

The Fourth Sunday in Lent- Penitential Order

St. Paul's Episcopal Church The Dalles, Oregon

Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer

The Opening Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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."

Mark 12:29-31

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.*

The Kyrie Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

Please be seated.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm*Psalm 32*

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- 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.

The Second Reading

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Deacon

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

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, for St. Patrick's Enterprise, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Dalles, for every city and community and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Alice Rohrbacher, LeeAnn Olheiser, John Hilderbrand, Donna Langer, Ross Hucke, and all members of this parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Being Blessings and Celebrations of Life~
Thank offerings this quarter will be used for energy assistance through the Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

The Holy Communion *Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Offertory

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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 and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.**

Give us this today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: 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.

All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymns

Come now, O prince of Peace

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Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now, O God of love, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
Come, Hope of Unity, make us one body, come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

*Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: O-so-so, Geonyong Lee
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Taste and See

LEVAS 154

Refrain: Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise His name.

I called the Lord and He answered me; from all my troubles He set me free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that God is good; in Him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

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Deacon and Children- [Dismissal]

People **Thanks be to God.**

Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Steven Schafroth; Acolyte: Anna Miller;

Worship Leader: Diane Walworth; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lector: Diane Adams;

Altar Guild: Kaethe Worcester, Joanne Manciu; Altar Bread: Jan Swartz;

Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth, Diane Adams; Coffee Hosts: Cove Benefit; Greeter: Barbara Williams

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family: Joan, Fr. Noe Bernier and the people of Haiti, Mark Nelson, Skip Fisher, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Lida Beasley, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
	Quilters	7:00 pm CR
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek
Wednesday	Master Gardeners	8:00 am – 4:30 pm TH
	AA Meeting	7:00 pm TH
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon
	Soup & Lenten Book Study	6:00 pm TH
Saturday	Spring cleanup day with lunch!	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
	AA Meeting Pot Luck	6:00 – 9:00pm TH

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;

Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BENEFIT FOR ASCENSION SCHOOL, COVE: *Irish Stew Luncheon, TODAY following the 10am service.*
Menu: Stew, Irish soda bread, green jello salad, dessert, and punch, with suggested donation of \$10.00.
Please come and support Ascension School as well as enjoy the delicious stew provided by Kim McCullough and faithful crew!

NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 20—SPRING CLEANUP DAY! We will be working from 9 am until 2 pm, with lunch provided at noon. Bring your tools, rakes, pruners, brooms, shovels, blowers, window washing supplies, and dusting equipment. We also need pickups to haul trash away. Tasks to be accomplished: Prune brush from shrubs and juniper along sidewalks, haul off juniper trash, clean playground area of trash and weeds, dust and clean common room and library, wash windows inside and outside, clean and organize storage room, clean janitor rooms both up and downstairs, clean stairwell.

We have a special reason to be spruced up this year—the Bishop's official visit is March 28.

AS PART OF ST. PAUL'S HAITI PROJECT to support Fr. Noe and improve educational opportunities in Cap Haitien we are collecting tools. All kinds of tools are needed for general repair and for the vocational school where students use tools to learn trades that will support them. Screwdrivers, wrenches, socket sets, saws, drills, hammers, automotive tools. The tools can be new or used, but used tools need to be in good condition. Clean out your garage or basement—get rid of your extra tools—or go on a shopping trip to the local hardware store. Donations will be collected in large boxes or a bin in the church narthex.

RAGDOLLS TO LOVE: If you would like to help make ragdolls to send to children in Haiti, please help yourself to the materials (patterns, fabric, etc.) on the table in the narthex. During Easter season, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

BOOK STUDY & SOUP DINNERS FOR LENT: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*- adult or youth version; and *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, both by Greg Mortensen. Read either book, or just come to read the excerpt and join the discussion about how God works and how do we faithfully respond to do the work God has given us to do. Meet at 6:00 for soup and bread, and the book talk at 6:30 pm. Please come any or all nights!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY St. Paul's is the sponsor for the home being built for Janeal Booren, so we are looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to work half-day shifts, 3 days per week for up to nine months. Please consider if you can volunteer for at least some of that time. Habitat also needs one person to coordinate these volunteers and to keep track of their time. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way. Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

THANKS to Kim McCullough and all who helped to put on the luncheon for Ascension School, Cove!

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