

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
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The Mission of Church of the Transfiguration
is to be a Christian community;
accepting and inviting all persons to share in worship,
witness and service; as disciples of Jesus Christ
in the world.

Rector's welcome and announcements

Prelude

Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God BWV 721

J. S. Bach

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

BCP, pg. 355

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Celebrant may read the following sentence

BCP, pg 351

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The Celebrant says to the people

BCP, pg. 116

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 concludes with an absolution.

The Celebrant says

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 Kyrie

BCP, pg. 324

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, pg. 218

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.***

The people may be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

The people stand.

Gospel Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Hymn # 439

Text: American folk hymn

Music: from *Southern Harmony*, c. 1835

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

After the Gospel the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

The Nicene Creed

BCP, pg. 358

***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, Form IV

BCP, pg. 388

Leader: O gracious and compassionate God, help us to stand firm in the faith, despite our sins and weaknesses, and to pray in hope despite our fears, as we offer up to you the deepest needs of the world, responding, "hear our prayer."

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carondelet, St. Louis, and Rebecca, their Rector; we pray for Deon, our bishop.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Dan, Ron, Betty, Rick, Don, Ann, Russ, Carole, John, Paul, Diane, Ashley, Charley, Tyler, Kenzie, Beth, Robyn, Runa and her family, Larry, Ron, and Verna.***

We give thanks for birthdays: John Notgrass, and Karen Modde; and anniversaries: George & Judy Kirby.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Officiant says an offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal, # 142

Text: Claudia Frances Hernaman

Music: 16th c. Psalter Tune, harm. Richard Redhead

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, pg. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

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 God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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.

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 Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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,

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Celebrant and People

***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 Breaking of the Bread

BCP, pg. 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then the following is said*

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

Celebrant and People together:

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

Music for Contemplation

Thomas C. Lee

A Prayer of Thanksgiving *(said by all)*

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread,

and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used

Celebrant Let us bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow their heads, and the Celebrant says

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

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

Postlude

Canzona in G Minor

Domenico Zipoli

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