



## Diocesan Convention Eucharist | Friday in the First Week of Lent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II | February 26, 2021 | 6:00pm

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### The Liturgy of the Word

Prayer Book

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#### *Prelude*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

**People Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

#### *Collect of the Day*

Lord Christ, our eternal Redeemer, grant us such fellowship in your sufferings, that, filled with your Holy Spirit, we may subdue the flesh to the spirit, and the spirit to you, and at the last attain to the glory of your resurrection; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Old Testament, Ezekiel 18:21–28**

If the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 130**    *(Please read in unison.)*

**Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.**

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

**With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**Celebrant**    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:20–26

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

Jesus said, "I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord    **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Sermon*    The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby

*The Nicene Creed*    *(Please read in unison.)*

**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, Form IV and reading of the Diocesan Necrology, p. 388*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy                      **People: hear our prayer.**

Celebrant     Let us now confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Confession, p. 360     (Please read in unison.)*

**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.**

**The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says**  
**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.**

*Absolution, p. 360*

Celebrant 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.**

*Sharing the Peace of the Lord, p. 360*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Offertory Sentence*

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**Holy Communion**

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*The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A, p. 361*

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Proper Preface.*

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:

*Sanctus, p. 362 (Please read in unison.)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*The Lord's Prayer, p. 364 (Please read in unison.)*

**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.**

*Agnus Dei*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People: have mercy on us.**

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Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People: grant us peace.**

*Communion*

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Post Communion Prayer, p. 366 (Please read in unison.)*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,**

to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant     The Solemn Prayer

*The Dismissal*, p. 366

*Postlude*

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## *2021 Diocesan Necrology*

### **St. Barnabas, Lafayette**

John Mrak

Robin Small-McCarthy

### **St. Michael and All Angels, Lake Charles**

Jimmie Moriarty

Chuck Lemoine

Thomas Sanders

Shirley Smith

Margaret Romero

Sally Hudson

Paul Hannen

Brent Lumpkin

### **St. John's, Minden**

The Rev. Sally Fox

### **Trinity, Natchitoches**

Ann Emmons

Johnnie Emmons

Peggy Fisher

Christine Hennigan

William (Bill) Puls

### **St. Michael's, Pineville**

Deacon Belle Rollins

### **Holy Cross, Shreveport**

Reece Middleton