



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

14 March 2021 AD

[PART ONE] LITURGY OF THE WORD
[PART TWO] BACK LOT COMMUNION

Prelude

Silence

The Penitential Order

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Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All: 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.

The Priest says

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.*

Hymn of Praise S-102 *The Trisagion sung thrice.*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *The Collect of the Day is prayed.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Numbers. [Numbers 21:4-9] *The Word of the Lord.*
[*People: Thanks be to God.*]

Gradual Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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.
 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.
 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.

Epistle

*A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians. [Ephesians 2:1-10] The Word of the Lord.
 [People: Thanks be to God.]*

Sequence Hymn 470 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
 there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
 There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
 there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
 2 There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
 there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.
 There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
 there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
 3 For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
 and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
 and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [John 3:14-21] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence for reflection follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence, then the People pray responsively

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence — The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence — The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;



And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence — The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant adds a collect.

The Peace *Reach out to someone this week to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

The Solemn Prayer *in place of the Blessing during Lent*

[Bow down before the Lord.] Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who gather 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. Amen.*

Closing Hymn 683 "O For A Closer Walk with God"

- 1 O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?
- 3 Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
- 4 The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.
- 5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

[PART TWO]

COMMUNION AVAILABLE TODAY AT 11 IN THE BACK LOT

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Estill.

Easter Eucharist on the Beach at 10 O'Clock at the Dunes Club Swim Cabana. We will be masked and distanced. Invite friends to gather safely with us.

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to **The Church of the Messiah, P O Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.**

