



BreakingBread@6

Christ Church Cathedral † Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lactare Sunday

4 Lent, Year B

PRELUDE

Jerry Kimbrough

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bienvenido a todos

- We are so glad you have joined us this evening and we hope you make yourself comfortable and enjoy an ancient service of worship in a casual context.
- The offering you submit online this evening will represent the first fruits of your life and labor dedicated to God. It will be used for the work of God's kingdom at the corner of 9th and Broadway and beyond.
- We are celebrating the service of Holy Eucharist, An Order for Holy Communion, which begins on (*BCP, p. 355*).

AN ORDER FOR CELEBRATING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING HYMN

Love Lifted Me

Rowe and Smith

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I

Refrain

Love lifted me, love lifted me
When nothing else could help, love lifted me
Love lifted me, love lifted me
When nothing else could help, love lifted me!

All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling
In his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs
Faithful, loving service, too, to him belongs

Refrain

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves
He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today

Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

SONG: Bless the Lord, My Soul

Taizé Community

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy Name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON –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

- 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.

GOSPEL HYMN

Just as I Am

English Traditional

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bid'st me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

THE GOSPEL LESSON –John 3:14-21

Reader 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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON – The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*BCP, p. 358*)

**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, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. We pray For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and John, the Bishop of Tennessee and for all the clergy and people.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember St. Andrew's Church, New Johnsonville.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land; and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for all those serving our country at home and abroad, and all those who suffer because of civil strife, that war may end, and peace be established.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For all teachers, students, and administrators and all places of learning.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Worship Leader concludes with an absolution

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 PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***La paz del Senor sea siempre contigo.***
People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to our readers, musicians, and to our technical director, Roger Rhoads. And to all those behind the scenes...

Please join us here at Christ Church Cathedral for BreakingBread@6 every Sunday evening. You are also invited to join our private Facebook group here: <https://bit.ly/2LQyZ0d>

If you are new to the BreakingBread@6 community and would like to be on our weekly email update, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/36pUy12>

THE NEXT ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

The “BB@6 Zoom Coffee Hour” is from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., the link will be provided in the weekly email update prior to that first Sunday of the month. The next Coffee Hour will be Sunday, April 4, 2021

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jerry Kimbrough



Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet. Scroll down and click on the yellow “Donate” button to leave your tithe and offering this morning.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love
 of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
 with you all.

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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you love mercy; you strengthen the upright, and you cherish your people, as a mother loves her children. You are the living and true God who created all things and whose voice sets the earth-shaking. You rescued your people from slavery and led them through the Red Sea on to the Promised Land. In Moses you revealed your glory and through your prophets you made known your promise for all people.

In your son, Jesus, you entered creation: the Word made flesh.

In him the covenant of faith, the labor of love, and steadfast hope all come to life.

By the power of the Holy Comforter you have showered us with grace, rest, and the abundant life.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, and we sing,

Celebrant and People

**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, hosanna in the highest.

(Land of Rest, trad. American folk tune)

Blessed are you, gracious Lord, and blessed is your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who feeds us with his own flesh and blood that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Consuming him and consumed by him we are so strengthened to walk in his footsteps, even knowing that to do so will inflame the fury of hell.

We bless you for Christ, who has gone on before us, enduring the cross and disregarding its shame, to open a new trail for all to follow, a trail of justice and liberating peace, which presses on through suffering and beyond, all the way to the banquet room of heaven.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

And embrace us with your life-giving power, that we may become one with you.

Bone of your bone,
Flesh of your flesh,
living our prayer
and praying our life
until love and fidelity embrace,
peace and justice kiss,
and all are free as Christ is free.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader Let us pray.

People **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.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams, Sr.

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night, praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Refrain

I saw the light, I saw the light, no more in darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight, praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Just like a blind man I wandered along, worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight, praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Refrain

I was a fool to wander and stray, straight is the gate and narrow's the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right, praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

WORSHIP LEADER AND PREACHER

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