The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2021
10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

The Word of God

Opening Voluntary ~ Prière (Prayer) ................................................................................................................... César Franck

At the Entrance

The Schola sings

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
2 Whe mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
   may Jesus Christ be praised!
   may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call,
4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
   may Jesus Christ be praised!
   may Jesus Christ be praised!

A Penitential Order

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Schola Sings

Lord have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson ~ 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.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

The Schola sings

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 Confiitemini Domino

Antiphon: Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercies endure for ever.

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.

The Second Lesson – 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. 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.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Schola sings the

TRACT - Psalm 125 Qui confidunt

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, * 
   which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * 
   so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
   from this time forth for evermore.
3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway 
   over the land allotted to the just, * 
   so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * 
   and to those who are true of heart.
5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, 
   the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * 
   but peace be upon Israel.
The Holy Gospel - John 3:14-21

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People  Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “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.”

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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.

We 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially ____________], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially ____________], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.
And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [___________ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _________], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_________ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of the Table

Anthem

God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16
Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

Sursum Corda

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

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,

The Schola sings

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

People and Celebrant

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, And forgive us our trespasses,
hallowed be thy Name, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come, And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done, but deliver us from evil.
thy name be hallowed, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
on earth as it is in heaven. for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Schola sings

The Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

The Invitation to and Distribution of Holy Communion

As you approach the table for the bread, please sanitize your hands. Please be sure your mask is in place totally over your nose and observe at least 6 feet of physical distance. Return to your seat. The Celebrant will indicate the time to consume the bread. Return the paper cup to the basket by the St. Charles entrance at the end of the liturgy.
The Schola sings

HYMN

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary’s tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we her present, we here spread forthe to thee, that only offering perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusing of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for lo! between our sins and their reward, we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal; O fold them closer to thy mercy’s breast! O do us utmost for their soul’s true weal! From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most patient Savior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill: in thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Please join in saying

POST-COMMUNION 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.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

The Retiring Procession

The Schola Sings

1 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful over o’er our race, still to us extends his grace.

2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayéd; what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

3 God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

4 Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Our thanks go to Mikey Corcoran, Ryan Garrity, Claire Givens, and Olivia Seal for singing today.

Choral Evensong will be offered each Wednesday at 5:30 PM

Preachers each week are:

March 17: Brother Todd Van Alstyne
March 24: Father Travers Koerner

Holy Week liturgies:

- Monday - Wednesday, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday, 6:00 PM
- Friday, April 2, Good Friday, Noon - 1:00 PM
- Easter Day, April 4, 8:00 AM (Rite II, spoken)
  - 10:00 AM (Rite II), and 6:00 PM (Rite II)
The four Gospels have stories about the last week of Jesus’ life. They are similar in the overall story they tell. However, there are important differences in the telling and the details that each of the Gospels set out in the Passion Narratives. We will attempt to understand both the overarching story of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and the unique stories that each of the evangelists sets out about the last week of Jesus’ life, his death and the resurrection. The class will be held each Thursday in Lent, beginning on February 25 at 1:00 pm (following the 12:15 Eucharist). We will be distanced from one-another in Stuart Hall. Masks will be required.

Morning Prayer will be offered on Facebook Live from the Cathedral at 7:30 AM, Monday through Friday during Lent beginning February 22. Led by Dominican monk and Cathedral parishioner - Brother Todd van Alstyne, this is a wonderful and prayerful way to begin the day. Join in or if you can't start that early, not to worry the service will be on Facebook when you are available. Find it on the Cathedral Facebook page: Facebook.com/cccnola.

Zoom Lenten Book Study

Don’t Give up on Love. Listen to It. Trust It. Give into It. Obey It.

Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times by Bishop Michael Curry and Sara Grace.

This Lent walk the path of love with one of the most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, our Presiding Bishop. In his book, Bishop Curry expands on his message of the redemptive power of love in an inspirational road map for living the way of love. Confronting the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God, this book can shed light on the gifts we need to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

Through the power of Zoom you can join even as you share your meal.

Great for the whole family in tackling such important faith issues.

This book is available in print, electronic and audio forms. Beginning February 25 (5 Thursdays in Lent) 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you have questions or are interested in joining, please email Canon Roberts for the Zoom Link.

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Stations of the Cross

Looking for a spiritual discipline to add this Lent:

Stations of the Cross & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM Fridays of Lent beginning February 26 in the Cathedral.

These two devotional opportunities are open to any and all and can be done either together or separately. Benediction of the Bless Sacrament will begin at 6:50 pm.

Stations of the Cross grew out of a long tradition and has its spiritual roots in prayerful and meditative journey contemplating the final events of the Passion of Jesus. For centuries Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land have sought to walk in Jesus final footsteps as an important spiritual devotion. During Lenten this can be especially meaningful as we approach and prepare for Holy Week and the commemoration of Jesus’ last week before his crucifixion.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a brief and unique liturgy of Adoration. The prayers, hymns and psalm are meant to direct our spiritual focus on Jesus Christ within the Eucharist. Its aim is to aid our deeper understanding of Christ's Real Presence and to allow us prayerful time and space for worship.
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**THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021**

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10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sung) (Cathedral)
6:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

**MONDAY**
7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

**TUESDAY**
7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

**WEDNESDAY**
7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
5:30 PM Evensong

**THURSDAY**
7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
1:00 PM Study with the Theologian (Stuart Hall)
6:00 PM Zoom Book Study

**FRIDAY**
7:30 AM Zoom Morning Prayer
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**SUNDAY**
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
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