



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Epiphany Parish, Walpole
March 26, 2023 - 10:00am
Rite II

We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.



"Man does not live
on bread alone, but
on every word that
comes from the mouth
of God." Matthew 4:4

The Word of God

The Silent Procession

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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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.

Officiant: 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 Celebrant then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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 Absolution

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.**

Kyrie

Sung three times

Lord, _____ have mer - cy, Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy, Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on _____ us.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

The Collect (in unison) Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 32

Beati quorum

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Simplified Anglican Chant in 20 Seconds

Every **half verse (*)** matches with one **measure** in the music above.

Sing all the words of the half-verse on the **same first chord** of the measure--until you hit the final word (| **word**), which is sung on the **second note** of the measure. Then, sing the next half-verse on the opening chord of the next measure until the final word, and so on.

With each half-verse, move to the next measure until you hit the end—then begin again! The musical setting starts over again with **every odd-numbered verse**.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much

more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

H#547 Awake, o sleeper, rise from death

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christen H Mills

The Nicene Creed

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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 III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Offertory Hymn

H#508 Breath on me, Breath of God



The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before
you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this
sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our
eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver
us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace
only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for
renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one
body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the
world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus
Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior

*Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,*

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Hymn

H#495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.
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

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

H#665 All my hope on God is founded

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

Those in Our Prayers for the Week of March 26, 2023

George Ford, Jean Ford, Nancy Anderson, Amanda C,
Cindy Falcone, Bill Webb

We also continue to remember: Ed Glebus, Megan E, Tony, Gerry, David M, Ken Rohr, Frank Faricey, Cynthia S, Phyllis Goetz, Jenny Whitcomb, Phyllis MacKinnon, Peter, Patricia Hines, Scott Ashmanski, Don Uliano, Jason H, Shawn H

- We pray for our first responders and military personnel and their families.
- We pray for those affected by war, terrorism, natural disaster and violence, racism, abuse, addiction or loneliness.

Recently Departed: George Stewart, Frank Baronie

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Christen Mills & Dan Hicks & Family
Nancy Munro & Family
Carolyn & Gerry Murphy & Family
Jean Najarian & Family

Walpole Cycle of Prayer: All Nations Worship Center

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton)
Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill
St. Dunstan's Church, Dover
Christ Church, Needham
Church Periodical Club

Celebrating Birthdays: March 37 – Paul D Dolan, Mason Scardocci
March 28 – Neil DiMartinis
March 30 – Nancy Munro
April 1 – Sarah Barrett

Celebrating Anniversaries: March 29 – Jane & Edward Giovannucci



Epiphany Parish News— March 26, 2023

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The **Finance Committee** is alive and working and needs your help! Dick Power (powerplans@verizon.net or 508-660-1793) chairs this committee which is trying to help the Treasurer in mapping the long-term financial health of the parish. We need some additional members to get a broader set of ideas. The committee meets via Zoom once a month for about an hour. If you could spare that time and provide a new perspective, it would be very helpful. Please contact Dick for more information.

Rite of Reconciliation Offered During Lent

The Rite of Reconciliation will be offered by the clergy of Epiphany Parish every Sunday in Lent from 3pm-4:30pm. No appointment is needed. For more information, click here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/reconciliation-of-a-penitent/>

There will no Rite of Reconciliation today. The next rite will be Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

Epiphany Parish Weekly Events at a Glance

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday

7:00-8:00pm Bible Study

Wednesday

7:15am Morning Prayer

10-2pm Church Open for Prayer

Friday

8:00 pm AA (undercroft)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 2nd

8 & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday—April 6th

7:00pm

Good Friday—April 7th

7:00pm

Easter Vigil—April 8th

7:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 9th

8 & 10:00am



Easter Plants 2023

Please include this information with your check to donate Easter Plants.

Name: _____

I am enclosing \$_____

In Memory of/Thanksgiving for: _____

Please make checks payable to **EPIPHANY PARISH**. Please write **EASTER FLOWERS** in the memo line. Please return to the office by March 29th to be listed in the bulletin.