



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Saint Christopher)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I fain would take my stand.
The shadow of a mighty rock,
within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way.
From the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.
3. Upon the cross of Jesus,
mine eyes at times can see.
the very dying form of One,
who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears,
two wonders I confess.
The wonder of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

4. I take O cross thy shadow,
for my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of His face.
Content to let the world go by
to know no gain nor loss.
My sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

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THE ACCLAMATION

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
PEOPLE: 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

4. Just as I am: thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Pew Bible pg. 238-239

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

² **He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: *
he leadeth me beside the still
waters.**

³ He restoreth my soul: *
he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his
Name's sake.

⁴ **Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.**

⁵ Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine
enemies: *
thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth
over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days
of my life: *
and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord for ever. (KJV)**

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.” (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (*sung by all, standing*)

Take My Life

1. Holiness, holiness,
is what I long for;
Holiness is what I need;
Holiness, holiness,
is what You want from me.

2. Faithfulness, faithfulness,
is what I long for;
faithfulness is what I need;
Faithfulness, faithfulness,
is what You want from me. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain: So, take my heart and form it;
take my mind transform it;
take my will conform it;
to Yours, to Yours oh Lord.*

THE GOSPEL

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 9:1-13; 28-38

Pew Bible pg. 895-896

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped 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

3. Righteousness, righteousness,
is what I long for;
Righteousness is what I need;
Righteousness, righteousness,
is what You want from me. (*Refrain*)

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

CELEBRANT The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Need You* Maher/Stanfill/Nockels/Carson/Reeves

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.**

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

**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

1. **Mighty to Save**

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.

*Refrain: Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.
Now I surrender. *(Refrain)*

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. *(Refrain)*

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2. **Waymaker**

You are here moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here working in this place;
I worship You I worship You.

Refrain: (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker,
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness,
my God that is who You are.

You are here touching every heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here healing every heart;
I worship You, I worship You. (*Refrain*)

You are here turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here mending every heart;
I worship You, yeah I worship You Lord. (*Refrain*)

Tag: That is who You are;
That is who You are;
That is who You are;
That is who You are;

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working;
Even when I don't feel it You're working;
You never stop, You never stop working;
You never stop, You never stop working;

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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

The Power of the Cross

1. O, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then,
nailed to a cross of wood.

*Refrain 1: This the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

2. O, to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow. (*Refrain*)

3. Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
“Finished” the victory cry. (*Refrain*)

4. O, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.

*Refrain 2: This is the power of the cross.
Son of God slain for us.
What a love what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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