



Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The Second Sunday of Lent • March 16, 2025 •

Opening Hymn- *O Lord you are my light-* Insert from Lorient

Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

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.**

Penitential Rite

Hear the voice of your church, O Lord our God, as we cry out to you from the wilderness of this world. Come to our aid with mighty hand and outstretched arm; so that, nourished by the bread of your Word and strengthened by your Spirit, we may conquer every test and each temptation of the evil one. Strengthen us now, as we confess our 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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
Come let us adore him.

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.

Psalm 67:1-5

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hands of my adversaries, * for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * in the land of the living!

180 tarry and await the LORD's pleasure: be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the LORD.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The first reading is from Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18)

The Word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the Word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle L: A Song of Christ's Humility

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Though in the form of God, * Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, * and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself * and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him * and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow * in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, * to the glory of God the Father.

The second reading is the Letter to the Philippians (3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Canticle M: A Song of Faith *(1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, * by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, * we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us * was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, * the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory * so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (13:31-35).

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the

prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Music

Here follows the affirmation of faith, (from NZ BCP)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, Good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

In this holy season, let us turn to God in prayer, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all the holy people of God (silence), that we may heed the voice of the Lord and reform our ways and our deeds, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peoples and leaders of nations (silence), that we may preserve and care for the blessings of this world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For outcasts, war refugees, and those without home or land (silence), that a place of refuge, shelter, safety and acceptance will be theirs, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community (silence), that God may grant us the grace to lift our minds above the things of earth and to stand firm in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and those of others: Stevely Anderson, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Davy, Emily

Nute, (others?) that we may find shelter and protection under God's wings, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who serve our nation in the military, especially those who are in areas of conflict or unrest, that their work for peace will be accomplished and that they return home safely, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Come to our aid, Lord God, and grant that, by your grace, we may walk in the footsteps of the crucified Lord and so come with him to the glory you have promised. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory Hymn- - #117 from the Living God -

Insert from Lorient

Prayer over the gifts:

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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.**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, that, with confidence in God's love for us, we might dare to pray:

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-

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

Behold our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life through the gospel. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come. Let us pray: . . .

Almighty and everliving 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 the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.**

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 518

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

Thanks be to God.



Lent

During Lent, we invite you to take some time to pray and meditate at the cross.