First Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Seasonal Liturgical Rotation for Lent

- Please turn off your cell phones.
- Page numbers refer to *The Book of Common Prayer* (red).
- Hymn numbers refer to *The Hymnal 1982* (blue).
- There are no flowers in the Sanctuary.
- A “Lenten Array” is used for altar frontal panels, clergy stoles, and hangings on the Lectern and Pulpit; the crosses are veiled; the choirs, acolytes, and lay ministers wear black cassocks.
- Silver communion vessels and alms basins, as well as brass candlesticks, are replaced with wood, ceramic, and glass items.
- We neither sing nor speak “alleluia” throughout Lent.
- The *Gloria in excelsis* and *Te Deum* are not used again until Easter.
- We kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.
- We use the second translation of the Lord’s Prayer.
- The Fraction Anthem rotates from “Christ Our Passover” to “Agnus Dei.”
- The Blessing is replaced by a “Solemn Prayer over the People” (from *The Book of Occasional Services*).
- There is no Postlude.
- Children and youth (ages 0-18) and accompanying adults are welcome to join an interactive worship time in the parish hall during the first half of the service.
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The congregation stands as the Procession enters from the chapel door.

**Lenten Acclamation**

_Celebrant_  
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
_People_  
His mercy endures for ever.

**Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

_The congregation kneels, and a period of silence is kept._

_Celebrant and People_  
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.

**Absolution**

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 congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

**Hymn 150—Stanzas 1–3**  
Forty Days and Forty Nights  
_Aus der Tiefe rufe ich_

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Collect For Welcome**  
(in unison)  
Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

**Lesson**  
_genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7_  
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of
its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.  
People  Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 150—Stanzas 4–5

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

Gospel  Matthew 4:1-11

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,” and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily  The Rector

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is — seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Prayers of the People
With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.
Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life.
Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division.
Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name’s sake, and deliver them from evil.
Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.
Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.
Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.
Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God.
*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People** And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory
*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. See page 15 for more information about ways to contribute to Bethesda.*

Organ Voluntary

At the Presentation

**Celebrant** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;
**People** Because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I from *Enriching Our Worship*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.
**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.
**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

*The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.*

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body
in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People (Second translation of the Lord’s Prayer, from The Book of Common Prayer)
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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei Franz Schubert

Communion
In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord’s table. It is the Lord’s wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers to the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please signal the clergy circulating to request that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
Prayer over the People

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

The congregation bows.

Celebrant Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 142—Stanzas 1–3 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Procession

Music at Bethesda

Today | 3:30 p.m. | Church

Christopher Harrell, organist, Associate of Music and Liturgy, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Coral Gables, will play a recital at 3:30 p.m., and Evensong with the Bethesda Choir follows at 4:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be received, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Alice, Amelia, Amy, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Ann, Anne, Anthony, Arlo, Arthur, Austin, Barakett family, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Brightman, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Cheryl, Chip, Chris, Christine, Claude, Dalia, David, Dawn, Dean, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Elinor, Elizabeth, Emmy, Eva, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Gerry, Gloria, Gonzalez family, Hannah, Hartman Family, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jane, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jesse, Joan, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Knight family, Larry, Libby family, Louis, Louise, Lucy, Lydia, Lynn, Mac, Magdalena, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Marguerite, Maria Elena, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nat, Nathan, Nealy, Nolan family, Olga, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Raymond, Regine, Renee, Reysean, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rosa, Russell, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Sharon, Shaune, Shawn, Spencer, Stellway family, Stephen, Stewart, Sue, Susan, Suzy, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Terry family, Thomas, Tom, Vincent, Viola, Ward and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.
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