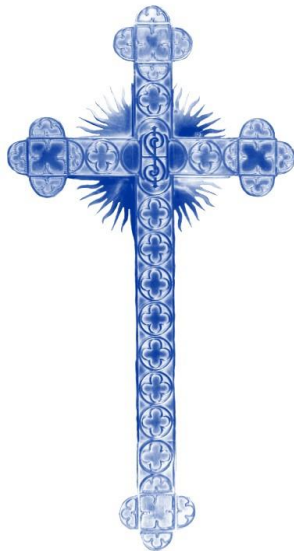


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

March 30, 2025 ♦ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cum Rhondda

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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S-95*

Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Richard Proulx

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson

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.

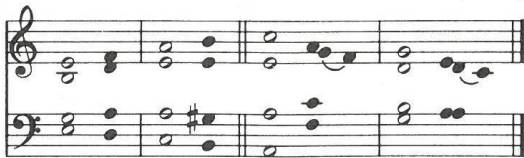
The Psalm

Psalm 32

Beati quorum

S 408

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



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- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are **forgiven**, *
and whose sin is put **away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no **guilt**, *
and in whose spirit there is no **guile!**

- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day **long**.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer**.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to **you**, *
and did not conceal my **guilt**.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the **LORD**." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin**.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not **reach them**.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from **trouble**; *
you surround me with shouts of **deliverance**.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **go**; *
I will guide you with my **eye**.
- 10 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**."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the **LORD**.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **LORD**; *
shout for joy, all who are true of **heart**.

The Second Lesson

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. 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.

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 Jesus 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 traveled 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.'"

The Sermon	The Rev. Webster Gibson
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Choir Anthem	Thou knowest, Lord	Henry Purcell
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		p. 361

S-364 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth
 are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 2; Mass 12; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)
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The Invitation		p. 364
The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn (All Singing)

Hymn

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



1. Call - ing for you and for me; _____ See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? _____ Why should we lin - ger and
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; _____ Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; _____ Though we have sinned, He has



1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. _____
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? _____
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. _____
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. _____

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly,

Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing, O sin-ner, come home!

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909)
 Music: Will L. Thompson

Post Communion Prayer

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Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says:

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

The People: **Amen.**

Hymn # 624

Jerusalem the golden

Ewing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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