



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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The First Sunday in Lent



Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Paid it all

1. I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray;
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Refrain: Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone (*Refrain*)
3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb. (*Refrain*)
4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat. (*Refrain*)

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THE ACCLAMATION

All standing, the Celebrant says

PEOPLE: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.
PEOPLE **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Just As I Am

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871); music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations, and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **Genesis 2:4-9; 15-17; 25-3:7**

Pew Bible pg. 2

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up – for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground – ⁷then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there

he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away
my offences.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I acknowledged my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, *
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless
in your judgment.**

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *
and in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶ **But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.**

⁷ You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹ Turn your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my misdeeds.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹² **O give me the comfort of your help again, *
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.**

¹³ Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall return unto you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, *
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

¹⁶ **For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; *
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.**

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

¹⁸ **O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; *
may you build up the walls of Jerusalem.**

¹⁹ Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with the burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from **Romans 5:12-21**

Pew Bible pg. 942

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *(sung by all, standing)*

Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refrain: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You,
my Master, ready to do Your will.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible pg. 809

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.
(ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The sequence hymn resumes

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refrain: Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
 is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
 I choose to be holy, set apart for You,
 my Master, ready to do Your will.*

words: Brian Doerksen
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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying "hear our prayer" following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST
PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

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 PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged.

CELEBRANT The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

O The Wonderful Cross

Tomlin/Reeves/Walt

Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,

PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

NATIONAL CEREMONY

My country tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

Our father's God to, Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895)
Music: *America*, from Thesaurus musicians, 1745

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Remain standing)*

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People say

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, *(repeat)*
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. *(repeat)*
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. *(repeat)*

The Celebrant continues

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. Amen.

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

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.

THE FRACTION

CELEBRANT Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE 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.

AGNUS DEI *(said responsively)*

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 MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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 baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Instrumental

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

It is Well With my Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well,
 it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul*

2. Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own Blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)
3. My sin -O, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin -not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the Cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descent, "Even so" it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)

words: Horatio G. Spafford
music: *Ville du Havre*, Philip P. Bliss

DISMISSAL

CELEBRANT Let us bless the Lord

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

NOTES



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