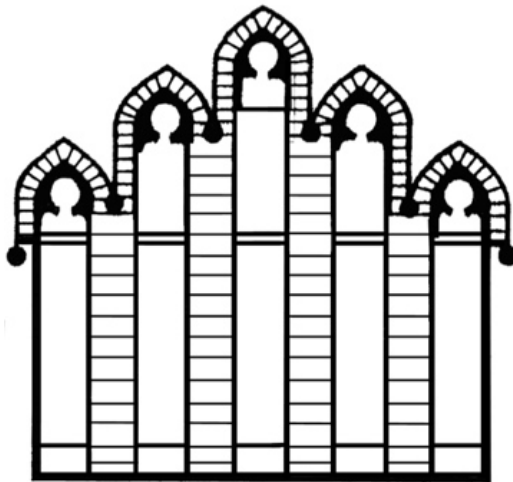


WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP

MARCH 27, 2024
7:00PM



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"Joyfully seeking and serving Christ"

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 350*)

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to all people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept – Please kneel if you are able.

People **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 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.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 356)*

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

All **Lord have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (50:4-9a)

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

We will say the appointed Psalm antiphonally by half-verse.

PSALM 70 *(St. Helena Psalter)*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O God, make haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; ***

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *

let those who love your salvation say for ever,
“Great is the Holy One!”

But as for me, I am poor and needy; *

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; *

O God, do not tarry.

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the book of Hebrews (12:1-3)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:21-32)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY *The Rev. John A. Mennell*

A period of silence will follow the sermon then please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 358)*

Celebrant Standing together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

All **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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who 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 *(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, pp 383-385)*

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Leader For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For this township, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list: *(leader will insert names here)* let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Leader In the communion of Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A, p. 361)*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 362)*

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.

Please kneel or stand.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 God, now and for ever.

All **AMEN!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)*

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

Our

Mother
Father
Creator

 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 337)*

All

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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.

INVITATION *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

Celebrant 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.

All are invited to participate in communion at St. Luke's. If you would prefer not to take the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a blessing. Healing Prayer will be offered in each of the side chapels where you may request prayers for yourself or a loved one. Additionally, anointing with blessed oils will be available in front of the altar.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER *(Book of Occasional Services, p. 25)*

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**