

Welcome to St. Augustine's The Episcopal Center at URI

A House of Prayer for all People in the Episcopal Tradition.



A Journey Through Lent

“Our real journey in life is interior. It is a matter of growth, deepening, and of an ever greater surrender to the creative action of love and grace in our hearts.” *Thomas Merton*

Prelude

Opening Hymn Kneels at the feet of His friends 602

Chorus

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
 silently washes their feet,
 Master who acts as a slave to them.

Chorus

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
 neighbors are black and white,
 neighbors are nearby and far away.

Chorus

3 These are the ones we should serve,
 these are the ones we should love.
 All are neighbors to us and you.

Chorus

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
 serving as though we were slaves;
 this is the way we should live with you.

Chorus

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**
Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The

Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these.”

Confession of Sin

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

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only in your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Loving God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Musical notation for the first line of the Kyrie eleison. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." are written below the treble staff.

Musical notation for the second line of the Kyrie eleison. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son." are written below the treble staff.

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affection of sinners; Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson - Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off

completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you; O God hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *in your word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With God there is plenteous redemption, *
and God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Lesson - Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Gospel - John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that

you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you

always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

After the gospel has been read:

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

Singing bowl will be struck for quiet pause

Meditation

Singing bowl will be struck for quiet pause

Lenten Prayers of the People

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud at each bidding.

For the strength of God’s loving kindness and the joy of community, we raise our voices in thanks and praise, giving thanks especially for.....For this we pray.

Grant us grace and courage to be people of action.

We pray for the Church, that it may fulfill its role as an instrument of peace and justice. We ask that you guide your people into compassion, steadfastness, and hope. We pray especially for ... and for all who witness to your presence in the world.For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to live faithfully.

We live in a world of abundance, where too many go hungry; in a world of possibilities where too many live in despair; and in a world where we often fail to challenge the violence that surrounds us. We remember especially.... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to support one another.

We pray for the afflicted and those whose burdens are heavy, especially....We pray that they may find comfort and healing... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to comfort those in need

We pray for all who have died that they may continue to rest in God's love. We pray for...and for those whose lives are taken daily in the violence of war.... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to grieve and remember.

We thank you for the beauty of creation. Give us a reverence for the Earth that we may preserve and use its resources wisely, passing them on from generation to generation..... For this we pray

Grant us grace and courage to build a more loving and sustainable world.

We also thank you, O God, for the people in our lives and we remember those with birthdays this week.... For this we pray

Grant that we may serve Christ in all people, loving one another as you love us.

(Together) Gracious and merciful God, your image within us bears witness to your abiding love. You call to us throughout history in the voices of prophets, poets and mystics. May our lives be sources of healing, hope and transformation in your cherished world. Amen

Hymn

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Collects (Vicar)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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, the power, and the glory
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Creator, We give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect

and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you and God, now and forever.

Amen (*Navajo Prayer*)

Blessing: Holy one of blessing and pardon, look with compassion, upon we your people; that we may know you more fully, and serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our brother. **Amen.**

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling 657

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be alway blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

- 3 Finish then thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements

If you are collecting food for the Johnnycake school food drive, please bring it to the Johnnycake Center.

In Our Parish, we give thanks for the following birthdays: Mary Beth Heaton Van Siclen, Patrick Hector, David Reynolds, Heather Dimock and Nicole Antaya.