Grace Church
in Newark

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Mass at 10:30 AM
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INTROIT—Laetare

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her all you who love her: rejoice with exultation, all you who mourn for her: that you may suck and be satisfied by her consoling breasts.

Ps. I was glad when they said to me: let us go to the house of the Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON—Mass 17

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

After chanted prayers, “Amen” will be sung on a monotone unless otherwise indicated.

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

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 forever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING—I Samuel 16: 1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said,
“Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Gradual—Psalm 23
Refrain—Cantor, then all repeat

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake. All repeat the refrain

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. All repeat the refrain

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. All repeat the refrain

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. All repeat the refrain

Second Reading—Ephesians 5: 1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works
of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Tract
I was glad when they said unto me, “let us go into the house of the Lord.” Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “may they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my brethren and companions’ sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.” (Psalm 122)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he
comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

_Deacon_ The Gospel of the Lord.

_People_ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

_The Celebrant begins_

We believe in one God,

_The Celebrant and people continue_

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.
Prayers of the People—Form I
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.

Here and after every petition the people respond

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.

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

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

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

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

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

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues
Keep watch over your Church, O Lord, with your unfailing love; and, since it is grounded in human weakness and cannot maintain itself without your aid, protect it from all danger, and keep it in the way of salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon—Illumina
Give light to my eyes, that I sleep not in death: lest my enemy say: “I have prevailed against him.”

Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus & Benedictus (Mass 17)
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:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt celi et terra
glória tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

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 people remain standing. 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

A- MEN.

Lord’s Prayer

The Celebrant begins

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

Breaking of the Bread

V. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

R. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei—Mass 4

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.
The reality of the sacrament can be had through the very desire of receiving the sacrament. Before actual reception of this sacrament, a man can obtain salvation through the desire of receiving it, just as he can before Baptism through the desire of Baptism... Spiritual food changes man into itself, according to that saying of Augustine, that he heard the voice of Christ as it were saying to him: "Nor shalt thou change Me into thyself, as food of thy flesh, but thou shalt be changed into Me." But one can be changed into Christ, and be incorporated in Him by mental desire, even without receiving this sacrament.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Communion
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*While each Sunday’s mass is primarily devoted to a celebration of the Lord’s resurrection, today’s mass is also said on behalf of the members of Grace Church in Newark and all who are unable to attend mass due to the world’s current health crisis. While the reception of the Blessed Sacrament by the faithful is always preferable, due to the prohibition of public services by our Bishop, I invite you to make a spiritual communion according to the Catholic tradition.*

*While the priest and server receive the Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to pray the following:*

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God. Amen.

—The Anglican Church of the Province of Melanesia
Communion Antiphon—Lutum fecit
The Lord made clay of spittle and anointed my eyes; I went and washed and received my sight, and I believed in God.

Postcommunion Prayer
Almighty and eternal God, the light of all who come into the world: fill our hearts, we pray, with the light of your heavenly grace, that our thought may always please you, and our words and deeds may bear witness to our love for you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the People and Dismissal
Bow down before the Lord.
Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

Dismissal
V. The mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.
We welcome our visitors to Grace Church today. Please, if you will, complete a visitor’s card in the pew, placing it in the offering plate. Please speak to an usher about programs for children and youth during High Mass.

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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Members of Grace Church in Newark,

I write to you from the Rectory where I am praying for each and every one of you.

We are living in a moment when uncertainty and fear grip our nation. But we are kept away from the Church in a time when we need God the most. We are deprived of the Blessed Sacrament when the Presence of Christ is what will sustain us. We are lonely without spiritual friendship and fellowship.

And yet God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is still present with us. Even as we are apart we are held together in the fellowship of that great mystical Body of Christ. I want you to know and feel that just as you are a part of the Body of Christ the Church is with you during this time and always as well. I have begun a round of calling each and every one of you by telephone to check on how you are doing, though this will take several days.

We might think, “what can we do in this time?”

First and foremost, pray for your fellow parishioners, for Grace Church, and for the sick, dying, and departed.

Second, join me to reach out to fellow members of our parish. Give them a call, write them an email, or even a handwritten note. Think not only about those people with whom you are close at church, but those you might not know as well either. If you need someone’s contact information, please reply to this email and I can help provide it.

Third, join a mass or gathering by telephone or online. It will take time to adjust to the current technological necessities, but I encourage you to stay connected and find your strength in God. You can simply make a regular phone call and participate by listening in. Or with your computer or smartphone you can download the Zoom app and join in with video as well. The instructions for joining each of these three is the same and are found below.

• Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m.
• Wednesday Virtual Grace Bible Study at 8:00 p.m.
• Friday Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Finally, please continue your financial support during this time. As you know the financial stability of the parish has already been on the edge. Our financial reports for
February also showed pledges down by several thousand dollars from where we should be. Now with the economic impact of COVID-19 we are as a parish in great need of your continued financial support so that we can continue the worship of God and mission and ministry in the City of Newark in the months and years to come. Please check out how easy it is to sign up for online giving on your computer or smartphone by connecting your account information. Once you set it up you can either set it to give a certain scheduled amount or you can give manually: http://bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving. Another great automated way to give is by setting up Bill Pay through your bank. We make our offerings in thanksgiving for all that God has done in the sending of his Son for our salvation and for the continued worship of God and his mission and ministry through the Church.

How to Join a Mass or Other Gathering

Calling in by telephone: At any of the above times of gathering dial (646) 558-8656, enter Meeting ID 634-478-647, then press #.

Join by computer or smartphone at any of the above times:

- Download the Zoom app from the App Store on an Apple device or the Google Play Store on an Android.
- If you have already downloaded the app then this link should take you to the online gathering: http://bit.ly/GraceChurchOnline. If you have not yet downloaded the app, the link should also take you to your app store.
- If you are prompted, enter the Meeting ID # 634-478-647. (If it requires a password, it is “Grace.”)
- If you have any problems, don’t hesitate to call me during Stations tonight or during the Bible Study on Wednesday at (609) 937-0000. I’ll work on getting a contact number you can call during Sunday’s mass.

I will be sending another email before mass on Sunday including the service leaflet as well as these instructions again.

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Faithfully,

Fr. Bates

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Happy Birthday this week to Susy (3/23) and Scott (3/25) Norris and last week to Onyeka Moneme and Allie Ulrich (3/15).

Remembrance of the Departed—Mary E. Johnson, mother of Rosemary Kearney, who died on March 23, 2013. It is our custom in the Anglican Catholic tradition to remember our beloved departed when they transitioned from their earthly to heavenly life. If you would like to add your birthday, anniversary, or the name of a departed immediate family member, please notify Father Bates.
Active members of our parish—Clare Bates, Susan Webb, George Gavin, Jim Cramer, André Devers, Chioma Moneme, Jordan Elisée, Lloyd Prator, Ernest Clay, Alice Richardson and family, Catherine Satterlee, Shevon & Nora’a Armstrong, Joan Knowles, Daphne Annibourne, Comfort Abogan, Lisa Zeiger, Anita Elisée, Elaine Davis, Duncan Eyre, Beatrice Breton, Brisco Kayjay, Dolores Brown, James Porter, Donna Cummings, Marie & Fred Gaspard, Eleanor Hill, Henry Cadogan, George Bowen, William Carter, Paola Breton, Hervé Gaspard, and Rhonda Dover.