

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 14, 2021**



**Trinity Church**

**Jacksonville, Illinois**

## PRELUDE

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

arr. Peter Pinder Sterns

# The Word of God

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (Liebster Jesu) (H 440)*

## Penitential Order

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 319)

<i>Celebrant</i>	Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
<i>People</i>	His mercy endureth for ever.

### DECALOGUE (BCP p. 317)

*All together, the People kneeling*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 319)**

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

### **OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*              And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

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 Lessons

## FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>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.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup>Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed  
proclaim \*

that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup>He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

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

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

*All stand for The Tract and The Gospel.*

## **THE TRACT**

**V:** Rejoice ye with Jerusalem  
and be glad with her all ye that love her.

**R:** Rejoice for joy with her,  
all ye that mourn for her. (*Laetare. Is. 66*)

## **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

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

*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>“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.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

### THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,  
    and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
        and was made man;  
    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered and was buried;  
    and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
    and ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
    and he shall come again, with glory,  
        to judge both the quick and the dead;  
    whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
    who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
    who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
        and glorified;  
    who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*All kneel.*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Justin, Carlos, Cynthia, Samson, Jaime, and for all bishops and ministers.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, especially Joseph our President, and J B our Governor, and of those in the military and law enforcement, especially Courtland, Levi, Nolan, Rankin, and Thomas, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Jim, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Kathy and Sally; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lyn, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)**

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

*People*              And with thy spirit.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)**

*The Celebrant says*

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Amazing Grace*

from Virginia Harmony

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333)**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## **SANCTUS (BCP p. 333)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)**

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

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

### **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary*

John Stanley

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield

The Episcopal Church

The Church of England

The Region of Arequipa (Peru)

The Diocese of the Anglican

Church of Chile

The Episcopal Parish of Alton

Muungano Parish (Tanzania)

The Missions

of St. Patrick & Mark (Peru)

Michael, Presiding Bishop

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

Carlos, Vicar

Cynthia, Rector

Samson, Priest

Jaime, Priest-in-Charge

### **Birthday**

Jim Herget (3/15)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Kathy

Sally

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

Levi Haley

Nolan Tighe

Courtland Woodruff

Thomas Ramsay

Samuel Rankin Weller

### **The Departed**

Lyn Bradney Pickel

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