

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist

March 11, 2018

8:00 am and 10:00 am

On Sundays in Lent, we acknowledge this season of penitence and preparation by beginning the service with the Penitential Order. Our corporate confession of sin is moved to the beginning of the service, and the forgiveness we receive in Christ is the context through which our worship proceeds.

Today we welcome The Rev. Canon Pamela Mott as celebrant and preacher.

Voluntary

Come, Ye Disconsolate

J. Bert Carlson

Introit

O Rest in the Lord
Solo, Lyn Casey

Felix Mendelssohn

Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

The Penitential Order

Book of Common Prayer, p. 351

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

The people may kneel

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon then says

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.

The Priest stands and says

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 people stand.

Kyrie

At 8 am

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

At 10 am Kyrie

Hymnal S95

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and the second staff is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the

people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Page 746-747, BCP

At 8 am

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

At 10 am Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22



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and his | mercy en - | dures for | ever.
2. Let all those whom the Lord has re - | deemed pro - | claim *
that he re - | deemed them from the | hand of the | foe.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At 10 am Hymnal 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might

be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Pamela Mott

All standing

The Nicene Creed

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

Based on Psalm 46

Deacon

The season of Lent gives us reason to pause and ponder the significance of Jesus, the beloved Son of God, taking on human form to bring redemption to all of humankind. Let us be mindful that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Please respond to each intercession with “The Lord of hosts is with us.”

We are grateful for God’s presence in our midst from the morning dawn to the setting sun and beyond.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

We pray that Michael, our Presiding Bishop, our own Bishop Doug, Mother Nancy, Deacon Pat, and this entire Holy Church of God will have the grace to stand firm against all obstacles that threaten to undermine the spreading of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

Our nations are in an uproar, O God. We pray that your grace may keep our political foundations from imploding from within and set us on the path of justice and peace that Jesus lived and preached during his time on this earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

Your people from around the globe, O God, are experiencing the lack of necessities due to conflict and greed. Jesus showed us how to live lives of mercy, hope, and compassion. Make wars cease. Break the bows and shatter the spears that your people may be still and know that you are God.
The Lord of hosts is with us.

Your people gathered here, O God, exalt you and recognize that you are our refuge, our stronghold in our hour of need. We know that you heard the cries of your son, Jesus, on the cross. Hear the petitions placed before you now, O God, those spoken aloud and those held in the silences of our hearts. *(Pause for those who wish to state their prayerful intentions.)*
Our cries are before you, O God, with deep trust that you hear us.
The Lord of hosts is with us.

Let us pray for all those who have gone before us and departed this life with the hope of sharing in your everlasting kingdom, especially; Henry and David Horkun for whom the sanctuary lamp burns.
The Lord of hosts is with us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. From *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare
Celebrant God, rich in mercy, whose light reveals the truth of things, the judgement we bring on ourselves: we thank you that you sent your Son to save and not condemn; in his self-giving love may life abundant reign; through Jesus Christ, who was lifted up for us. **Amen.**

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

Welcome and announcements

The Great Thanksgiving
An offering of money is received during the anthem. Then the people stand to sing the hymn while the gifts of money, bread, wine and food are offered.

Anthem *(at 10 am)* *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.
Words: John 3:16-17
Music: John Stainer

Hymnal 685 *Rock of ages, cleft for me*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (*spoken at 8am, sung at 10am*)

Hymnal S 124

**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.**

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

Priest and 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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People (spoken at 8 am)

Hymnal S 161 Lamb of God

**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.**

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

All are welcome to receive the presence of God in the Bread and Wine at our Altar. Standing or kneeling is appropriate at the Altar rail. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. To receive the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice, or dip the edge of your wafer into the wine. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please signal us by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers and chalice are available; please let us know if you require that. If you are unable to come to the Altar please inform an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. If you want to learn more about the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, please speak with Mother Nancy.

At 10 am Hymnal 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

Postcommunion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people, who respond **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott

J.S. Bach

The Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Canon Pamela Mott
Altar Guild	Anne Viets, Becky Knotts, Irene Ring
Linens	Debbie Randzio
Food Delivery Team	Irene Ring
Counters	Kathy DeJean, Anita MacDonald

8:00 am

Lector	Anne Viets
Psalmist	Ginny Hebert
Usher	Debbie Bruno

10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers	Tom Walsh, John Adams
Lectors	Mary Hull, Stephanie Harris
Acolytes	Nancy Mueller, Jack Harris, Lyla Harris
Ushers	Mark Mueller, Howard Carney
Children's Chapel	Becky Kreke

The Vestry

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME THE REV. CANON PAMELA MOTT as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning while Mother Nancy is away. Canon Mott is Canon to the Ordinary in Western Massachusetts. That is, she is Bishop Fisher's assistant for Congregational Development.

FOR THE CHILDREN Our youngest worshippers are welcome in the **Children's Chapel** where there are professional caregivers and an age appropriate service every Sunday beginning at 9:50 am. Children return to church at announcements or may stay with the caregivers through the whole service. At any time, children and families are welcome on the big rug near the font, where there are coloring pages and crayons, and a great

view of the action up front. The **Break Room** is available for parents and children who need a break from the service. There are books and toys for children and comfortable chairs for adults.

EASTER EGG HUNT Please donate individually wrapped candy for the fun that will take place on March 31st at 10:55am.

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC THANKSGIVINGS AND MEMORIALS Please fill out the pink slip in the pews and return it along with your donation by March 22nd to beautify our altar at Easter.

SIGN UP TO READ A PART IN THE PASSION GOSPEL ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25th.

FARMERS' MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING will be held tomorrow, Monday, March 12th at 4:00 pm. New members or those curious about becoming a member are welcome.

EVERY WEDNESDAY Healing and Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be this **Thursday, March 15th at 6 pm in the church.**

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING will take place this Saturday, March 17th at 10:00 am. All welcome!

PARISH DINNER on Maundy Thursday at 6 pm. Sign up to bring finger food..

HOW MANY LIGHT SWITCHES ARE IN YOUR HOME? Do you have a checking account? Do you keep medicine in your home? Have you ever purchased something from the Farmers' Market? Are you of Irish descent? **WHY ARE WE ASKING THESE QUESTIONS?** Check out your Lenten Giving Calendar, then count your blessings and pray for those not as richly blessed.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2018 Team Atonement is walking for a cure – Friday, April 6th. Please find someone who is walking (team members are listed on the Relay board) and generously pledge their walk!

HELPING THE WESTFIELD FOOD PANTRY Brown Bag Project for March – Food item: canned beans (baked, black, red, kidney, etc.) Personal care item: Shampoo/conditioner. **WHITE BAGS** (School Pantry Project): granola bars/energy bars/breakfast bars. Thank You for faithfully helping the families served by the Pantry.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please take this list home for use in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns. Please email office@atonementwestfield.net or call 562-5461. Listings will be for six months or as requested.

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry and David Horkun; offered by Regina Horkun

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

The Diocese of Bhopal (India)

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

St. John's, Ashfield

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry (SIM)

Strawberry Festival Beneficiary

2017 Boys & Girls Club Summer Weekend Food Program

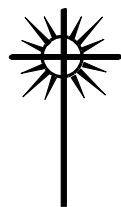
In Thanksgiving for the ordination yesterday of Julia Macy Offinger to the sacred order of Deacons

For these families and individuals

Phoebe, Dot, Louise, Allan, Art, Anne, Judy, Charlotte, Mary, Rita, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Dotti, Roger, Thelma, Vivian, Connie, Stephen H., Kristy, Helene, John, Norm, Norton, Catherine, Betty, Marsha, Robert, Sam, Sue, Mary and Richard, Jennifer, Nolan, Lea, Lynn, Mary, Jeff, Jack, Sarah and Roger, Tom, Candy, Ahna, Kathy, Darrell, Carole, Florence, Debbie, Joe, Fr. Raymond, Anne, Ted and Ginni, Casey, Charlotte, Richard, Neil, Ken, Christine, Elnora, Sally, Jennifer, Ciro, Bonnie, Edmund

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday, March 11	The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist <i>2 pm AA Women's Fellowship (Great Hall)</i> <i>7 pm Taizé (Ferst Interfaith Center at WSU)</i>
Monday, March 12	4:00 pm Farmers' Market Committee Meeting (SMG) <i>8-9 pm AA Meeting (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, March 13	<i>9:30/ 10:30 am Music Together (SMG)</i> <i>10:00 am Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Rm. 7)</i> 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist/Soup Supper
Wednesday, March 14	12:15 pm Healing & Holy Eucharist (Chapel) <i>7:00 pm OA Meeting (Great Hall)</i>
Thursday, March 15	6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal <i>7:30 pm NA Meeting (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, March 16	
Saturday, March 17	10:00 am Prayer Shawl Knitting (SMG)
Sunday, March 18	The Fifth Sunday in Lent 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist <i>2 pm AA Women's Fellowship (Great Hall)</i> <i>7 pm Taizé (Ferst Interfaith Center at WSU)</i>



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