



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

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The Lesson: Joshua (5:9–12)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 195

Commentary:

When Israel passed through the Red Sea and out of Egypt, the charge that originated with the Egyptians was that God had led the Israelites out of Egypt only to destroy them in the wilderness. Now that God had brought His people into the land He had promised them, the disgrace of that charge was rolled away. Israel celebrated Passover, the commemoration of God's redemption of His people from Egyptian slavery, in the Promised Land. For the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they were able to use grain from the land to make bread. God provided for His people by supplying manna in the wilderness and now produce from their own land. Circumstances change, but God is steadfast and faithful to His promises and His people.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke (15:1–3, 11b–32)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 954

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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

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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 be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard; Preacher: The Reverend Kitty Davis

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder and Pat Kidder Crittenden.

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