



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

March 27, 2022
8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Worship Service
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“A Celtic Set for Lent”

by Thomas Keesecker

Opening Hymn

“O bless the Lord, my soul!”

Hymn #411

1. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.
3. He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.
4. He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.
5. He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.
6. Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 350

(Kneel in body or spirit)

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 352

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.

Kyrie (sung)

Enriching Our Music I

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from the Book Joshua (5:9-12)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 624

Beati quorum

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

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."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Sequence Hymn

Hymn #142, vs. 1

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.**

Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke (15:1-3, 11b-32)
People **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.'"

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

Sequence Hymn Hymn #142, vs. 5
**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!**

Sermon The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation "10,000 Reasons"

The Nicene Creed The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

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

God of relentless love: We come before you as your beloved. Guide us into the depth of your love for all of creation and the world. May we show the love we have received to those who do not know you yet.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

God of relentless hope: We come before you as a people who hope when the world says all is lost. We pray for the healing, health, and hope for those we love especially; Laura, Ken, Ite, Sasha, Amanda, Tammy, Kate, Beau, Mari, Mason, Ray, Eyda, Marilyn and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Dan, Wolfgang, Bonnie, Charolette, Emily, Bob, Roger, Kelsey & Richard, Claudia, Cheryl, James, Carol, Ji-bril, John, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Kitty, Leona, Miles, Venessa, Austen, Nicole, Jared, Millie, & Kathy, Katherine & Cameron.

If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service, please email Rev. Angela at angela@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

God of relentless grace: We come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of your grace when we do not deserve it. We ask that you continue to be gentle with us, to strengthen us, to show us the way forward.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

God of relentless forgiveness: We come before you as a people forgiven and renewed. We give thanks for your mercy when we doubt you and ourselves. Let your light shine through us, living without fear of the unknown ahead of us, and may we strive to walk beside you all our days.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

God of relentless peace: Give us the peace only the great comforter can give. We pray especially for those we see no longer. Give peace to the departed, rest to the mourning, and strengthen those who walk beside them. We especially pray for Alley Timmons, niece of Chris and Ama Couch. May we remember their light, love, and joy.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

When evil is revealed in the form assaults, violence, and hatred, may we remember that Your power and might is greater than all else. Protect the innocent, those who have no power, and be near to those who weep. Comfort the fearful and the grieving. Wrap your gentle arms around them and hold them close. We pray for all soldiers who are put in harm's way either by choice or the choices of others, especially John, Logan, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, Rick, Ben, and Carson. May we remember that we are children, parents, friends, or neighbors, and above all else, made in Your image.

God of all,

Draw near to us.

We remember in our prayers and give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Cassandra G., Chad M., Charlene B., Carolyn C., Emily M., John C., Ashton L., Jayden L., Time N., Molly S., Ann T., Mary Ellen F., Aliza A., Greg C., Claire K., and those with anniversaries: Greg & Marcy Cappel and Jeff & Justine Smullen.

Celebrant God of relentless love, hope, grace, forgiveness and peace, draw near to us this Lenten season. Remind us you are present from the cradle, in the chaos, and through the end. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)

Announcements

Digital Offering



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Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.
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Offertory Instrumental

Doxology

Hymn #381, vs. 4

**God the Father, Light-Creator, to thee laud and honor be;
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer, glory, glory be to thee;
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 372

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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.**

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Michael and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Agnus Dei (sung)

Enriching Our Music I

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Celebrant

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

Communion Hymns:

“Jesus, remember me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

“Still, still with thee”

Voices Found #30

1. Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
when the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,
dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.
2. Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows,
the solemn hush of nature newly born;
alone with thee in breathless adoration,
in the calm dew and freshness of the morn.
3. When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,
its closing eye looks up to thee in prayer;
sweet the repose beneath thy wings over shading,
but sweeter still to wake and find thee there.
4. So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
when the soul waketh, and life's shadows flee;
O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
shall rise the glorious thought, I am with thee.

“Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun”

Hymn #141

1. Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun,
which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more.
2. Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more.
3. I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.
And having done that, thou hast done,
I fear no more.

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling”

LEVAS II #101

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

*Come home,
Ye who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing for you and for me;
Shadows are gathering, death beds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Refrain

4. Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“We’re Marching to Zion”

by Anna Laura Page

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