

The Season of Lent

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:12-13

Remember that you are dust,



and to dust you shall return.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Psalm 51: 1, 11-13, 16

(Lesson & Psalm from our Ash Wednesday service.)

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Yarmouth, ME

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The Confession

Common Worship, adapted

Presider: As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

BCP Rite II,

Presider: Most merciful God,

Expansive Language

All: **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 our Savior 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 Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

(8am) Trisagion, spoken three times

Presider: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

(10am) Trisagion, sung three times

Holy God

The Hymnal 1982, #S99, Ford

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day *(Please refer to the insert.)*

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Please refer to the insert for today's scripture readings.

The First Lesson

Psalm

The Second Lesson

The Gospel

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)*

The Apostles' Creed

Enriching Our Worship

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People

(10am) **Introduction/Conclusion to the prayers, please sing**

O Lord hear my pray'r

Wonder, Love, and Praise #827, Berthier

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r Come and list-ten to me." The piece ends with a fermata and the word "Fine".

Our God is full of compassion and mercy, let us pray:

For the world and its leaders, for our President and our nation,
and for the wellbeing of Creation,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.
God of integrity, **hear our prayer.**

For Michael and Thomas our Bishops, and Nina our Rector.
For our fellow members in the diocese of Maine;
for our ecumenical partners in mission;
and all who minister to the world in the name of Christ.
For Diocesan and Anglican Cycles of Prayer, please refer to insert.
God of courage, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer from any kind of need or trouble,
that they may find comfort and healing.
Please refer to the insert.
God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died,
that they be gathered into your love and life eternal.
Please refer to the insert.
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all that is good and gracious in our lives,
we offer our thanksgivings:
Please offer your intercessions at this time.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(8am) Concluding Collect

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

(10am) Concluding Prayer, please sing



The Peace

Common Worship

Jesus said to the disciples: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’ *John 14:27*

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

(Ushers invite the Sunday School children to join us in the sanctuary.)

Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

(8am) Offertory Prayer

Presider and People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

(10am) Anthem at the Offertory *(Please be seated for choir anthem. You may refer to the insert for title and composer.)*

Bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass offering plates.

(10am) The Doxology *(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)
From all that dwell below the skies, v. 3 (Inclusive language version)*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Children and teachers in Sunday School enter during the Doxology.
Children sit with their parents for the remainder of the service.*

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Rite II,
Expansive Language

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

(8am) Sanctus, spoken

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(10am) Sanctus, sung

Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Hymnal 1982, #S124, Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues:

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

(8am) **The Lord's Prayer**, spoken

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

(10am) **The Lord's Prayer**, sung

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

The Hymnal 1982, #S150, Hurd



(8am) **The Fraction**, spoken

Presider: The Living Bread, given for the life of the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.** *cf John 6:51*

(10am) **The Fraction**, sung

Whoever eats this bread

The Hymnal 1982, #S170, Martens

Cantor: | Choir:

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

All:

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Cantor and Choir, and the second staff is for the All. Both staves show the melody for the lyrics 'Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.' The Cantor part is a single line, and the Choir part is a single line. The All part is a single line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Invitation

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion here at God's table. We are able to accommodate dietary needs such as gluten free, or nut free. Simply indicate this when you come forward to receive.

How to receive Communion:

Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips. (Or you may dip the bread into the wine. You may choose to receive only bread.) We respond to communion by saying, "Amen." If instead you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your hands across your chest.

(10am) **Music at Communion** *(Please refer to the insert for hymn # and stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)*

Post Communion Prayer, Form I

(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

*BCP 79 Rite II,
Expansive Language*

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer, Form II

(Please stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.)

*Anglican Church of Canada,
adapted, from Maundy Thursday*

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, source of all love,
on the night Jesus broke bread with his disciples,
he gave them a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing *(Presider may use this or another blessing.)*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Savior;
and the blessing of God Almighty:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *(Please refer to the insert for hymn # and stand if
it is comfortable for you to do so.)*

Announcements

The Dismissal (*Presider may use this or another dismissal.*)

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude (*Please refer to the insert for title and composer.*)

(10am) *Please join us for coffee and snacks after enjoying the Postlude.*

Our Lenten Liturgy – 2020

This year our Lenten observance is two-fold. First, many of us will be following *Living the Way of Love, A 40-Day Devotional* by Mary Bea Sullivan, walking with the 21st century version of our ancient Anglican tradition of monastic practices. Those involve a 7 faceted approach to a rule of life, the intentional way we shape and are shaped by our lived faith. (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest)

Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)

A few of us are also digging into the much denser material of William Blaine-Wallace's new book, *When Tears Sing; The Art of Lament in Christian Community*, which introduces Lament as one of the great gifts of Christian community. Lament is about how this community, embedded in life-the-way-it-really-is, gathers for one another, and how that companionable spirit blesses the world. While I'm aware that Lament should not be limited to Lent, it seemed a good time to begin a deep look at Lament's role in the Christian Community.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom 8:26-27)

Where are the Alleluias?

As the children of our Sunday School will tell you - the most obvious change in our liturgy during the Season of Lent is our lack of Alleluias. Because we are entering into a penitential time we leave out saying Alleluia where we normally would. That allows us to have a lot of Alleluia energy stored up and ready when we shout in joy on Easter morning. (The children have 'buried' the Alleluias for the season, stay tuned for the great unveiling at Easter!)

A Closer Look at the Liturgy:

* This season we return to the liturgy of our tradition, with our own pieces woven in so it is completely our own. You may recognize the Eucharistic Prayer as one from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*. It is Prayer A, though we continue to use the Expansive Language Eucharistic text, approved by General Convention in 2018, so you may notice some shifts in the use of language within this familiar prayer.

* Our worship opens with a chant, *Bless the Lord my soul*, originally from the Taizé Community, and included in *Wonder, Love and Praise; A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982*. (WLP 825)

* After the opening portion of our worship, we move directly into a moment of corporate confession; due to the penitential nature of the Season of Lent. By placing our confession early in the worship we take on an attitude of humility. Following Jesus into the desert and then walking with him toward Jerusalem requires humble self-knowledge and the willingness to change one's own life. We begin with our confession and absolution. Introduction to confession is from *Common Worship, Church of England*.

* We pray together aloud the Trisagion, an ancient Christian prayer dated to the council of Chalcedon 451 CE (or earlier) and used regularly in worship in Eastern Orthodox churches as part of the Divine Liturgy. The Trisagion, or Thrice Holy, was incorporated into our BCP in 1979.

* The Gospel Acclamation: As we did last year, we have changed The language used to announce the Gospel and respond, to be more consistent with the Expansive Language liturgy we are using this season. The acclamation we are using is from the New Zealand Prayer Book, though there are other choices in use around the Anglican Communion - this seemed very straight forward, but different enough to help prompt the new responses.

* Our Affirmation of Faith is the Apostles' Creed, from *Enriching Our Worship*, as it is the foundation of our Baptismal Covenant which we will renew on Easter morning.

* Our Prayers of the People are wrapped in another Taizé chant, *O Lord hear my pray'r*, it too comes to us from *Wonder, Love and Praise*. (WLP 827)

* Introduction to The Peace is from *Common Worship, Church of England*.

* The Sanctus (S-124) is from *The Hymnal 1982*. New this year - we are singing The Lord's Prayer (S-150) from *The Hymnal 1982*. The Fraction (S-170) is also from *The Hymnal 1982*.

* Post Communion Prayers: Form I is the Expansive Language version of the BCP 79; Form II is from *The Anglican Church of Canada, Book of Alternative Services*, adapted, from Maundy Thursday's service.

* The Blessing is drawn from Philippians 4:7 and is adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*, Rite I Eucharistic liturgy's blessing.

After Jesus had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet,
he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?
I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.



By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:
That you have love for one another.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

(From the Maundy Thursday liturgy)



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