

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024



A modern monument of the bronze serpent Nehushtan on Mount Nebo in Jordan.

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP#345 King Of Glory, King Of Peace

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

AN ACT OF PENITENCE

Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

A moment of silence

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 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.**

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

Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)

Collect of the Day

Presider God of grace, **you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils
our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to
you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Reader Give thanks to the Lord who is good, *

All **and whose mercy endures for ever.**

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

The Lord gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food * **and drew near to death's door.**

Then they cried to you, O Lord, in their trouble, *
and you delivered them from their distress.

You sent forth your word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to you, O Lord, for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: 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. But 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.

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Gradual Hymn: CP#352 Amazing Grace

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "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 judgement, 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."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*...Behold, behold I make all things new,
Beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.*

Homily

Choir Anthem: Where Can I Turn For Peace?/Come Follow Me

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider 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.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. *Refrain*

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our provider,

**All you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of
grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from
your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

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

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might x2**
CP#735 **heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 who on the night he was handed over
 to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
 saying, "Take, and eat:
 this is my body which is broken for you."
 In the same way he took the cup,
 saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
 When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory

through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be yourname, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
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hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For- give - us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -gainst us.—
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— Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil, For the
22
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er._____

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Communion Music: CP #747 "Jesus, Lamb of God"
Come Back To Me
CP#538 Nearer My God To Thee

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

All **And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;**

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and
all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise
your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Presider Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP#577 God Of Grace And God Of Glory

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Marlon Narciso
First Reading	Helen Lindholm	Colin Millar
Psalm	Jane Turpie	Angela Buckingham
Second Reading	Susan McMillan	Daniel von Kanel
Prayers	Gary Fisher	Bruce Winter
Administrants	Linda Sproule-Jones	Daniel von Kanel, David Stuart
Liturgical Assistant	Gary Fisher	Darlene Fisher
Greeters	Helen Lindholm	Martha Marriott, Gary Fisher
Tech Assistant		Michael Marriott
Counter		Angela Buckingham
Supervisor		Gary Fisher
Flowers	Margaret Hood	Sandra Moore
Chancel Guild	Darlene Fisher	Margaret Smart
Altar Bread	Joan Collis	Kathleen von Kanel

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