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The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2014

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

The Lord is my Shepherd

Crimond

Joe Weeden, *soloist*

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Entrance Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

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. 1 John 1:8,9

The Confession

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

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.**

Kyrie (sung)

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely 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 die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 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. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 32 *Psalm is spoken*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
 and whose sin is put away!
- 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 away, *
 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 deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
 I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
 who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Hymnal 446

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After Jesus was baptized, he was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Reverend Liz Tomlinson, *Seminarian & Deacon*

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Sons and daughters of God, sisters and brothers in Christ, let us pray.

(Silence)

Leader: God of luminous glory, we lift our voices on behalf of the world you have made. Your creation is threatened by human greed and casual disregard. Give us knowledge and wisdom, compassion and courage. Help us revere and preserve this magnificent earth and all of your creatures. **Gracious Creator, help us restore your world.**

(Silence)

Leader: Benevolent Governor, we pray for communities and nations devastated by poverty, tyranny, and war. We wound, enslave, and destroy one another. Have mercy on us. Draw us ever more deeply into your love, that we may establish peace and equity for all. **Healer of the world, save us from ourselves.**

(Silence)

Leader: Divine Benefactor, your world is in upheaval, the economy is turmoil; show us new solutions for our problems. Help us create new industries that are good for the earth, and good for your people. Lead us through these stressful and uncertain times to a better world, a better economy, and a better life for all people. **God of the Exodus, guide us into a future full of promise.**

(Silence)

Leader: Steadfast Deliverer, we plead for your Church. We are divided, many of your people are persecuted; we have been silent and complacent, unresponsive to your Gospel. Grant us new faith and vision, integrity and passion. Unite us in your truth and inspire us with your love. **Merciful Redeemer, renew your Church.**

(Silence)

Leader: Blessed Savior, we cry out to you for people who are injured, sick, and suffering; for the victims of natural disasters and human contempt. Increase our knowledge, wisdom, and concern for one another. Help the entire human family respond quickly and graciously when any of our neighbors are in crisis; help us provide comfort and relief to our sisters and brothers who are in anguish. **Lamb of God, heal your people; make us whole.**

(Silence)

Leader: Sovereign of Heaven and earth, we give thanks for the people we love who have died, and pray for those who will pass this week into paradise. Deliver us from faithless fears and anxieties. Confirm our faith in your promises. **God of hope and salvation, help us bear the cross with dignity, and proclaim the Gospel with confidence.**

(Silence)

Leader: Bread of heaven, cup of Salvation, we pray for one another. We stumble and fall. We wander and fail. Help us become the people you want us to be – fill us with faith, hope, and love; generosity, peace, and joy. **Blessed Jesus, infuse us with your Spirit, and direct us in your service.**

(Silence)

Leader: God of providence, Host of Heaven, we do not deserve the blessings you bestow so generously and abundantly. Give us grateful hearts, we pray, and make us faithful stewards of all your gifts, that your love may be known throughout the world, and your praises sung by all creation, now and for ever. **Gracious and compassionate Savior, we praise you, we thank you, and we offer ourselves to you - all we are and all we have. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

It is well with my soul

P. Bliss

St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs

The congregation is invited to sing the Refrain: It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul

Presentation Hymn

This is my Father's world

Sung to the tune of Creation

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres;
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is our Father's world, oh let us not forget
That though the wrong is great and strong, God is our Father yet.
He trusts us with his world; to keep it clean and fair,
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 130

Celebrant and People

***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.

The people stand or kneel.

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.

Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant 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!**

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

People and Celebrant

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.***

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
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 everlasting 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 forever. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God

Hymnal 688

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude