

St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)

# Sunday March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM



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# The Word of God

# **Penitential Order**

#### SILENT PROCESSION

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION** (BCP p. 351)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

CelebrantBless the Lord who forgives all our sins.PeopleHis mercy endures for ever.

### DECALOGUE (BCP p. 350)

The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling as they are able.

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### Amen. Lord have mercy.

#### The Deacon or Celebrant then says

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.

#### I John I:8-9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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*.

#### The Priest stands and 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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 Lessons

#### FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

#### Remain seated.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins. They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Silence may follow.

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

#### The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

#### SEQUENCE HYMN 473 Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)

#### All stand.



#### **GOSPEL:** John 3:14-21

All stand.

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

#### THE SERMON

#### **FATHER JIM DORN**

To request a copy of the Sermon, please contact Fr. Jim at jmdorn3@gmail.com.

#### A MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

#### All stand.

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 I (BCP p. 359)

#### All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Clermont, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list; (\_\_\_\_\_\_) and for our family and friends on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays this week; especially, (\_\_\_\_\_) and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, (\_\_\_\_\_) let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the doctors, nurses, and all who seek to heal, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all the men and women of our armed forces and those who keep us safe at home; especially (\_\_\_\_\_\_), Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world and in our lives. Heal, love, and bless the poorest, the refugees, and the victims of every war, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_\_ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

## To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

#### The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of *your* kingdom; and grant that we *your* servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold *your* Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.* 

#### **THE PEACE** (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

# The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE** (BCP p. 376)

#### The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

**Options for Giving:** 

- 1. Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.
- 2. Credit or Debit Card via the giving tab on our website stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/.
- 3. Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with matthias & amount in body of text. Example: matthias \$25

**9:30 AM OFFERTORY HYMN** *Be still my soul (Arr. Sibelius)* The Singing Saints

#### 9:30 AM OFFERTORY PRAYER

#### Celebrant and People

Dear God, who gives life and helps those in need, we make this offering as a token of our thanks, forgiveness for our mistakes, and dedication to serve you faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

11:15 AM OFFERTORY HYMN 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady)



#### **11:15 AM OFFERTORY PRAYER**

#### Celebrant and People

Dear God, who gives life and helps those in need, we make this offering as a token of our thanks, forgiveness for our mistakes, and dedication to serve you faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

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.

#### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 378)

#### Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

#### SANCTUS 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord (Schubert/Proulx)

#### Lord, God of Ho - ly, ho ly, ho ly power and might,\_ Ho - ly, ly, Lord, ho ho ly -God of power and might,\_ hea-ven and earth are 10. full, full of Ho your glo ry. high na in the est. Ho san san -\_ -na high Bless - ed is who in the \_ est. he comes\_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na σ in the high Ho - san - na the high in est. est.

#### Celebrant and People

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

#### The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins

had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. *Amen*.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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	۶.
And lead us not into temptation,	
but deliver us from evil.	
For thine is the kingdom,	
and the power, and the glory,	
forever and ever. Amen.	

# The Breaking of the Bread



# **INVITATION** (BCP p. 364)

#### The Celebrant says

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.

#### DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. When it is your turn, please extend your hands upward, palms crossed to receive the bread (also called a wafer or host). When the cup of wine comes to you, either dip (also called intinction) the bread into the cup of wine and consume the bread or leave the bread in the palm of your hands, and the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread into the cup of wine for you and place on your tongue. You may also choose to consume the bread without dipping it into the cup of wine.

Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The Priest will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.

#### Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.

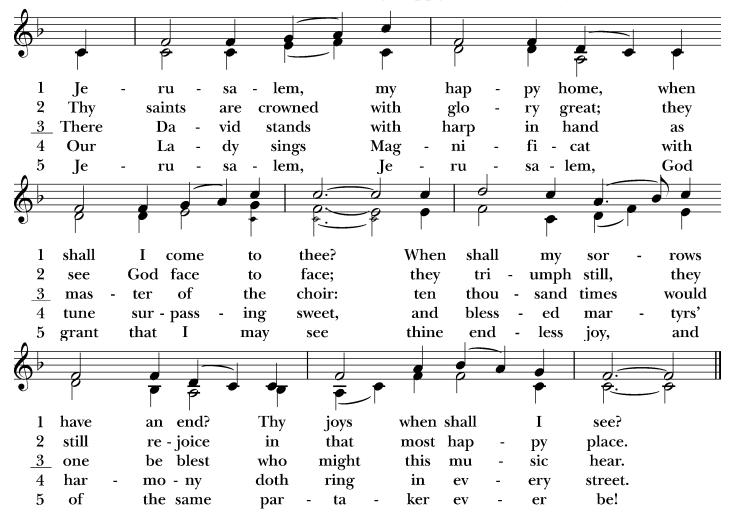
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.



**COMMUNION HYMN 620** Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest)



#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. *Amen.* 

#### BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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.* 

CLOSING HYMN 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### At the end of the 9:30 am service, all are welcome to join us for Coffee & Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

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