

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018 ✠ 8 AM

Welcome to this service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The people stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The people kneel.

THE LITANY OF PENITENCE

See insert.

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

TRISAGION

The Trisagion is said three times.

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

❧ The Word of God ❧

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.

All **Amen.**

The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.

THE READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

The Lector and Congregation read the psalm responsively by half verse.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Wendell, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); for this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

The people may add their own petitions.

let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **To thee O Lord, our God.**

We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,

People **O God, our times are in thy hand:**

**Look with favor, we pray,
on thy servants as they begin another year.
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen their trust in thy goodness
all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

❧ The Holy Communion ❧

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People **Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world:

People **Grant us thy peace.**

THE INVITATION

The people are seated.

To receive Communion, come to the Communion Station or to the Altar Rail. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest to your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,**
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.