

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Martin Room for Children's Church. They will return during The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.*

## The Word of God

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*When the bell sounds, please stand and join in singing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #388 - O worship the King, all glorious above! ..... *Hanover*

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Prayer Book, Page 319

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 320

*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.

### LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*

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## 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 ~ 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The choir sings*

### PSALM 32 *Beati quorum*

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| 1 | Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *<br>and whose sin is put away!                      | when the great waters overflow,<br>they shall not reach them.                                             |
| 2 | Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *<br>and in whose spirit there is no guile!          | 8 You are my hiding-place;<br>you preserve me from trouble; *                                             |
| 3 | While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *<br>because of my groaning all day long.              | you surround me with shouts of deliverance.                                                               |
| 4 | For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *<br>my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. | 9 "I will instruct you and teach you<br>in the way that you should go; *<br>I will guide you with my eye. |
| 5 | Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *<br>and did not conceal my guilt.                                  | 10 Do not be like horse or mule,<br>which have no understanding; *                                        |
| 6 | I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *<br>Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.  | who must be fitted with bit and bridle,<br>or else they will not stay near you."                          |
| 7 | Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you<br>in time of trouble; *                     | 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *<br>but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.         |
|   |                                                                                                        | 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *<br>shout for joy, all who are true of heart.        |

Setting by William Russell

### THE SECOND LESSON ~ 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

*The choir sings the*

### TRACT - Psalm 122 *Letatus sum*

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| 1 | I was glad when they said to me, *<br>"Let us go to the house of the LORD." | 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *<br>that is at unity with itself; |
| 2 | Now our feet are standing *<br>within your gates, O Jerusalem.              |                                                                   |

4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.  
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

#### THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, Page 326

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Book, Page 328

#### THE PEACE

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

## The Liturgy of the Table

#### ANTHEM

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me.

Words: Psalm 25

Music: Richard Farrant (1530-1580)



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way 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**

*All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.*

**ANTHEM**

<p>Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;  Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:  O res mirabilis!  Manducat Dominum. Pauper, servus et humilis.</p> <p>Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus:  Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;  Per tuas semitas  duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.</p>	<p><i>The angelic bread that you visit us,  The heavenly bread ends all prefigurations:  What wonder!  Consumes the Lord, a poor and humble servant.</i></p> <p><i>Triune God, we beg of You,  that you visit us, as we worship You.  By your ways,  lead us who seek the light in which You dwell. Amen.</i></p>
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Music: César Franck (1822-1890)  
Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (ca.1225-1274)

*Please join in singing*

**HYMN #141** ~ Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun ..... *So giebst du nun*

*Please join in saying*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Prayer Book, Page 339

**SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

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.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #559** ~ Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us ..... *Dulce carmen*

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## THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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The Mass setting is from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* by Healey Willan (1880-1968), reprinted from *the Hymnal 1982*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Save the dates*

- Sunday, April 21 - Easter Day
- Tuesday, April 30 - Combined Choir Concert ~ The Chichester Psalms of Leonard Bernstein
- Thursday, May 30 - Choral Evensong for Ascension Day

*The Choir of Mississippi College* sings a concert here on Thursday at 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss this outstanding opportunity!

*If you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter Flower array* in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a check or an Easter Flower envelope - return it to the Cathedral office by Friday, April 12. Names will be listed in the Easter service leaflets. Many thanks!

*Help on Easter Sunday* - Stems of cut flowers, any color or kind, are needed for the Flowering of the Cross (at the beginning of the Eucharist), finger foods are needed for coffee hour, and individually-wrapped candy is needed for our Easter Egg Hunt (following the 10:00 Eucharist). If you can help with any of these items, please sign up on the sheets provided in the cathedral, chapel or on the main bulletin board. Many thanks!

*Lenten Adult Study Opportunity with The Theologian in Residence: The Confounding Mystery of the Trinity* ~ The Trinity is at the center of the Christian faith. It is the declaration that our God is one while at the same time being three—that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How can that be? For nearly 2000 years the church has struggled to articulate how the Trinity works as one and yet three. In my personal library I have 26 books directly or indirectly addressing the issue of the Trinity—and some of those books are really long. Over five weekday sessions and one all-day Saturday session (with lunch, and at least a little wine) I will try to lead you through this topic. I suggest two books, neither of which covers the topic in its entirety. Since the issue of the Trinity first comes-up in scripture, I am suggesting Wesley Hill, *Paul and the Trinity: Persons, Relations and the Pauline Letters*. This is readily available (used or new) from Amazon. I also recommend a book with a 21st century view of the Trinity. That is Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance* (even more readily available). The tortured (but interesting) theological battles over the nature and meaning of the Trinity are important for our understanding of our faith. The weekday sessions will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays beginning on March 13 and concluding on April 10. The Saturday session will meet on May 4 at 10 AM.

*Donors needed for Altar Flowers* in Cathedral and Chapel - Please sign up today on the chart next to Stuart Hall, or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - [sditta@tulane.edu](mailto:sditta@tulane.edu).

*Please consider hosting Coffee Hour* after a 10:00 AM Sunday Eucharist. This is a vital part of our ministry. The sign-up sheet is next to Stuart Hall on the bulletin board.

*If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in*, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact us via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

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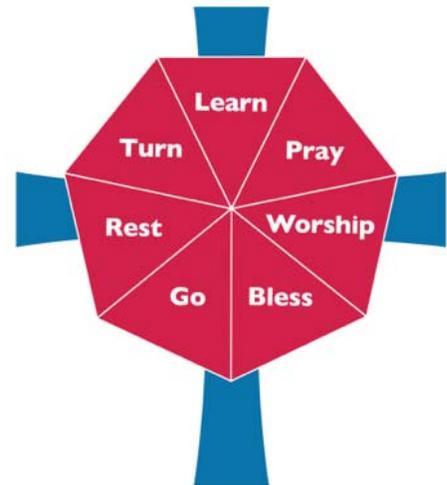
## Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent - Bless

Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, we are pleased to present weekly teachings from *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. Learn more at [episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed](http://episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed).

**READ** Ezekiel 36:24-28

In the passage from Ezekiel, we see that God *blesses* the Israelites through the act of sprinkling them with clean water. This reading reminds us that we, too, are blessed by God through the waters of baptism. Some congregations practice asperging (the sprinkling of holy water on the people) in the Easter Vigil after the renewal of baptismal promises.

As noted, a major element in the ancient rite was turning from sin and renouncing the things that draw us from the love of God. We are called to renounce the idols we worship in place of God. Now from our modern viewpoint, we might not think we worship idols; however, idols are not simply images of other gods. Rather, an idol is anything to which we assign ultimate value in our lives – those things we spend our time, talent, and treasure serving other than God. Our job, power, money, reputation, certain relationships, or anything that pulls on our heart more than God – these are idols.



While idols seem momentarily satisfying, they eventually harm our relationship with God and limit our capacity or willingness to live for others. Often, we cling to idols out of an attitude of scarcity; we desire what we think we do not have. When our hearts are focused on an idol, they are bound up and clenched shut like a heart of stone. Only when we turn to God will our hearts be opened so that we can, in turn, open our hearts in blessing to others. When we realize that there is enough of God's love for us, we no longer cling to the idols of old that can never give us that sense of abundance. Once we are secure in that abundance, we will leap to bless others with our stories, our money, our time, and our hearts.

**REFLECT:** *Blessing* is necessarily relational, an affirmation of our belovedness as fellow children of God. Take a few minutes to consider what you have spent the most time, money, or worry on in the last week. What amount of attention or time do they take relative to resources spent in direct relationship with God? Did these things keep you from blessing others? Or are they a blessing?

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## THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)  
9:45 AM Children's Church  
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)  
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE

### MONDAY

12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Advent House)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
1:00 PM Book Club (Advent House)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

### TUESDAY

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)  
5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)  
6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

### WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM Contemplative Prayer (Advent House)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
1:00 PM Education for Ministry (Westfeldt Room)  
2:00 PM Canon Lowry's Study of the Trinity  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cathedral Tours  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)  
7:00 PM The Choir of Mississippi College in Concert

### FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### SATURDAY

9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)  
10:00 AM Erascism (Westfeldt Room)

### SUNDAY

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