

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mass ~ Rite I ~ Year C
March 29, 4:00 p.m. & March 30, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Silent Processional

[standing]

Opening Hymn

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

Hymnal 448

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Salutation

Prayer Book 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

Prayer Book 317

The Penitential Sentence (Matthew 22:37-40)

Prayer Book 319

Confession of Sin

Prayer Book 320

Kyrie eleison

[Sung at 10:30 am, Music is in the pews.]

Prayer Book 324

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day *[Kneel as able]*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson

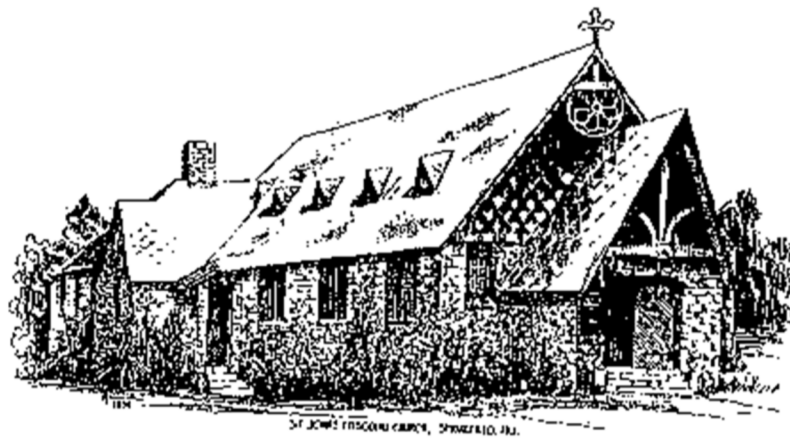
Joshua 5:9-12

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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The Psalm 32



- 1 *Happy* are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LÓRD imputes nō guilt, *
and in whose spirit there / is nō guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones wíthered áway, *
because of my groan/ing áll day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upón me dáy änd night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of súmer.
- 5 Then I acknówledged my sín tö you, *
and did not / conceál my guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to thĕ LORD.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt / of mý sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of tróuble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not réach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you présérve me from tróuble; *
you surround me with shouts of / delíverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the wáy that you shóüld go; *
I will guide / you wíth my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which háve no undérstanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will / not stáy near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations óf the wícked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust / in thĕ LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in thĕ LORD; *
shout for joy, all who / are trúe of heart. [Ant.]

Celebrant:

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 337

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn [Stand as able.] “Just as I am without one plea” Hymnal 693

The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneel as able.] Prayer Book 339

Solemn Prayer over the People

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

Closing Hymn [Stand as able.] “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah” Hymnal 690

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Scripture readings are from www.lectionarypage.net/YearC_RCL/Lent/CLent2_RCL.

rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon *[seated]*

Fr. Ron Keel

The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]*

Prayer Book 326

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book 328

Let us say together the Collect for Grace and Guidance for St. John’s Rector Search.

Lord of abundant love, Creator of all that is good and provider of all our needs, who has always raised up prophets and priests to lead your people, foremost of all, Christ the Good Shepherd. You have enlivened and surprised your people by the Holy Spirit and know better than we do the needs of this parish.

Bless and guide the hearts and minds of the search committee, the vestry, and the parish, granting us the gifts of wisdom, discernment, listening, trust, and mutual regard that we might be led to a faithful priest who will care for your people and equip us for our collective journey, guiding us closer to you through liturgy and service. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Prayer Book 332

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem

“O Salutaris Hostia”

Charles Gounod

*Lyrics: O saving Victim, opening wide The gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side; Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.
To thy great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three.
Oh, grant us endless length of days, In our true native land with thee. Amen*

Offertory Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymnal 686

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book 340

Eucharistic Prayer II

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy *[Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

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

The Lord’s Prayer *[Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]*

Prayer Book 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book 337

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

“On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand”

Insert

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke** 15:1-3, 11b-32 *[Stand as able.]*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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