

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude

Pavel Petrov

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 686

Nettleton

“Come, thou fount of every blessing ”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Kyrie S86(Blue Hymnal)

David Hurd

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.

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Frank Boyd

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

Anglican Chant

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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Jon Sharp

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 470

Beecher

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

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

The Rev. Susan Scranton

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.'"

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon _____ The Rev. James Seipel

The Nicene Creed _____ BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV (BCP p. 388) _____ David Aldrete

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

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.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): 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 falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Carl F Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1

Old 124th

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus S124

David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem: S161	David Hurd
Invitation to Communion	BCP p. 364
<i>(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)</i>	
Communion Hymn 313	<i>Jesus, meine Zuversicht</i>
"Let thy Blood in mercy poured"	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn 690	<i>Cwm Rhondda</i>
"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"	
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366
Postlude	Pavel Petrov

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group - April 6 after the 10 AM service.

Holy Week Volunteers Needed:

Palm Saturday work party—1:00 PM on Saturday, April 12

Palm Sunday afternoon work party—following the services

Readers needed for the Passion Narratives on Palm Sunday and

Good Friday—see Janet Kawamoto

Maundy Thursday—soup makers needed, set up and clean up

Lenten outreach: Hygiene Kits—final collection on Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Candy sought. No more eggs are needed



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Thank you!

Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Preacher..... The Rev. James Seipel
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Patricia Meyer
Lectors Frank Boyd, Jon Sharp, David Aldrete
Acolyte.....Morgan Patterson, Amelie Palpant, Evie Palpant
Choirmaster David Aldrete
OrganistPavel Petrov
Altar Guild ... Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Hymn Board ManagerTrevor Barcelo
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur
GEC Stream Team..... Volunteers
Vestry Person of the Week Heather Moore



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune,
Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Jessica Moran,
Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Don Dexter, Chris Malet, Candace,
Lisa Tone

For successful surgery and healing: Marcia Goetz

For strength & guidance: Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna,
Steve & Debra Clune

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy,
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

2 – Michael Moore	6 – Karen Williamson	15 - Katherine Rice
3 – Everleigh Stone	7 - TJ Harich	20 – Marcia Goetz
4– April Moore	8– Laurel McKenzie	28 – Matthew Young
4- Stephen Rice	11 - Donna McAlmond	ANNIVERSARY—April 3:
5– Randy Lakin	13– Sonja Lakin	Carl and Lynn Colley