



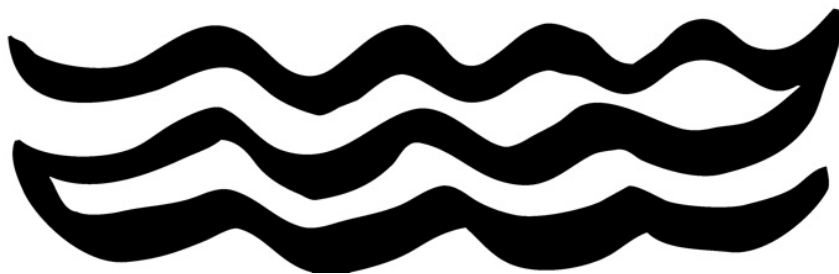
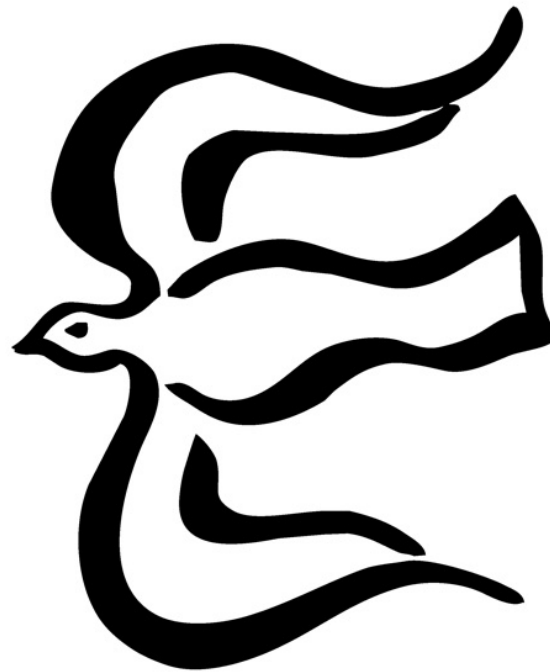
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A PENITENTIAL ORDER OF HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT + MARCH 8, 2020, 10 AM



*To allow individuals to prepare their hearts and minds for worship, we kindly ask that the sanctuary be a place of quiet prayer and reflection before the service begins.
Please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Thank you!*

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The season of Lent—from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days—spans 40 days: from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding Sundays.

Traditionally, this time of year has been a period of solemn preparation, self-examination, and repentance. Remembering the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry, some Christians adopt Lenten disciplines: giving up an item of food, taking on a prayer or devotional practice, taking a technology fast, or simply setting aside time each day to be present with God and those they love.

Lenten liturgy is characterized by solemnity and simplicity. The Gloria and the word Alleluia are omitted and will not return until the Great Vigil of Easter. Violet is the color used for vestments during this season.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

PHILIP RANDOLPH, MUSICIAN

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

Red and Blue Hymnal #9

OPENING ACCLAMATION

(EOW#1 p.50)

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY

(BCP p. 350)

If able, the congregation is invited to kneel.

Please remain kneeling until the conclusion of the Collect for the Day.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

MARK 12:29-31

(BCP p. 351)

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”



CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

(BCP p. 352)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silent confession will be observed. Followed by the congregation saying together:
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 Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE

LORD HAVE MERCY

Blue Hymnal #S96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4A

RICHARD HENDRICKS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS:

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE RESPONSE

PSALM 121

ALANA SPURLING

Remaining seated, the Leader and the People say the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

DAVE WALLER

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CHURCH IN ROME:

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

GRADUAL HYMN

WE WALK BY FAITH

Blue Hymnal #209



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

Gospeller
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

THE REV. PAUL CLARK

A period of silence and personal reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able

(BCP pp. 358-359)

**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

ALANA SPURLING

Dear Heavenly Father; Creator of heaven and earth, we praise you for your loving kindness in all you have created and all you have granted for us.

We praise you, Lord

For the gift of Jesus, and his gift of salvation through his sacrifice on the cross.

We thank you, Lord

For our Baptism by your Holy Spirit who frees us and guides us according to your will, baptizing us through the church to be your people.

We thank you, Lord

Empower us Lord, to show your love to others even as we pray.

We pray to you, Lord

For your church in this place and all over the world.

We pray to you, Lord

For our Bishops and for all clergy and leaders of our church communities that they may be faithful ministers of your will.

We pray to you, Lord

For St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Modesto;

We pray to you, Lord

For the world you so love that we may be ever so mindful of your creation.

We pray to you, Lord

For the leaders of this nation and for all those in authority that they may show equal justice and serve with love for all your people.

We pray to you, Lord

For the needs of this community and its people that we may provide for their needs and come to their aide.

We pray to you, Lord

For those in need of special care, those who are sick, without jobs, despair, depression, that we may hear their call and respond to their needs.

We pray to you, Lord

For those who have passed on to your everlasting kingdom and for the families who are mourning their loss.

We pray to you, Lord



Lord, as we walk with you on your journey to Jerusalem let us be mindful of others who face hate and danger every day; Let us pray for those fleeing their homelands and those who face hatred in any parts of the world.

We pray to you, Lord

For all you have provided and all the blessings of our lives.

We thank you, Lord

For the special prayers of your people that they may offer:

(The People may add their prayers and thanksgivings)

We pray to you, **and we thank you, Lord**

Priest: God eternal, keep us in communion with your saints of all time, that we may worthily serve you as people of your everlasting covenant until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven, for to you, through Jesus Christ your Son and the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise and honor. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR DISCERNMENT

*(adapted from Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim
by Edward Hays)*

Let us pray.

Awaken me as you breathe upon a winter-wrapped earth, gently calling to life the season of Spring, oh God. Awaken in these fortified days of Lenten prayer and disciple my youthful dream of holiness. Show me how to take the daily things of life and, by submerging them in the sacred, to infuse them with a great love for you, one another, and our creation. Guide me in my discernment to be an animator/advocate in my community to perform simple acts of love, prayer and real works of renewal of your good creation. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Please do not greet one other with hugging or shaking hands.
Please be seated afterwards.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on N. and N., as they celebrate the covenant they have made with each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY INVITATION EPHESIANS 5:2 *(BCP p. 376)*
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand as able for the Offertory Hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD *Red and Black Hymnal #115*

DOXOLOGY *Blue Hymnal #380 Verse 3*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C *(BCP p. 369 adapted)*

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Blue Hymnal #S130*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, 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.



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and the Virgin Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(BCP p. 364)

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

CELEBRANT:	The Rev. Paul Clark
EUCARISTIC MINISTER:	Alana Spurling
ALTAR GUILD:	Renée Westa-Lusk
1ST READING:	Richard Hendricks
2ND READING:	Dave Waller
USHER:	Richard Hendricks
COUNTERS:	Dave Waller Richard Hendricks

NEWS

Please be in prayer and discernment for the following volunteer positions:
Care of Creation Animator/Advocate
Coffee Hour Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Mon., Mar. 9	Kern County Senior Box Day <i>St Michael's Parish Hall, must be 60 years old or over, bring picture ID</i>	Noon-1 PM
Sun., Mar. 15	Sunday Morning Service Monthly Bishop's Committee Meeting <i>Parish Hall Library</i>	10:00 AM ~11:30 AM
Tue., Mar. 17	Food Pantry Open <i>St Michael's Parish Hall</i>	9-11 AM
Sun., Mar. 22	Holy Eucharist <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	10:00 AM
Sun., Mar. 29	Sunday Morning Prayer Service Alms Sunday <i>Loose cash offerings are designated for the Parish Discretionary Fund.</i>	10:00 AM
Fri., Apr. 3	The Service of the Way of the Cross	12 Noon
Sun., Apr. 5	Palm Sunday Service <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	10:00 AM
Tue., Apr. 7	Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin Chrism Mass <i>at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, Fresno</i>	10:00 AM
Thu., Apr. 9	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 PM
Fri., Apr. 10	Good Friday Service <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	6:00 PM
Sat., Apr. 11	The Great Vigil of Easter <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	7:30 PM
Sun., Apr. 12	Easter Day Service <i>The Rev. Paul Clark Presiding</i>	10:00 AM

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OUR MISSION

The people of St. Michael's welcome all those who seek a deeper understanding of God's love for ALL His children. Our congregation is "intentionally inclusive," welcoming all persons without regard to age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical or developmental disability.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10 AM
Girl Scouts: Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Senior Box Day, Second Monday of the Month, 12 Noon
Food Pantry Open, Third Tuesday of the Month, 9-11 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon	9-11 AM	10 AM – Noon

LONG TERM SUPPLY PRIEST

The Rev. Paul Clark

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Sr. Warden: Richard Hendricks

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Philip Randolph, Clerk	Cathy Kline	David Waller, Jr. Warden
David Segovia	Cassidi Reese	Sandy Davis
Treasurer: Lisa Kidder		

2020 DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES

Philip Randolph and Cassidi Reese

1st Alternate: Richard Hendricks 2nd Alternate: Alana Spurling



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THE RT. REV'D DAVID C. RICE, EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF SAN JOAQUIN

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