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HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

**Church of the Nativity *in***  
**THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS**  
*of the Episcopal Church*

# WELCOME

**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**BUILDING CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS. OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT.**

TUESDAY

7:00 pm "Tiny Desk Concerts" live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study—"Walking with Luke" - Live on Zoom  
Contact Rachel Manley

12:00 pm Noonday Service, live on Facebook

SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship Service live on Facebook

11:00 am Coffee Hour on Zoom

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**John 2:13-22**

**Psalm 19**

## Welcome and Parish Life Announcements

### Entering God's Presence

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### PENITENTIAL ORDER

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed is His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

#### THE DECALOGUE

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Celebrant: God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

**Celebrant: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.**

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt do no murder.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt not steal.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Thou shalt not covet.

**People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### CONFESSION

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant: 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.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.

*(Please be seated)*

### A reading from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Response**

**Psalm 22:22-30 (let us read in unison)**

- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**
- 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**
- 24 For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him.**
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord!  
May your hearts live forever!**
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.**
- 28 For kingship belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.**
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**
- 30 Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

### **The Epistle**

**Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against

hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark

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

### **Mark 8:31-38**

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### **Sermon**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Responding to God's Word**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **The 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.

### The Prayers of the People

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(Please kneel as you are able)

- Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of Others and to your honor and glory.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
- Silence
- Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- Silence

### The Peace

(Please stand)

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

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Prayer "B"

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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 him thanks and praise.**  
 The prayer continues...

Celebrant: 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:  
**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)  
 The prayer continues...

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**All: We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
**All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayer concludes....

### The Breaking of the Bread

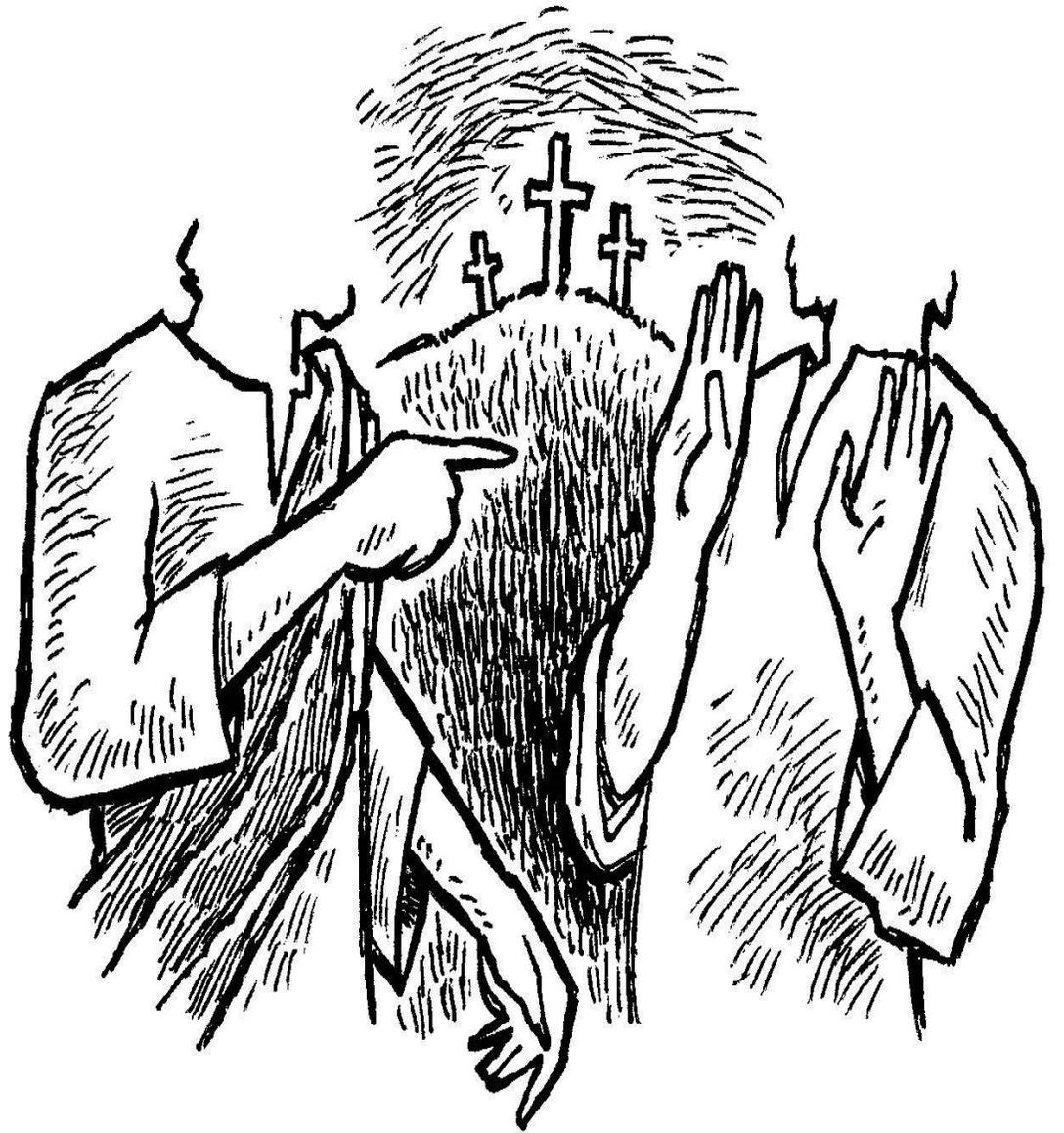
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us;  
**People: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Blessing

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People: Ordinary People empowered to live Extraordinary Lives! Thanks be to God!**







# PARISH PRAYERS

Week of March 1, 2021

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, its members and mission:

The Diocese of Armidale – The Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Revd Michael Curry Presiding Bishop of TEC

Our Bishop, The Rt. Revd. Douglas Fisher

St. Philip's, Easthampton

Reconciliation House, Inc., Webster

Education for Ministry

Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers, Inc.

Episcopal News Service

For the mission of the Church

Peter Vanacore serving with the Christian Association of Youth Mentoring

FOR THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, its members and its mission:

For the Rev. Chad McCabe, Karen and Ethan

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD: Our nation, and all in authority.

Justice in our nation for people of all races and nations, particularly in all our cities.

For those serving in our armed forces: The Rev. Chad McCabe, Dan Blair

(Jackie's Son), Eric Catalanotti, (Bruce and Kathy Reilly's nephew), Tanner Audia

(Brad & Phyllis Nutting's nephew), and Zach Loverin (Cindy Loverin's grandson),

Matt Heseck (Deb Heseck's son).

For those on the frontlines of the fight against the Covid 19.

Comfort for all those who are quarantined, alone and lonely, and for all those suffering from depression. For all special needs children who are having a hard time right now. For those who are struggling to make ends meet and those who are trying to keep their businesses alive. For God to bring a sense of calm and peace to those people who are afraid, angry, and demanding their local officials to open businesses prematurely.

For someone to find a cure for this virus.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in any need or trouble:

Bob Solomita, Jackie Blair's son, who is struggling with Covid-19

Harriett Severance: Healing

Marilyn Perry; Healing

Deb Dwinell: Healing from cancer.

Jackie Blair: Healing

Madaliso Labaj: Healing

For the continued health of Nancy Karsberg's 97-year-old father Richard, as well as the other residents and staff in assisted living

For safety, health, and strength for Karen Zacher's family, including Cheyenne, Loreal, her grandsons, and her niece Mandy Johnson, who is a doctor at UMASS Medical Center

For those who do not know Christ's love

Peace for those who die alone and for their families left behind

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIVITY FAMILY: Sara and Aislyn Gustafson, Paula Hanson, Jeannie Hebert, Deb and Rick Hebert, Nancy Karsberg.

FOR THOSE WITH BIRTHDAYS: Mark Clausen (3/6)

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nativity Church.