



PRAY



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

The Gathering of the Community

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song. To encourage this gathering, we center ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries with the singing of a short musical meditation.

CENTERING MUSIC

HYMN – Take Up Thy Cross

TEXT: Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

MUSIC: German traditional melody. BRESLAU



Take up thy cross, the Sa-viour said, if thou wouldst my dis -
take up thy cross: let not its weight fill thy weak spi - rit...
Take up thy cross, nor heed its shame, nor let thy fool - ish...
-ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the world for - sake, and
with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy spi - rit up, and
pride re - bel: thy Lord for thee the cross en - dured, to
hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
save thy soul from death and hell.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

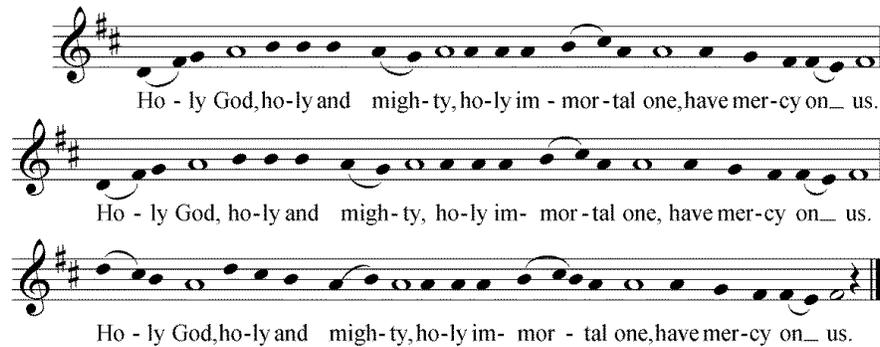
This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 TRISAGION



Ho - ly God, ho-ly and migh- ty, ho-ly im - mor - tal one, have mer- cy on_ us.

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THE COLLECT

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray

God of Sarah and Abraham,
long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing.
Strengthen us in faith, so that,
with your followers in every age,
we may proclaim our deliverance
in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE READING

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from

you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

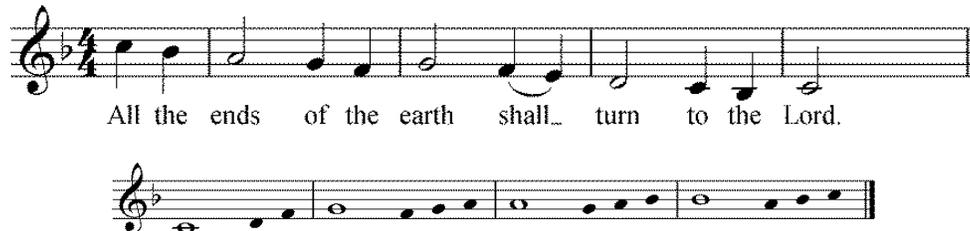
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 22: 22-30

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Please join with the Cantor in the singing of the Refrain



Praise the Lord, you that fear God: stand in awe, O offspring of Israel;
all you of the line of Jacob and **Rachel**, give glory
For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is your face **hidden** from them;
but when they cry to **you**, you hear them.

REFRAIN

My praise is of you in the great **ass-**embly; (1)
I will perform my vows in the presence of **those** who worship you. (2)
The poor shall eat and **be** satisfied, (1)
and those who seek you shall praise you: “May your heart **live** for ever!” (2)
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn **you**, O God (3)
and all the families of the nations shall **bow** before you.(4)

REFRAIN

For sovereignty belongs **to** you;
you rule **over** the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow **down** in worship;
all who go down to the dust **fall** before you.

REFRAIN

My soul shall live for you; my descendants **shall** serve you;
they shall be known as **yours** forever.
They shall come and make known to a people **yet** unborn
the saving deeds that **you** have done.

REFRAIN

THE LENT PROSE

The Lent prose, unique to this liturgical season, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”



*O thou chief Cornerstone, Right hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of Life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Mark 8: 31-38

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must first deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

Dr. Rob Jones

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The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,**

**died, and was buried. He descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again. He
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ. Please respond as directed by the Intercessor.

With confidence and trust let us pray.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism and
confirmation...
and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may
grow among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all
who suffer ...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the
reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked
in the way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in
penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall
by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing
mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Duet: Truth Sees God

Carlotta Ferrari

*Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third,
a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love.*

(Julian of Norwich)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of wisdom,
may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
We ask this in his name.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the Living God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high- est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “ Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

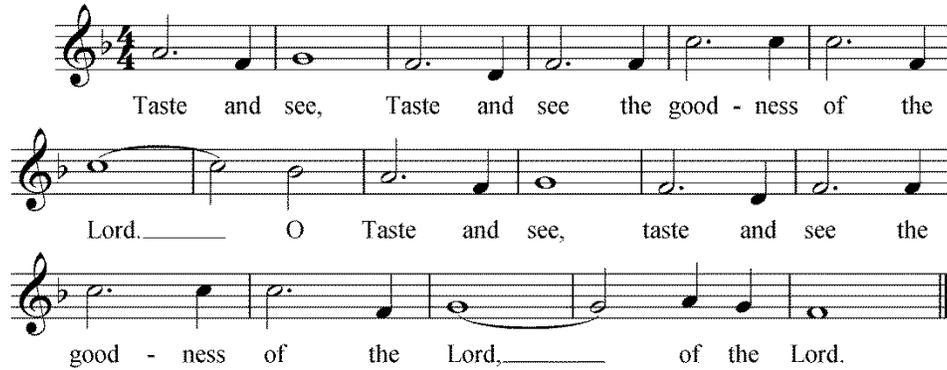
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

FRACTION SENTENCES



Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O Taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.
Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

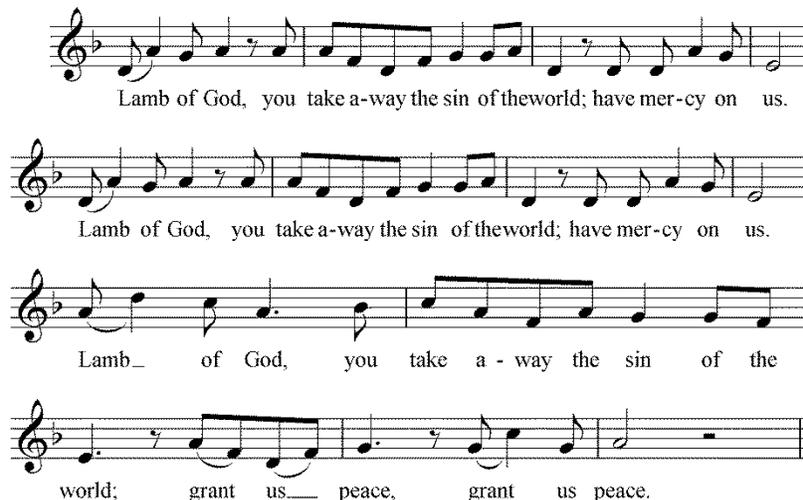
Dear friends, I invite you, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.
Many are made one

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
we welcome your presence in us,
and together proclaim our love for you;
with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,
with the saints we worship you,
with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.
Come to us, though many,
and make us one in you. Amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Lutheran service IX



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb_ of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us_ peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

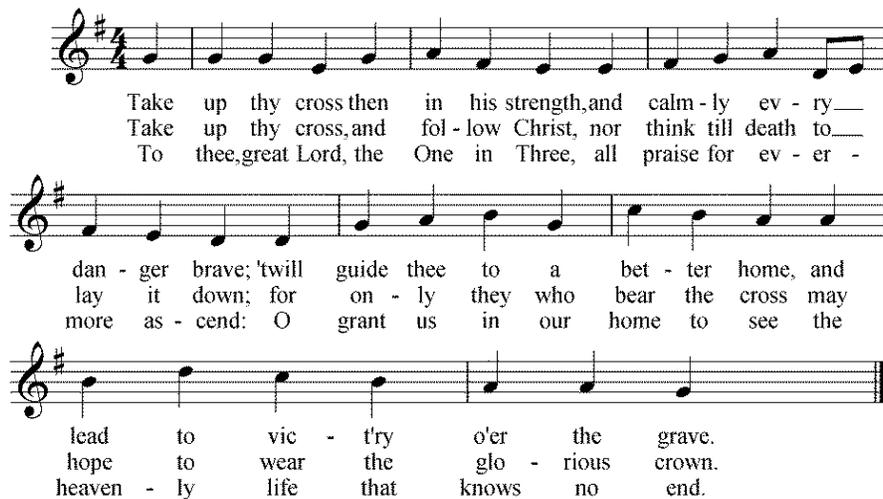
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

CLOSING SONG



Take up thy cross then in his strength, and calm - ly ev - ry —
Take up thy cross, and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to —
To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for ev - er -
dan - ger brave; 'twill guide thee to a bet - ter home, and
lay it down; for on - ly they who bear the cross may
more as - cend: O grant us in our home to see the
lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
hope to wear the glo - rious crown.
heaven - ly life that knows no end.

THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE.

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