

Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

30 March 2025 9:00 am

The Great Litany

BCP 148

Opening Acclamation

BCP 223

Kyrie S91

The Collect of the Day:

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 Word of God

The Old Testament: 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 camped 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

- 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 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke.

People: *Glory be to thee. O Lord.*

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

Nicene Creed

BCP 327

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

Exchange of the Peace

Offertory Anthem

Organist and Choir

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving I
Sanctus S114

BCP 333

The Lord's Prayer
Agnus Dei S158

BCP 336

Communion of the People

Hymn #693

Just as I am, without one plea

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

Hymn #686

Come thou fount of every blessing

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your

choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion , and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Bill & Doris Horner, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Randy Maurer, Jerry Threadgill

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Carol Adams, Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Daniel Wertz, Jr., Shawn & Tyler McKinley, Brooklyn Balamuta & Family, Jim Russell, Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer, Casey Daganhardt.

Readers and Greeters — March-April 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

March 30 th	Donovan Pendell & Richard Burkert
April 6 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Colleen Curry
April 13 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
April 20 th (Easter)	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell-Loncella
April 27 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

March 30 th	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
April 6 th	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden
April 13 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
April 20 th (Easter)	Amy & Penn Whitlow
April 27 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont, the Rev. Jeffrey
Murph, the Rev. Dan Isadore; the Rev. Guy Brown;
the Chapel at UPMC St. Margaret

No Flowers on the Altar During Lent

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

***Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.***