

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025



Image: Relief Sculpture "Prodigal Son" (Galaway, Ireland)

8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude: *Towards the Light* – Arioso (Patrick Hawes)

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

We come to silence at the sound of the gong.

To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.

Opening Hymn: CP608 *Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

AN ACT OF PENITENCE

Kyrie Eleison (John L Bell) - *see blue insert*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

A moment of silence

All 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 neighbours 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.**

Presider Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (John L Bell) - *see blue insert*

Collect of the Day

Presider Eternal Lover of our wayward race,
**you open your arms to accept us
even before we turn to meet your welcome;
you invite us to forgiveness**

even before our hearts are softened to repentance.
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,
so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalms 32

Reader Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *

All and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *

because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *

and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful *

will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, *

they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; *

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *

**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Gradual Hymn: CP438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and

there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

...Behold, behold I make all things new - John Bell

Beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold I make all things new,

My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Homily

Anthem: *Come to the Water* - Foley

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP354 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God our provider,

All you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your
presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

Holy, holy, holy, God of power,

(Please see insert)

of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed,

Blessed is the one coming in the name,

the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (chant) – *see blue insert*

**Our Father in heaven, hallow'd 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament, stepping into the circle around the altar. You may indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Healing prayer ministry is offered in the Lady Chapel during communion most Sundays. After you have received the sacrament, make your way to the chapel to receive prayer.

Communion Music: *Agnus Dei / Lamb of God* (Bell, St. Bride setting)
 Piano Interlude – Towards the Light – The Time of
 Sacrifice (Patrick Hawes)
 CP73 One Bread, One Body
 CP568 Nothing Can Trouble (English x2, Spanish x2,
 hum)

Prayer after Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

***All* And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we
and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Episcopal Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP529 *God, My Hope on You Is Founded*

Dismissal

Assistant Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *If With All Your Hearts You Truly Love Him* (Mendelssohn)
Lanny Pollet (flute)

Please note that a postlude is meant as a moment of quiet reflection. As such, applause is not expected.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

	8am	10am
Presider & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee	The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee
Music Director		Fran Pollet
First Reading	Linda Sproule-Jones	Daniel von Kanel
Psalm	Marilyn Pattison	John Sager
Second Reading	Ted Sheldon	Angela Buckingham
Prayers	Jane Turpie	Margaret Smart
Administrants	Leslie Glazier	Joy Warekntin, Gary Fisher
Liturgical Assistant	John Oldale	David Stuart
Greeters	Jennifer Bradbury	Angela Buckingham, Sandra Moore
Tech Assistant		Michael Marriott
Counter		Angela Buckingham
Supervisor		Gary Fisher
Flowers		Sandra Moore/Margaret Hood
Chancel Guild		Gillan Hanlon/Margaret Smart
Altar Bread		Kathleen von Kanel/Joan Collis
Healing Prayers		TBD

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