



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 27, 2022

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Morning Prayer Rite 1  
The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
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Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture (Lent) BCP 38  
To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9, 10*

Confession of Sin BCP 41  
Celebrant:  
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
All:  
Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not

to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and  
sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution  
and remission of all our sins, true repentance,  
amendment of life, and the grace and consolation  
of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

INVITATORY AND PSALTER BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy  
praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen.

Antiphon (In Lent...) BCP 43

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

People: *O come, let us adore him.*

Jubilate BCP 45

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise; \*

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;

his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his truth endureth from generation to  
generation.

Antiphon (In Lent...) BCP 43

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

People: *O come, let us adore him.*

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum* BCP 624

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

A Song of Penitence

BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious  
goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days  
of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

A reading from Paul's second letter to the 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Song of Simeon BCP 51

*Nunc dimittis* Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*

which thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
ever. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson

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.'"

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed BCP 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS BCP 54

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 54

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.

Suffrage B BCP 55

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine  
heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without  
end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without  
sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon  
us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday Lent) BCP 167  
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.*

A Collect for Sundays BCP 56  
O God, who makest us glad with the weekly  
remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son  
our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our  
worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent  
in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

A Collect for Mission BCP 57-58  
O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples  
of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to  
preach peace to those who are far off and to those  
who are near: Grant that people everywhere may  
seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into  
thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten  
the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy  
Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*  
*(your own prayers and thanksgivings may be offered  
at this time, either spoken or in thought)*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 58  
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus  
Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St Chrysostom BCP 59  
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplication  
unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered  
together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of  
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in  
this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to  
come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

#### Announcements

Dismissal BCP 59-60

ASSISTING with today's service:

Lector: Todd Johnson

#### UPCOMING SERVICES:

4/3 Morning Prayer Rite I, Todd Johnson

4/10 Palm Sunday, The Rev. Dan Buchin

4/17 Easter Sunday, The Rev. Dan Buchin

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/5 Fr. Dan Buchin's birthday

4/15 Bishop Bonnie Perry's birthday

#### SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

3/27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines,  
and of Western New York, 1929

3/29 John Keble, Priest, 1866

3/31 John Donne, Priest, 1631

4/1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872

4/2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed &  
Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill;  
Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold;  
Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie;  
Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted &  
Julie; Sherri; Helen

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of  
the pandemic & the 975,000+ who've lost their lives.

PRAYERS FOR those who have suffered loss due to

gun violence, & those who live these threats every  
day.

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed & homeless

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women

PRAYERS FOR the people of Ukraine

PRAYERS FOR the people of Japan

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of  
Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie  
Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of  
the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth  
Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA  
Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA  
Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan  
retired community household; Our Diocesan  
household; Canterbury House/UofM, Ann Arbor;  
Trinity Church, Sal Salcedo, DR; Church of the  
Pentecost, Bonao, DR

We welcome you to Christ Church and invite you to  
join us for refreshments in the parish hall immediately  
following the service!

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