

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Lent III – March 7, 2021

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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

*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* In the light of that mercy, we are free to examine ourselves without fear, and to offer repentance for anything we think, say or do that diminishes our full humanity, or that of another. Let us take a moment to reflect on any harm we have caused to ourselves, to others, to our creation, or to God in the realms of:

- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Work
- ◆ Finances
- ◆ Justice and equity
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Spiritual life
- ◆ Social interactions

*After a time of reflection and silent repentance, please join the refrain of this song of confession*

### SONG OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy (*Words on last page*)

Steve Merkel, 2000

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on me;

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And God's Spirit with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

### READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures **and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul **and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake**
- 4 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.**
- 5 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.**
- 6 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.**

### THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

*The gospels are stories of Jesus' life*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

PRAYER SONG

My peace I give you (Taize)

OUR PRAYERS *(In small groups)*

Father, we thank you for .... *(every blessing we can name)*

Jesus, please bless... *(nations, people, communities, churches, ministers...)*

Holy Spirit, please give us... *(spiritual gifts to be God's peacemakers)*

THE PEACE *(In small groups)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Shepherd me, O God *(Words on last page)*

Marty Haugen, 1986

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THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the holy.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the holy and living God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks, Almighty God, you who were before all worlds began,

**who is outside of time; who will be for all eternity.**

You are our beginning, and in you we find our perfect end.

**All our years and moments are hidden in you;**

Through You all things were made; in you all things are sustained.

God, you made us for relationship,  
**to live in harmony with you and all creation.**

Whenever we walk away from you, that harmony is broken;  
Our intimacy with you becomes fractured and strained;  
**Our relationships are marked by tension and strife.**

The very creation become broken and disordered, with storms and tumults.  
**Peace becomes the exception; "not-peace" our daily bread.**

Into this "not-peace" you sent your beloved Son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
He came as one of us, and saw how we lived with each other and the earth,  
**And he said STOP.**

He said, "Why are you afraid?"  
He stilled storms, banished evil, healed diseases, overcame death.  
He said, "Peace be with you," and breathed upon his disciples his Holy Spirit.  
He gives us peace in unpeaceful times;  
**he makes us agents of change in an unpeaceful world.**

On his night of greatest disruption, our Lord had supper with his friends.  
He took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to  
them, and said, "**Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember 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 poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you  
drink it, do this to remember me."**

And so we stop, to remember Him:  
**We remember Him in the breaking of the bread.**  
We recall His suffering and death;  
We celebrate his rising and ascension.  
**We look forward to his eternal reign of peace.**

Come upon this bread and this wine, most Holy Spirit:  
**Feed our spirits with the very life of Christ himself.**  
Come to us, Lord Jesus, by your Holy Spirit:  
**Give us your peace in all circumstances; the joy to trust you.**

Fill us now, we pray, as we come to your table to enjoy in part the feast of  
perfect peace we will one day enjoy in fullness, through Christ.  
By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
*And all the people said: AMEN.*

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us;**  
Jesus, Bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us;**  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world: **Give us your peace.**

## THE COMMUNION

*Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.*

## PRAYER OF THANKS

**Most Holy God, thank you for feeding us with the life of our Lord Jesus in these signs of His body and blood, poured out for us. Thank you for refreshing us, restoring us, renewing us deep in our spirits. As you fill us with that peace that only comes from you, make us bearers of peace into the divisions of this world, that those who are frenzied and fearful may find rest in You. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray: Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

**CLOSING HYMN**                      Lord, who throughout these forty days (*Words on last page*)                      Hymnal 142

## PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*        Let us go forth in the name of Christ  
*People*        **Thanks be to God!**

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## THE PRAYERS

**We Pray For:** Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Barry Kercher, Beverly Stone, Gary Murray, Susan White, Benji, Garner Burroughs, Andie Corby, Betty Bowling, Susie Marshall, Jane and Michelle, Bill Grothe. **Those Who Have Died:**

**Birthdays:** Joan Harper, 3/7; Bob Sims, 3/8; Maty Lou Drummond, 3/12

**Anniversaries:**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE MIRACLE BOX:** The new donation box sitting outside Christ Church in La Plata's Food Pantry building keeps yielding new treasures. And as Bill Hoxie gets these out to folks in need, including people living in tents in the woods, he is learning more about what they need. Needed items include:

hand warmers; 1LB propane tanks; Warm socks; Soap; Toothpaste; Women's hygiene pads; Wash cloths; Towels; Shampoo/ conditioner

If you can purchase some of these items, please email Bill at [hoxieinc@aol.com](mailto:hoxieinc@aol.com)

If you'd like to contribute to funding these purchase, donate to the [Giving Fund](#).

**ONLINE GIVING** - You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. A 2.6% fee is charged for credit or debit cards - you'll have the

option to include that in your gift or not. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give online - go to [www.christchurchlaplata.org](http://www.christchurchlaplata.org) and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

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## HYMNS

### OPENING HYMN

Lord, have mercy

Steve Merkel, 2000

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken;  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim;  
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;  
Forgive me for my unbelief; help me love you again. *Refrain*  
*Refrain:* Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me;  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.
2. I have built an altar where I worship things of men;  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing  
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again
3. I have longed to know you, and your tender mercies  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.  
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Shepherd me, O God

Marty Haugen, 1986

*Refrain:* Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul; you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your Name. *Refrain*

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.  
Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

### CLOSING HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.