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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Sung Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE LENTEN PROSE

Refrain: **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.**

INVOCATION

INTROIT SENTENCE

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

THE GRACE (STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP  
678/HB C177)  
*or*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT (STAND)

SILENCE

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader

From Mount Hor they 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. NUMBERS 21:4-9

PSALM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

**Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

Second Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader

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. EPHESIANS 2:1-10

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory. (CP: 717)

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

Gospeller: The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. CF. PSALM 95:3, 8

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "And 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." JOHN 3:14-21

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188 (STAND)

Celebrant: We believe in one God,

**All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 (KNEEL OR SIT)  
*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE (STAND)

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III - BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of Wisdom, may the light of your eternal word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in holiness and guide us to glory; we ask in his name. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: 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**

### FRACTION SENTENCE

#### SILENCE

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

#### SILENCE

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING (KNEEL)

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)