



Liturgy Insert for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rite II – 9:00 am

March 30, 2025

**This insert changes weekly. It is used with the Sunday Liturgy which is reused through the end of Lent.*

Prelude –

Opening Hymn

Great Litany -Insert

Offertory Hymn

Blue Hymnal 487

Communion Hymn-

Blue Hymnal 693

Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal 657

Postlude

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Presider: 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 Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

We will chant the psalm together.

- 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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader: A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the
Corinthians.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal 143 vs 1 & 5

**The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.**

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Shawn Dickerson

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✝ Healing Prayers in the Chapel Sunday

Mother Laura will offer healing prayers and anointing with oil in the chapel during today's worship service. If you would like to participate, come to the chapel after you have received communion. You may kneel at the prayer desk or stand and share your prayer request. We are excited to add this to our liturgy.

✝ Sunday Worship Time

Some people have commented on the **Sunday service time** this past month. A simple ballot will be given to folks as they enter for worship the next few Sunday mornings and collected during the offertory. Something to consider: is the current time excluding anyone from attending? The ballots will be counted then reported at the next Vestry meeting for a decision.

Sample ballot:

The Vestry would like your input. Ideally, Sunday morning worship would be at

*(please circle **one**): 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am*

What else is important for Vestry to know:



✝ St. Paul's Events

- + **Forum** – meets Sundays 20 minutes after end of worship
- + **Lenten Study & Soup Supper** – Wednesdays at 4 pm

+ **Easter Flowers & Music**

Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex and in the hallway if you would like to contribute to the Easter music and flower fund.

+ **Easter Brunch Following Easter Worship**

All are welcome and a food contribution is not required, however, if you have a special Easter dish you would like to share please contact Susan Mansfield or Dorrie McGregor.

Sunday Ministry Schedule

Anne, Dee, & Rita will rotate as greeters.

Day	Ushers	A/V	Acolyte	LEM	2nd Rd	Prayers
3/30	Marty/Jean	John	Donald/John	Linda	Diane	Litany
4/6	Marty/Paul	Ted	Charlotte/Grady	John	Jackie	Diane
4/13	Jean/Dan	Paul	Gary	Ted	Dan	Sally
4/20	Kathy/John	Paul	Donald/John	Marsha	Dorrie	Michelle
4/27	Jean/Dan	John	Charlotte/Grady	Linda	Marty	Chuck