

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year B

March 11, 2018

8:00 AM Worship

The Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist, Rite One

Welcome to
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



About This Worship Service

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants.

Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service. Text that is *red italic* (or *gray* on hard copies) provide suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel. Where it is appropriate to “cross” oneself, you will see a cross (✙). However, these are only suggestions and we don’t want you to do anything you’re uncomfortable doing or incapable of doing. Also, the responses which the congregation makes are shown in **bold text**.

Brief introductions to the Bible readings can be found on the last page.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don’t hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website:
www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is provided from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery. Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we’re glad you’ve joined us for worship! While you’re waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thanks!

About the Season of Lent

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter, with the theme of “retreating into the wilderness with Jesus.” Lent is a season of soul-searching and

repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. All churches that have a continuous history extending before 1500 CE observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. In most churches, the decorations are purple, the royal color, to prepare for the King.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days of Lent because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Therefore, in many traditions, the Sundays during Lent are never fast days, but rather feast days!

A Penitential Order & The Holy Eucharist, Rite One

The Entrance of the Ministers

The Congregation may stand.

Opening Sentences

BCP 319

✝ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth for ever.

The Ten Commandments

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-40*

Confession of Sin

BCP 320

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Congregation may kneel.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee 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 thy will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✚ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

“Lord, Have Mercy”

BCP 324

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from Heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

Readings from Holy Scripture

NUMBERS 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107: 1-3, 17-22

Let us recite this portion of the psalter responsively by the whole-verse.

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.

EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

A reading from St. Paul's first letter
to the Christians in Ephesus.

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

JOHN 3: 14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

✝ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the Congregation may be seated.

Following the sermon, a few moments of silence are observed. Afterwards, the Congregation may stand for the Creed.

Let us reaffirm our faith.

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.

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Congregation may kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers – especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Edward our Bishop, and Jim and Jeff our priests – that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land – especially the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court – that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✚ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Blessed Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Finally, we pray for our own needs, and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [*Name*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✚ died, especially [*Names*] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [Names] and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: the Church of the Resurrection in Oklahoma City, and the St. Patrick's Community Prison Ministry.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of England, The Most Rev'd and Right Honorable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life.

We join in thanksgiving with [Names], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [Names], and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, you may if you wish place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed is added to the clergy discretionary fund.

The Minister offers this concluding collect

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Congregation may stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Afterwards, the Congregation may be seated.

Greetings & Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. † Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Congregation may kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty

resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be ✚ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.

To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.

To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.

If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.

If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.

Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that can be difficult to remove.

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for though we are many, we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 339

Let us pray.

The Congregation may kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Departure of the Ministers

Introductions to the Bible Readings

Numbers 21: 4-9

In our Hebrew Bible lesson the impatient Israelites set out from Mount Hor, where Aaron was buried, to detour around the hostile country of Edom. The people complain against God and Moses about challenging conditions, as they have so often since their departure from Egypt. God sends poisonous serpents among the people, and the people respond by repenting of their disobedience. The Lord instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole so that any who are bitten may look upon this sign of God's faithfulness and live.

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22

Thanks giving is offered to the Lord, who saves from storms and other dangers those who will call upon God's name.

Ephesians 2: 1-10

This New Testament passage emphasizes the manner in which Christians have been saved by God's free gift. When we were dead in our sins, God raised us up with Christ that we might know the immeasurable riches of God's graciousness. Although we are saved by faith and not by our good deeds, we are now able to do the good works for which God has made us capable.

John 3: 14-21

In our gospel, the image of Moses lifting up the bronze serpent in the wilderness is metaphorically related to Jesus' lifting up on the cross. Just as the repentant Israelites could look upon Moses' raised standard and be saved from the poisonous bite of a serpent, so all who look upon the crucified Christ in faith will be saved from their sins. Jesus did not come to condemn, but to be the saving light who draws many to himself.