



THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2021

6:30 pm

Saint Patrick Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop

The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest in Charge

Janie Cain, Senior Warden

Dave Clayton, Verger

John McQueary & Elizabeth Loiacono, Music Ministers

WELCOME! The Season of Lent is a time of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. It is the most somber of Christian Seasons. Following in the example of early Christians, we recognize this time as one of repentance and fasting. During these forty days, we examine that which separates us from the love of Christ and pray for reconciliation and forgiveness. We also fast, participate in self-examination, and meditate on scripture.

We invite you to participate in the following Lenten activities:

[Lenten Micropractices Booklet:](#) *In this booklet, you'll find a new practice to guide you each day on your journey. Some practices can be done on the spot, some during the day, and others will take some time and/or preparation. Engage with the practices when and how you can. There is no right or wrong way to do them. You are no more or less holy by doing them all or only a few. Feel free to adjust the practice of the day to better fit yourself or the members of your household.*

[Bluegrass Region Daily Evening Prayer:](#) *The Bluegrass congregations within our diocese are putting together daily Lenten prayer services. These services will be published at 6:30pm (est) on Facebook throughout Lent. Each congregation will be responsible for a particular day during the week. Daily Lenten Prayer Service Schedule (with links):*

- [Sundays - Trinity Danville](#)
- [Mondays - Ascension, Frankfort](#)
- [Tuesdays - St. Michael's, Lexington](#)
- [Wednesdays - Our Saviour, Madison County](#)
- [Thursdays - St. Patrick's, Somerset](#)
- [Fridays - St. John's, Versailles](#)
- [Saturdays - Resurrection, Jessamine County](#)

EVENING PRAYER

February 18, 2021

OPENING HYMN

"Return to God"

Gather #389

Refrain:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Verses

Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now to way of our God.

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I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.

~

If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 115

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 116

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 117

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.**

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*

BCP 118

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Habak'kuk

A prayer of Habak'kuk the prophet, according to Shigion'oth. O LORD, I have heard the report of thee, and thy work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years renew it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Pa'ran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. His brightness was like the light, rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered, the everlasting hills sank low. His ways were as of old. I saw the tents of Cu'shan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Mid'ian did tremble. Was thy wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was thy anger against the rivers, or thy indignation against the sea, when thou didst ride upon thy horses, upon thy chariot of victory? Thou didst strip the sheath from thy bow, and

put the arrows to the string. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers. The mountains saw thee, and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice, it lifted its hands on high. I hear, and my body trembles, my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones, my steps totter beneath me. I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us. Though the fig tree do not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of the Lord according to John

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY MAGNIFICAT (*Luke 1:46-55*)

BCP 119

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

**the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children 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 SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis* (Luke 2:29-32)

BCP 120

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.

MEDITATION

REV CHRIS BRANNOCK

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 120

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

BCP 121

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

SUFFRAGE B

BCP 122

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of
your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

We entreat you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTNECE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

CLOSING HYMN

"Surrender To You"

Fa-ther, I ask you to take my heart and cre -
ate a clean heart for me. _____
Give me the grace to sur - ren-der to you, and
1., 2. _____ to Verses
place my trust in your will. _____
3. _____
place my trust in your will.



1. For I know that you'll al - ways be
2. For your prom - ise to me is a



1. near me, — and I know that your care goes be -
2. new life — full of joy and the peace that's be-



1. fore me each day. There in my doubt you bring
2. yond what I need. Help me to trust in your



1. com - fort, — and you heal all of my
2. guid - ance, — and to rest in your plan for my



1. wounds. _____
2. life. _____



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