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ANGELICAN CHURCH



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GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

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▲ OPENING SONG – *Come Light Out Hearts*

▲ = please stand
as you are able.

▼ = please be
seated

For You, O Lord our souls in stillness wait.

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Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You

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Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You

O Lord of life, our only hope: Your radiance shines on all who look

To You in the dark, Emmanuel come, come light our hearts

For You, O Lord our souls in stillness wait.

For You, O Lord our souls in stillness wait

Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You

Oh Joy above, all other loves: In You we find, more than enough

We come as we are, O heal and restore, come light our hearts

THE GREAT LITANY

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, **have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, **have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, **have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation, **good Lord, deliver us.**

LENT
Just as the
Christmas cycle
begins with a
season of
preparation
(Advent), so the
Easter cycle begins
with a season of
preparation: Lent.
Ash Wednesday is
the first day of this
season.

Traditionally, this is
a season of self-
denial and self-
examination.

During Lent, the
people of Christ's
church often have
a heightened
practice of the
following:

* Prayer

* Fasting

* Confession

* Almsgiving

The color of the
Lenten season is
purple, the color of
penitence.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, **good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, **good Lord, deliver us.**

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory, **good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, **good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

WHY "LENT"?

The name of this season makes more sense with the Greek or Latin term for it, which basically means "40," or "the 40 days."

The name "Lent" has little to do with the 40 day season; it comes from an Old English / Germanic word that means "lengthening," and generally refers to the fact that the days are getting longer this time of year.

Ok, but isn't it more than 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter?

Yes! It's actually 40 days from today until Easter if you DON'T count Sundays. **Which we don't.**

Sundays are always feast days. Each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, and a foretaste of the eternal feast that will happen when Christ returns.

THE GREAT LITANY

This is a long and solemn prayer of repentance and confession. It is typically said on the first Sunday of Advent, and the first Sunday of Lent, as well as in times of great communal sadness, anxiety, or tragedy. We come together, we get on our knees, we repent and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.

The Great Litany is also appropriate for "any days of fasting or thanksgiving, and occasions of solemn and comprehensive entreaty"
- BCP 2019

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and keep all your people, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servants Joe Biden our president, Ralph Northam our governor, and Andrea Oakes our mayor, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen the bonds of those in holy matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth; **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To have mercy upon all people, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom, **we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us. **Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy upon us.**

The word Gospel comes from the Greek word *euangelion*, which literally means "good news." It was a term used for messages from the king about the birth of a new heir, or a victory in battle.

THE "BRIGHT SADNESS" Orthodox priest Alexander Schmemmann refers to Lent as "A Bright Sadness."

It is a time of self-sacrifice and penitence that can paradoxically make our relationship with God deeper, make the world around us seem sweeter, and make our relationships with one another stronger.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **grant us your peace.**

O Christ, hear us. **O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – The First Sunday of Lent

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

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.

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith, that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

▼ THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-12

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies boast over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

The whole Bible tells one big story and points to one person, Jesus Christ. The pattern in the Anglican Church to read large portions of scripture aloud every week.

PSALMS
Psalms have been read, chanted, and sung since before the Israelites went into exile in 600 BC. Jesus himself would have sung or recited these same psalms during worship.

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 9:14-10:12

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**

(after the Gospel is read)

The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

SERMON

Fr. Jay Traylor

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

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We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous theological debate, crafted at the city of Nicaea in 325, and refined at Constantinople in 381.

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE OFFERTORY

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

SONG *Trisagion**Ancient hymn text / Fernando Ortega // CLI #11069486*

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

And of your own we have given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Is the Father with us? **He is.**

Is Christ among us? **He is.**

Is the Spirit here? **He is.**

This is our God. **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are his people. **We are redeemed.**

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

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

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in

SANCTUS

The Sanctus is the song that the seraphim sing forever in God's heavenly throne room (Isaiah 6, Revelation 4), eternally praising the perfection and "otherness" of God.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem.

We receive his poured-out life, and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others.

– Elizabeth Elliot

THE LORD'S SUPPER

By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch and listen like it's a show, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

him, and he in us. Amen.

Christ is alive forever! **We are because he is.**

We are one body. **We share one bread.**

Draw near with faith. **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

SONG *I Lift My Eyes Up*

Brian Doerksen // CLI #11069486

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains.

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth

Oh, how I need You Lord. You are my only hope.

You are my only prayer

So I will wait for you to come and rescue me

Come and give me life

SONG *Before the Throne of God Above*

Charitie Lees Bancroft // CLI #11069486

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.

I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,

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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with himself, I cannot die! My soul is purchased by his blood!

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The real question of the Lenten season is how will I clear out the junk and garbage in my life so that I can be restored to God in some fresh way?"

What are the disciplines that will open up space for God to create a clean heart and new spirit in me?"

- Ruth Haley Barton

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, 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.

SONG – *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

Fanny Crosby // CLI #11069486

Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Chorus

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

Chorus

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

Chorus

THE BENEDICTION

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

(we "hide the Alleluias" during Lent)

BENEDICTION
We have been blessed by being together. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ.

The corporate life of God's people is a rhythm of gathering and sending. We are gathered into God's presence, we are fed by his Word and his Table, and then we sent out into the world to be witnesses to, and instruments of, God's mission in his creation.

JOIN US

If you are interested in hearing more about our church, please get in touch with us. If you're not already on our mailing list, let us know. Open the camera app on your phone and point it at this code to be taken to our website. If you scroll down on our front page, you'll find a contact form.



WHO WE ARE

We are a missional, communal, sacramental church, for the glory of God and the good of our city.

We are an Anglican church, a member of the Anglican Church in North America, a part of the largest Protestant denomination in the world. This means we have a flexible yet stable structure with transparent accountability and true partnership. It also means that we hold to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian). We affirm the 39 Articles of Religion of the Anglican Church, as well as the Jerusalem Statement of the Global Anglican Futures Conference.

We are part of the Diocese of Christ Our Hope, which was born out of the Rwandan Anglican Church. We have a gospel focus, a missional posture, a church planting mandate, and a heart for the cities and towns where God has planted us.

