

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10 March 2024 ♦ 10:00 AM
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



GATHERING TOGETHER

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PRELUDE

Prelude on ROCKINGHAM

Robert Farlee (b. 1950)

WELCOME

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

Cantor first time, then ALL



Lord, have mer-cy.

Cantor first time, then ALL



Christ, have mer-cy.

Cantor first time, then ALL



Lord, have mer-cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Response (*sung by choir, then by all*)



Give thanks to the Lord, whose mer - cies en - dure for ev - er.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. *Response*
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave. *Response*
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. *Response*

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth”

ST. BOTOLPH



1	Dear	Christ,	up	-	lift	-	ed	from	the	earth,	your
2	Still	east	and	west	your	love	ex	-	tends	and	
3	Where	age	and	gen	-	der,	class	and	race,	di	-
4	May	we,	ac	-	cept	-	ed	as	we	are,	yet



arms stretched out a - bove through ev - 'ry cul - ture,
 al - ways, near and far, you call and claim us
 vide us to our shame, you see a per - son
 called in grace to grow, reach out to oth - ers,



ev - 'ry birth, to draw an an - sw'ring love.
 as your friends and love us as we are.
 and a face, a neigh - bor with a name.
 near and far your heal - ing love to show.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

Fr. Tom Crittenden

HOLY BAPTISM

We rejoice in welcoming today this new member to the household of God

Eleanor Rae Silk

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present (*Name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the priest asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

*Then the priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak
on behalf of the infants and younger children*

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world
which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the candidate has been presented, the priest addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The priest then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The priest then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received
the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,
the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith,
baptizing them in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Minister touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the priest.

Priest (Name), I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross,
using chrism if desired, says*

(Name), you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord,
in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

A candle lighted from the Paschal Candle is given to the newly baptized or to a godparent.

The Priest then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.

Your gifts truly do continue the mission and ministries of Grace Church.

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or follow the link to our electronic giving platform.



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Offertory Anthem

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

(John 3:16)

Offertory Presentation

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord,
People **and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Iona Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

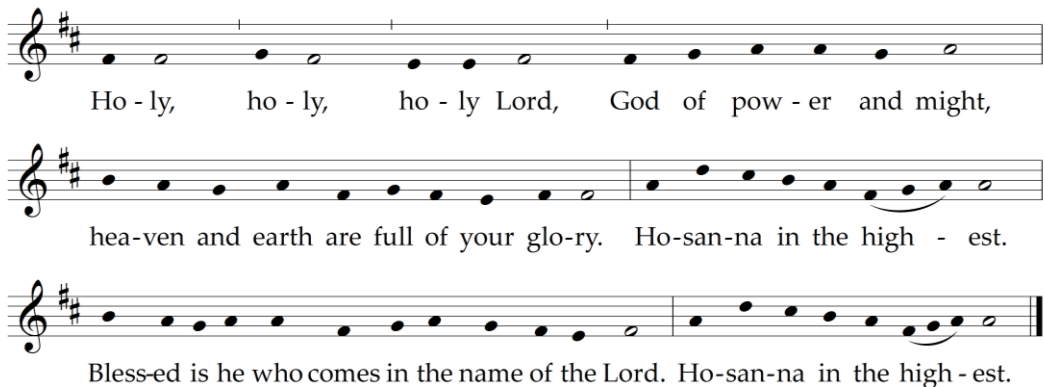
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 Jesus 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:



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.

Presider 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider 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 in 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

David Hurd

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

From a sermon by St. Augustine

Presider Behold what you are;
People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion, including children.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.

You are invited to the Chapel to receive healing or other prayers for yourself or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ROCKINGHAM

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fring far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **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.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you;
and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and
sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

HYMN (*Verses 1, 3, 4*)

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER





till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.



1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE DISMISSAL

The presider offers a dismissal, to which the people respond

Thanks be to God.

How do we deal with difficult Bible passages when we encounter them?

How do we deal with passages which historically have been used by others to vilify groups of people—passages that may seem to condone exclusion or condemnation of groups we may perceive as “other than us”? Everyone looks at scripture through a lens of some kind—a lens which will subsequently help shape the way they approach a given passage and ultimately interpret it.

We use the Baptismal Covenant as our lens, specifically “to seek and serve Christ in all persons,” and “to strive for justice and peace among all people.” (See the *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 304.) Through the Covenant, we understand how we are called to follow Christ and approach the difficult biblical passages with this knowledge in mind.

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if you're here, you belong!*



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