The Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

In Christ Alone
1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song, this Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are stilled, when strivings cease, my comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day; up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory; sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine; brought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.
Celebrant Let us pray
All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law
Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us
1. How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away, as wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Celebrant Almighty God, you know that we have no power within ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Lessons
Genesis 22:1-14
After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 16
1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I put my trust.
2 O my soul, you have said unto the Lord, You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
3 All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth, and upon those who excel in virtue.
4 But those who run after another god shall have great trouble.
5 Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names with my lips.
6 The Lord himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; you shall maintain my lot.
7 The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
8 I will thank the Lord for giving me counsel; my heart also chastens me in the night season.
9 I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
10 Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope.
11 For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
12 You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Romans 8:31-39

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People Glory to you Lord Christ

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you Lord 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: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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
Leader   Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”
Leader   For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially President Biden, Governor Beshear and the Mayors of the Bluegrass. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:
**People**  Hear our prayer.
Leader   Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(As we pause in silence all are invited to offer silent petitions and intercessions or pray out loud with those gathered together.)
Leader   Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin
Celebrant   Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
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.
Celebrant   Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words
Celebrant   Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

   Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28
   God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the
propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John
2:1-2

The Peace
Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Offertory
Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for
everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as
Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,
People And of your own have we given you.

The Sursum Corda
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer
and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which
you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who
forever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus
All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and
become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.
By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched
out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By
his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he
ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

All AMEN

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant
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.

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Celebrant
All

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us! Therefore let us keep the feast!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant
All

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. 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.

Celebrant
The Ministration of Communion

Balm of Gilead
1. You're the rock of the ages; You're the Balm of Gilead. Make us strong and courageous; heal the wounds that we've had.
C1. We need Your Spirit; we freedom. We need Your Spirit; we freedom. We need You; we need You.
2. You're the counselor from heaven; You're my bright and morning star. You bring comfort and protection. Shine Your light in my heart.
C2. I need Your Spirit; I need freedom. I need Your Spirit; I need freedom. I need You; I need You.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion
Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship
Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing
I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.
C. How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!
2. He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.
3. When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

The Dismissal
Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.