



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM + March 14, 2021

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**The Word of God**

Prelude: *Voluntary # 4 in G Minor*

William Boyce (1711-1779)

Hymn: 690 "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah"

Tune: *CWM Rhondda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## The Penitential Order

BCP 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:29-31).

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### Silence

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.

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.

## Kyrie

S90

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -

cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray together. Said in unison

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.*

### A Reading from the Book of Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites 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.

*People's response after the reading* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:1-10

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.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

*People Said before the reading*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Said after the reading*

**Praise 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. 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."

**Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Paul Kolbet

**The Nicene Creed** *(Spoken by all)*

**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**

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

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 town of Chelmsford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For reasonable 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, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, for Paul, our Interim Rector and for Valerie Cowart, Deacon.

**In our Diocese:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham, St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet, Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth), Diocesan Congregational Consultants, For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged.

**We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford,** especially for First Baptist Church.

**PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH** especially for all helping by clearing snow around the church this winter season.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Rose Felzani	health concerns
Vi Flumerfelt	health concerns
Mia Terris	daughter of Jessica & Richard, looking for treatment options for mastocytosis
Elizabeth Sandoval	health concerns
John MacKenzie	cancer treatments at home
Molly Loder	Brain cancer
Nate Barrow	Medical concerns

**PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Peg Kearney	sister of Kate Blount – who is suffering from Diabetes Complications
Janet Swanton	friend of Lois Freeman – knee replacement surgery
Argentina	asylum seeker - ill with Covid 19
Trudy	Aunt of Mike Brodeur – recovering from heart surgery
Len	Uncle of Mike Brodeur - cancer
Emily	friend of Libby Maynard - prayers for health and healing
Carolyn Adams	sister of Barbara Willman - ongoing health concerns
Ellen	sister of Laura Geary – breast cancer
Diane Soboski	friend of the Barry's – cancer concerns
Meg C.	friend of Laura Barry – undergoing chemo
Christina Tessier	neighbor of the Ouellettes – recovery from stroke and return of her vision
Myra Dayal	Rohini Pola's mom – recovering at home
Tony Ganchi	Paige LaRochelle's friend's grandfather - undergoing cancer treatment
Carolyn	friend of Lois Freeman – tumor in her lung
Anna & Family	friends of the LaRochelles - being evaluated for a possible heart transplant
Dan Willman	son of Barbara Willman – being treated for multiple myeloma
Sampath S	friend and work colleague of Scott Bempkins - cancer
Chris Gobron	brother of Deb Collins – recurrence of esophageal cancer
Jennifer	Sister of Lissie Bates-Haus - Cancer
Joanna Nickerson	Deacon Bruce's wife - Parkinsons
Erismath M. Kintu	Rowena's father – health concerns

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH CHRONIC**

**ILLNESSES:** Terry Hunter, Brian Hunter's brother, Chaz Freeman, Lois Freeman's son, Vinnie and Jeanette Freeman, Larry Van Walters, Ken Lager, twin brother of Kate Friesner, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, D'Youville, Lowell

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY WHO ARE HEALTH CARE WORKERS:**

Theresa Camacho, Chris Pyne, Linda Cahill, Pam Meinhardt, Larisa Ducharme, Lois Freeman, Nancy St. Onge, Kiyomi Hammoumi, Gail Carmichel, sister of Linda Coles, Leigh Lovely, sister of Lynn Gresock, Kathryn Harrington, Ben, Dave, & Marlene Hillman, Michelle & Dave Colton, Dr. Amanda Kowalski, daughter-in-law of Karen Kowalski, Cherie & Scott Hamelin, Christy Brodeur, Jessica McSheehy Del Llano, Sean Olbert, Laura Andrews, Jennifer Haley.

**Prayers for the Departed:** for Kay Fekete, at age 100, mother to one of Clem Cole's closest friends and for Emily Myerson, a junior at Chelmsford High School and comfort for her grieving family and friends.

Celebrant prays a concluding collect

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
*People:* And also with you

**Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn: 145 "Now quit your care"**

Tune: *Quittez Pasteurs*



1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for  
2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or  
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The  
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to  
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your



1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to  
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be  
3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -  
4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -  
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry





1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty  
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come  
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to  
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness  
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

*Unison* *Harmony*

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;  
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;  
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.  
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!  
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

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### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Contemplative Eucharist

#### Concluding Prayer *(Spoken by all)*

Almighty God, our fast from Holy Communion does not arise out of any lack of devotion to you, but out of the love you have commanded that we have for one another. Give us strength to endure and bless this fast so that our spiritual hunger will lead us to worship you as one family once again gathered around your altar where with your Son Jesus Christ you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, unto ages of ages. Amen.

### The Blessing

Postlude: *Variations on a Bass*

Henry Coleman (1888-1965)



*Join us for online coffee hour at 11am on Sunday! The Zoom link is found in an email invitation sent on Sunday mornings along with the links to other ways to join us during the week.*

*Keep an eye out for the announcement of our Holy Week and Easter worship services!*

**Join us also this evening for a Lenten Devotional at 7:00 pm, see the link in the Sunday morning email.**

