



*A Service of Morning Prayer
The First Sunday of Lent*

February 21, 2021

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
MEDFIELD, MA

Honor thy father and thy mother.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt no steal.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.
*Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
Silence may be kept.

All: **Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
 own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
 have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.**

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**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All: 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.

The Venite

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,*
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.
In his hands are all the corners of the earth,*
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it,*
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;*
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore
him.

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: 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.

The First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Period of silence will be kept)

Canticle 4 *The Song of Zechariah*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,* for he hath visited and redeemed his people.;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us*
In the house of his servant David,

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,* which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies,* and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,* and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefathers Abraham,* that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies* might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him,* all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest,* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people* for the remission of their sins.
Through the tender mercy of our God,* whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,* and in the shadow of death,* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

The Second Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Period of silence will be kept)

The Apostles' Creed

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray

People: **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.**

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Officiant: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Officiant: O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. We especially pray for Bishop Alan, Bishop Gayle, Bishop Bud, Obi Aduba, Karen Amour, Stan Baker, Linda Carlough, James Ferguson Sr., Justin Heying, Nancy Mailing, Eva Melzar, Mary Melzar, Alex Simpson, Mary Ann Simpson, Chris Tahan, Hillary, and Christopher, for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their lives in thy fear, and to the glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name.

People: Amen.

The Office Hymn No. 798 WLP *Jesus, think on me*
Wonder Love and Praise Hymnal

The Homily

The Rev. Marc Eames

The Offertory

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory Anthem *“Prelude in B minor”* — Chopin

Doxology Hymn No. 380 v.3

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom
(in unison)

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn No. 142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

Postlude

“Air”

— Purcell

Ave Regina Coelorum



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Tabernacle Light

The tabernacle light, presence light, or sanctuary lamp, holds a candle and is attached to the wall or ceiling near the place where sacrament is reserved. Our tabernacle light was a gift to the parish by Ellen Cole in honor of her late husband David. It was memorialized in a special Eucharist in 2014.

The candle that it holds is kept continually burning anytime sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle as a sign of Christ's presence. A single candle burns all week long and is replaced every Sunday morning. It is a long tradition of the church to have such candles burn as a memorial for a loved one similar to the way that flowers are offered. We have a suggested donation of \$20 dollars.



How to signup for the Tabernacle light during virtual worship:

If you desire to dedicate the light to a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please do the following:

Email: millie@adventmedfield.org *and include the requested date and name of the person.*

You are encouraged to reserve a date(s) in 2021 as early as possible. Thank you.



Our weekly *Thursday Evening Prayer* continues on-line at 6.00pm.

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The Medfield Food Cupboard

The MFC has temporarily suspended receiving food donations delivered to the pantry due to current COVID-19 virus conditions.

We ask that our parishioners *not* bring food items in to the church until we are notified otherwise and it is safe for them to receive our donations.

- ◆ **Cash donations can be mailed directly to the MFC:**
P.O. Box 172, Medfield, MA 02052. Payable to: Medfield Food Cupboard.
- ◆ **You may also donate online at:**
www.medfieldfoodcupboard.com/financial-contribution



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