

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

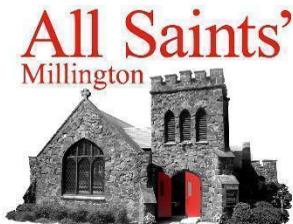
Holy Eucharist II

March 27, 2022, 10:00 am

Welcome! We are glad that you are here to worship with us today.
Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation.
Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door.
You are invited to be part of our faith community.

***Masks are recommended while you are indoors in the Church,
especially when you sing, but they are not required.***

*Please respect each person's decision about
their own health and safety and those of their families.*



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Altar Guild: Suzanne Kosempel, Betty Mather

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

A Lenten Meditation

Robert J. Powell

Processional Hymn 693, *Just as I am, without one plea*

WOODWORTH

The Penitential Order

BCP, p. 351

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, p. 352

The Kyrie S-86

David Hurd

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The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 219

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church of Corinth.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

read antiphonally by whole verse

- 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.

Sequence Hymn 301, *Bread of the world, in mercy broken*

RENDEZ À DIEU

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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Form II

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The response after each petition is:

Holy God, hear our prayer.

The Peace

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion. Communion will be distributed as bread only; all the spiritual benefits of the Sacrament are fully conveyed.

- ❖ Come forward at the invitation of the ushers.
- ❖ The Host will be placed in your hand. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest.
- ❖ If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.
- ❖ If you need communion brought to you, please tell the usher.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Solemn Prayer Over the People

Recessional Hymn 470, *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

BEECHER

The Dismissal

Postlude

A Quiet Blessing

Vivian Vevenger



Thank you for worshipping with us today. If our service has ministered to you, please consider making a donation to All Saints'. You can use our offering plate or scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone to use online giving. Your donations fund our ministries and mission.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, 3/27 - Narnia Book Club, 4pm on Zoom

Monday & Thursday - Parish Office open, 10am-5:30pm

Monday, 3/28 - Food Pantry Meeting, 7pm on Zoom

Wednesday, 3/30 - Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom

Thursdays 3/31- Office Angels, 11am on Zoom

Thursday, 3/31 - Bell Choir, 5:30pm in the Choir Room

Thursday, 3/31 - Adult Choir, 7:30pm in the Church (and Zoom)

Saturday, 4/2 - 12 Baskets Food Pantry, 10am-Noon in the Parish Hall

Daily - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live

Parish Announcements

Palm Sunday, April 10, will be celebrated with our traditional service of Palm Procession and Passion reading. At the 10 am service, our bagpiper friend Bill McEvoy will be back to lead our outdoor procession. Please make plans to join us.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm

Holy Eucharist & Stripping of Altar; Prayer Vigil.

Good Friday, April 15, 7:30 pm - Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Eve, April 16, 7:30 pm - Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, April 17, 8 am & 10 am - Festive Holy Eucharist

Easter reception & Easter Egg on the Church lawn after the later service.

For Families on Easter Day there is an outdoor option. This can be combined with attending an indoor service, or instead of it:

- ***Easter Story-Walk***: pictures and text of the Easter story for children posted on lawn signs around the outside of the Church. Follow the story from place to place, like a story scavenger hunt or a Children's Stations of the Resurrection. That will go up on Holy Saturday and remain up for all of Easter Week.
- ***Outdoor Reception*** on the Church Lawn after the 10 am Easter Day worship.
- ***Easter Egg Hunt*** during the reception on the front and side lawns of the Church. Bring a basket or a bag to collect eggs in.

Families can come for the reception and egg hunt, even if they don't feel comfortable coming into the service. And they can do the story-walk before or after the reception...or any time that week.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch, 8:30 pm – 12 midnight (30-minute shifts). Come and keep watch with Christ in our indoor Garden of Gethsemane, set up in front of the baptismal window. This is a time for personal prayer and contemplation. At midnight we will pray the brief form of Good Friday Morning Prayer and receive Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. Sign-up for a prayer shift on the sheet in the Narthex. We'd like to have all the time slots covered.

Easter Reception – please bring a simple treat to share after the 10 am service on Easter morning; it can be sweet or savory. It will be a joy to continue our Easter celebration this way. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to tell us what you will bring.

Fundraising

Rummage Sale is still a long way off, but we have passed the mid-year point and are now moving closer to it! In the meantime, if you have plastic zippered pouches that sheets and comforters come in, we can use them for Rummage! They are great for sorting sets of things. They can be left at the Parish Office or given to Kimberly Celeste.

Outreach

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry serves the Long Hill/Watchung Hills school district.

Open on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10am to noon in the Parish Hall. We are currently serving about 50 people in the community - children and adults – as well as Veterans at Valley Brook. Our next open pantry day is April 2.

If you have fresh produce to donate, pantry staff can receive them at the Parish House at 9:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays.

If you have non-perishables, drop them off anytime to the barrels at the side entrance of the Church, BUT please do not bring them during distribution time on Saturday.

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry is a combined ministry of Meyersville Presbyterian Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling, and All Saints' Church.

Assistance for Ukrainian Refugees - There is great need for financial support for humanitarian assistance. Both of these agencies have a full four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with ACT Alliance and Anglican partners in Europe to provide aid.

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>

Doctors Without Borders is also working to provide medical care and supplies at Ukrainian border crossings and within the country.

<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

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