, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we may send you information about the mission and ministry of this congregation. If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with an usher.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The People kneel.

The Decalogue

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.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection is kept.

Celebrant and 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.

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 People stand and sing the Trisagion three times.

Trisagion (S102)

Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 People are seated.

The First Lesson

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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(11:15 AM only)

The Psalm

Psalm 32:4-12

The Cantor will sing the Antiphon once, then the People will repeat. Thereafter, the Antiphon is sung every time the bells are struck.



Hap - py are they to whom the Lord im - putes no guilt.

- 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 transgression 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.

(11:15 AM only)

The Second Lesson

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.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn 456

O Love of God, how strong and true

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The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now 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.’”

Deacon
People

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

*At any time during worship, parents and children are welcome to the Infant Caring Room or, for infants through age four, the nursery.
Enter the Parish House double doors, turn right to go up through the corner door, and going through the door, keep right.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Erika Takacs (9:00 AM)
The Reverend Nick Myers (11:15 AM)

The People stand.

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.

The People stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us offer prayers to God who has made us a new creation in Christ.

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. For all who are preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their sponsors. For Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Shannon and David, our Bishops; and for all holy people of God. We pray for members of the Anglican Communion, especially those in the Diocese of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville; St. Aidan's, Alexandria; and Holy Cross Korean, Baileys Crossroads. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

The People sing the response:



Intercessor

For all the peoples of the earth and for their leaders. We pray for Barack, our president, Bob, our governor, Bill, our mayor, and for all who govern us. For all those in danger and need, and for those who hunger and thirst. We pray for the people of Chile and Haiti and all those who are serving there in mission and relief work. We pray for all countries in conflict, especially Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Israel, and Sudan. We ask you to bless our parish's work with Meals on Wheels and the Mengo Hospital. We pray for Ron and Linda Hoekstra, our missionaries in Honduras. Encourage all peoples to respond to the Millennium Development Goals, especially the goal to improve maternal health. Increase in us concern for all people and the courage to work for justice. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

The People sing the response.

Intercessor

For the dying and the dead, especially Harnold Lucassen, Raul Lopez, Rick Wagenpfeil, Layla Grace Marsh, and those we name at this time. We remember those who mourn. We also pray for Tom Hamilton and Bill and Doris Williams, in whose loving memory the chancel greens are given. May the faithful departed enjoy eternal rest and love in the communion of saints and in the nearer presence of God. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

The People sing the response.

Intercessor

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love. We pray for all men and women in military and civilian service, at home and abroad, especially Michael Barefield, Taylor Blakely, Pete Oliver, Jeff Ellis, Don Webb, Greg Sheridan, Tad Granai, Max Mistecka, Brennan Kopp, and Matt Kopp. We pray for people who suffer pain of any kind, especially the Lucassen family, that they may know the healing power of God's love. We also pray for those who are seeking employment. I invite your prayers either silently or aloud. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

The People sing the response.

Intercessor

For all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for Barry Stauffer's many years of service with Community Lodgings and for the award he receives tonight; for the birth of Amelia Ruby Earnhart, daughter of Stephen and Jennifer Earnhart and granddaughter of Jim and Karen Barbee; for the birth of Marshall Bell Love, granddaughter of J.T. and Kaye Grubbs; and for the Stewards of the Dirt who take loving care of our churchyard. Are there other thanksgivings? We also pray for safe and healthy pregnancies for our parishioners Sabrina Reilly, Emily Zuppert, Bridget Evans, Amy Claire Morse, Shannon Davis Hunter, Mary Frances Daly, and Susan Jones. Create in us clean hearts, O God.

The People sing the response.

Intercessor

Remembering all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

The People sing the response:



Closing Collect

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of the Israelites, who gives your people food and drink. Receive the prayers we offer this day and invite us to the feast of life; 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

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem

My song is love unknown
Sing my soul, his wondrous love

Malcolm Archer (9:00 AM)
Ned Rorem (11:15 AM)

The People stand.

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.**

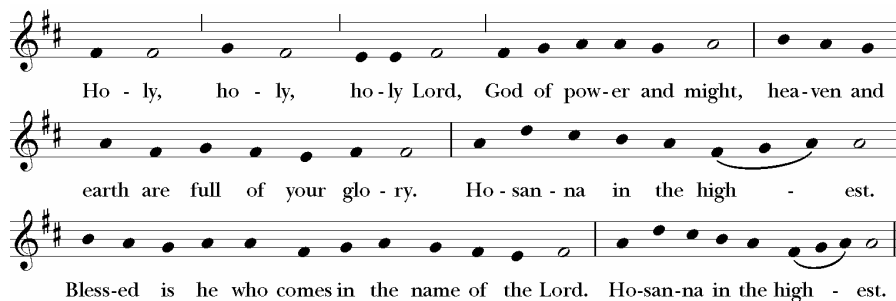
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (S124)

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life with him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

(9:00 AM) Fraction Hymn

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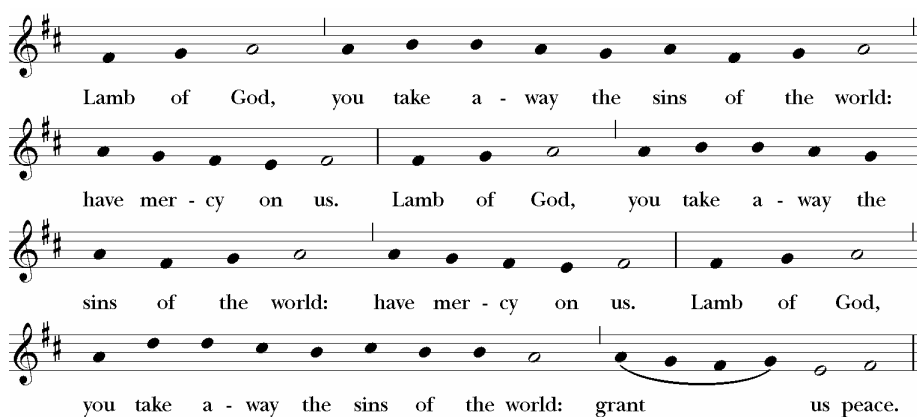


Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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(11:15 AM) Agnus Dei (S161)

Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, all are welcome to the table, either to receive a blessing, or, if you are baptized, communion. Cross your arms over your chest for a blessing; extend your hands for the bread.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy administering the bread.

Should you choose to receive the bread only, cross your hands over your chest as the cup passes. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

Communion Anthem

Lead me, Lord
 Lord, let me know mine end

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (9:00 AM)
 Maurice Greene (11:15 AM)

Communion Hymns

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Sing my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea - ry, come home! — Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! —

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in

peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel.

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

Hymn 562

Onward, Christian soldiers

St. Gertrude

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

During Lent, there will be no Postlude.

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

We use two books in our worship services: The Book of Common Prayer (the smaller of the two books in the pew rack) and the Hymnal 1982 (the larger one). The text of this service has been reproduced in the opening pages of this bulletin. The Hymnal 1982 contains both the service music (in the front section, marked with an S before the number) and the hymns (the remainder of the book). If you would like to use a hearing device or large-print prayer book, or if you need assistance in preparation for the worship service, please ask an usher or your neighbor for help.

For information on worship and learning opportunities today and this week, please refer to *Parish Life* or visit us online at www.HistoricChristChurch.org.

FREE PARKING

Cunningham's Funeral Home on Sundays until 1:00 PM. From Washington Street, take Cameron Street two blocks west, turn right on North Alfred Street, and right into lot.

WORSHIP NOTES

We frequently call one of Jesus' most famous parables "The Prodigal Son" because we are moved by its tender portrayal of a father's forgiveness and unconditional love toward this son. However, we must remember another key character in this story: the Good Son. The elder son, angry at his father for making such a big deal of his brother's return, measures himself by comparison: he finds his identity in *not* being the ungrateful spoiled child who asked for his inheritance so he could leave home; he is the faithful, responsible son who will care for his father into old age.

Jesus was full of mercy towards sinners and tax collectors. He was harshest towards the religious establishment: the scribes and Pharisees who deemed themselves morally superior. This parable invites some discomfort among the faithful: why do we gain so much of our identity by comparison, by measuring ourselves against who we are not? Such self-satisfaction robs us of joy and compassion and welcome.

- The Reverend Kim Seidman

When you are finished with this worship bulletin, please share it with a neighbor.

Invite them to *Walk Lent With Us*.