



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 30, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M. RITE II, BCP 355

Noah's Nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger.

Prelude

Trio No 2 (for three flutes)

James Hook (1746-1827)

Allegretto -- Andantino Siciliano -- Menuetto Spiritoso

Siân Piret, flute 1 Jennifer Miceli, flute 2 Kathy Miller, flute 3

Opening Hymn 411

“O bless the Lord, my soul!”

St. Thomas

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie S 96

Sung by all

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Lord, have mercy. (2x)

Christ, have mercy. (2x)

Lord, have mercy. (2x)

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

All sit

A reading from the Book of Joshua (5:9-12)

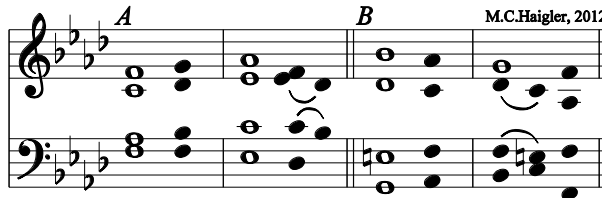
The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *Sung by all*

(The black notes correspond to the words in bold.)



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-**given**, *
and whose sin is put a-**way**!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no **guilt**, *
and in whose ' spirit there is no **guile**!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-**way**, *
because of my groaning all day **long**.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; *
my moisture was dried up as ' in the heat of **summer**.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my **sin to you**, *
and did not conceal my **guilt**.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the **Lord**.” *
Then you forgave me the ' guilt of my **sin**.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not **reach them**.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **trouble**; *
you surround me with ' shouts of de-**liverance**.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:16-21)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand

Sequence Hymn 469

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

St. Helena

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-3, 11b-32)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe -- the best one -- and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with

prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Michael Piret

All stand

Nicene Creed

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Intercessor

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and faithfully
proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Lawrence and GERALYN our Bishops, and for the whole people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may be reborn among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, speak the truth, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for all victims of war, especially at this time in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan; for refugees, prisoners, and those in continual danger; that they may find support, relief, and protection, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in peace and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in special need who are known to us, among them Anne, Carlos, Bruce, Shirley, Marie, Priscilla, Pam, Caroline, Hank, Katie, Alex, Doris, and Jesse, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

All stand or kneel

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

Celebrant & 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.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Promised Land

Sung by the Treble Choir

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)

Brother, sister, lend an ear; I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
Troubles soon will disappear; I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness awaitin' for me,
Come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the Promised Land!

I'll be singin' freedom's song. I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
That's the place where I belong; I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
I'll get there one day I know; now I've started I'm a-rarin' to go
Where the milk and honey flow. I'm headin' for the Promised Land!

O, listen, don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?

Better days are now in view; I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
All my dreams are comin' true; I'm headin' for the Promised Land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind,
Peace and joy I'll surely find, I'm headin' for the Promised Land!

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A – BCP

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S 130 *Sung by all* “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Franz Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (2x)

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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:

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. 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 Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant *All*

As our Savior...we are bold to say: Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hallow'd be thy Name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from e-vil. For-thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Celebrant & People

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.

Agnus Dei S 164

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion (Please wait to be directed forward for Communion by the Usber.)

The chalice is available for those who are comfortable drinking from it directly. Those who prefer not to drink from it directly are respectfully asked, please, not to dip their wafer into the chalice.

All those who are baptized, whatever their denomination, are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.

Communion Motet

Ave Verum Corpus

Sung by the Combined Choir

Words: Eucharistic hymn attrib. to Pope Innocent VI (d. 1362)

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Ave verum Corpus
natum de Maria Virgine
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.*

Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
That truly suffered and was sacrificed
on the cross for humanity.

*Cujus latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Esto nobis prægustatum
Mortis in examine.*

From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood;
Be for us a foretaste
of death and judgment.

*O clemens, o pie,
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

O mild, O holy,
O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

Communion Hymn 624

“Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest”

Ewing

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

The Priest gives the Blessing

Closing Hymn 690

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Lenten Improvisation

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH BIRTHDAYS

Sheila Harmon (3/31) Walter Fremer (4/2)
Theo Yako (4/3)



Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service today.

During Lent, the Holy Eucharist will be offered on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon.

Today at 4:00 pm! “The Way of the Cross” Choral Service, a special offering from the Choir commemorating Christ’s suffering on the cross, and includes choir anthems, congregational hymns, and other music of the season.

This Tuesday, April 1 is our last session of the Lenten Series BEING CHRISTIAN. On Tuesday we will delve into chapter 4 -- “Prayer” (pp 61-81) of Rowan Williams’ book. The evening will begin with a simple soup supper (potluck) starting at **6:30 pm**. The session itself will run from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Whether or not you have attended previous sessions, please feel free to join in tonight. ***A sign-up sheet is in Parish Hall to help with the Soup Supper. We look forward to seeing you there!***

Community Garden. Applications are now being accepted for a box in the community garden. If you’d like more information or have any questions, please see Betsy Bibla during Coffee Hour, or you can reach her by phone at 516-655-2542.

Please send your donations & remembrances for Easter Flowers and/or Easter Music to the Church office by Tuesday, April 15.

Maundy Thursday Agapé Soup Meal, April 17, at 6:45 pm in Parish Hall. The Maundy Thursday Liturgy recalls the Last Supper of Jesus on the night of his betrayal. It focuses on the institution of the Eucharist. The Agapé meal dates to apostolic times and is a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese, olives, and fruit. **The Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday (with Choir) will begin at 8:00 pm.** *Please sign up in Parish Hall to provide light supper items.*

Thank you to all who have submitted photos and updated information for the new **Church Directory**. While we process this information, there is still time to email your photos directly to office@christchurchoysterbay.org. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy at 516-922-6377.

Special Prayers. If there is someone you would like to include on the prayer list, please let us know by phoning (516-922-6377) or emailing the church office at office@christchurchoysterbay.org. Please also inform the office when it is no longer necessary for a certain name to remain on the weekly list of “public” prayers. **Names will be removed after approximately six weeks unless specifically requested to remain longer.** Thank you for helping us maintain and update this list.



Lenten Happenings

Wednesdays during Lent 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 1 **Lenten Series -- “*Being Christian*”**
Chapter 4, “Prayer.” Potluck Soup Supper starts at 6:30
pm; Session begins at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15 Flower/Music Donations due

Thursday, April 17 Agape Soup Supper, followed by Maundy Thursday
Service

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Worship Schedule: 5:00 pm Saturday - Said Eucharist 10:00 am Sunday - Choral Eucharist
Church School classes: Sundays, Sept. through June; classes begin at 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall



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