

The Church of St. Paul, Cambria

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

• Rose Sunday Fourth Sunday in Lent • Year B • March 10, 2024 •

Opening Hymn 660

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, ever faithful and kind to all, with tireless love you call the wayward home, inviting them back to the path of true conversion; and in your Son, lifted up on the cross, you have provided us with healing from the sting of the Evil One. Grant us the abundant riches of your grace as we now lift our voices making our confession of sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceived ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8,9*)

Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where

there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

First Lesson Book of Numbers (21:4-9)

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; * call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways * and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord and he will have compassion, * and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, * or your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, * so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens * and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, * seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; * it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, * and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be. Amen.

The **second lesson** is from 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12: The Song of Creation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, * O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

The Holy **Gospel** of our Lord according to St. John (3:14-21)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Special Music- **Rebecca Hendricks and Lorienne Schwenk**

Here follows An affirmation of faith,

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Embraced by God's word, let us intercede for all those in need, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

(Please take turns reading one or more of these petitions, as the Spirit moves you.)

For the church, that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds of justice, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the church, that all the baptized may see through the dazzling attractions of sin and rejoice only in God's marvelous gift, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel us to complete the work of war, and build a lasting peace, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or hunger, because of the greed or hatred of others, because of disabilities, may find places of rest and kindness, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for the simple gifts of God, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For all the children of Abraham, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim, that we may live together and worship in harmony and tranquility our Holy God, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the people of Iraq, who are suffering the effects of war and internal sectarian violence, may God grant them safety in the midst of turmoil, succor at the hands of the world community, and freedom to live in peace, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For all who live in uncertainty and danger, especially those in harms way overseas in the military, and those who guard our communities and the quality of our lives, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

For this congregation, God's handiwork, that our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those who suffer at the hands of cruelty or injustice, and that we see these rejected ones as our brothers and sisters, (silence) we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

God, full of goodness and open to weakness, remember all whom we remember, and remind us of all whom we would forget. We ask this through Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn 325

Prayer over the gifts: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may

come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Behold the Righteous One, who was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Faithful God, help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you. Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to

you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessings

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Closing hymn 657

Dismissal

Saved by faith and created in Christ for good works, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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