



SAINT
PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



MARCH 31, 2019

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to Saint Peter's! We are glad you are here with us today.

*If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pick up a name-tag from one of the ushers.
You are welcome here, and we look forward to meeting you.*

PRELUDE

Largo from Sonata in D Major

Franz Joseph Haydn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Kind Maker of the world, O hear"

Hymn 152

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Response

Read responsively by whole verse

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**"You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**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."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sequence Hymn

“What wondrous love is this”

Hymn 439

The Holy Gospel

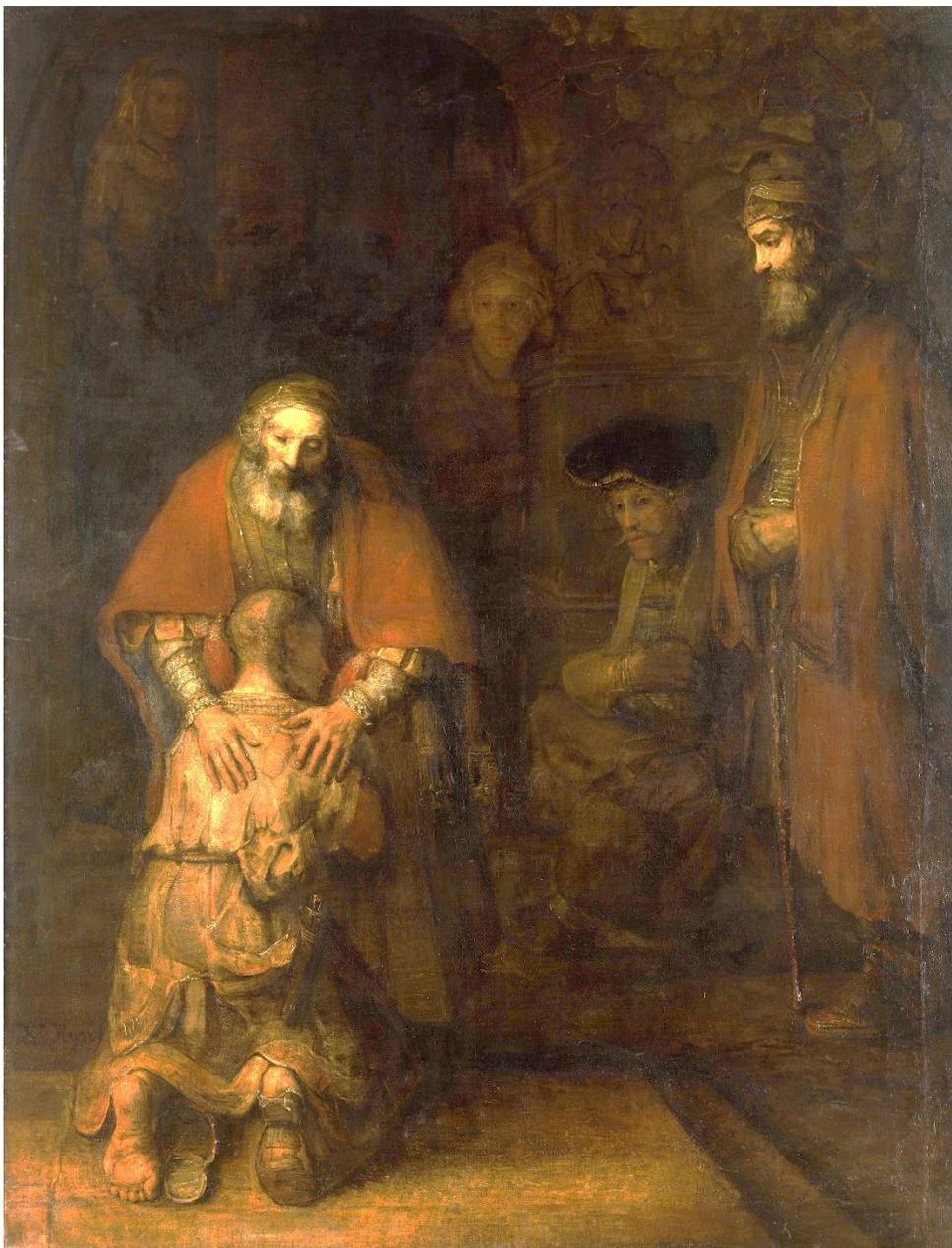
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”



Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

“Come, my way, my truth, my life”

Hymn 487

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing—just place your arms across your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead.
Gluten-free hosts are also available.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

Sonata in D Major Theme and Variation 1 Franz Joseph Haydn

The Solemn Prayer

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows.

The Deacon, or in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says

Bow down before the LORD.

The people kneel or bow and the Celebrant says the following prayer

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.

Recessional Hymn

“Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

Hymn 482

POSTLUDE

Nocturne in E Minor

Frederic Chopin

Please join us for coffee hour following the service!
Our discussions of Rowan Williams’ *Being Disciples* continue following the service today! All are welcome to join in the conversation.

The Prayer List

In our prayers today and this week, we are asked to remember

Our **Clergy**: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff, our Bishop; Shane and Ellen, our priests.

This **Country** and **City**: for our national and our local elected leaders.

Those **Sick** in body, mind, or spirit: Pam and Bruce, Paul and Joyce, the Sexton Family, Carol, Angel, Mark, Joe, Ted, Mary Katherine, Craig, Maryanne, Matthew, Tara, Larry, Sabrina, Tom, and John.

The **Needs** of those in our Parish: for perseverance and insight for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; for Qiana Johnson, as she continues in discernment for Ordination to the diaconate.

Those who have **Died**, and those who **Mourn**: for Barb Vanseth (friend of Betsy Lent); Robert Almquist (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan); and John Yount (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan).

For Bob, as he contends with the recent fire damage to his home.

For the future life of Saint Peter's.

We are also asked to give thanks

For the **Fellowship** awarded to Father Shane, enabling him to finish his dissertation by next Spring.

For the **hospitality** of Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ.

If you would like to add anything to the prayer list—a request or a thanksgiving—please let Tom Stabnicki know by emailing him at tomstabnicki@yahoo.com.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Weeks Ahead

- March 31 (Sun.) Dinner at the Crib (Outreach Opportunity)
Contact Jordan Rutledge (jordanrutledge@gmail.com) for details.
- April 3 (Wed.) Wednesday Evening Lenten Program
Evening Prayer at 6:40; Dinner and Discussion at 7:00.
- April 7 (Sun.) The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist 10:00 am (followed by Coffee Hour and Lenten Program)
- April 7 (Sun.) Parishioner Qiana Johnson's Voice Recital of art songs, arias, spirituals
3:00 pm at WAUCC Sanctuary

Wednesday and Sunday Lenten Programs

Join Father Shane and other members of the Parish to read through Rowan Williams's *Being Christian*, the second book in our Parish Book Series this year. This Wednesday we'll move on to chapters 3 and 4, "Forgiveness" and "Holiness," and next Sunday we'll read and discuss chapter 5, "Faith in Society." All are welcome!

Easter Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

Don't forget to turn in your Easter Flower envelopes with donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings in your life (before Easter Sunday, April 21). You can also donate online at www.stpeterschicago.org/donate.html.

Holy Week at Saint Peter's

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

10:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 2019

7:00 pm

*Foot-washing and
Agape Feast*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 2019

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Good Friday Service
with Veneration of the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

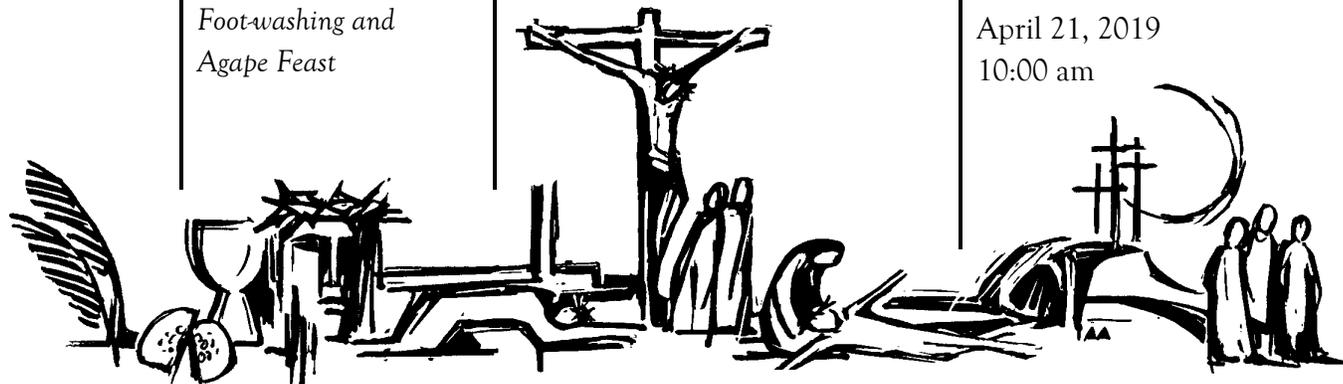
April 20, 2019

8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

April 21, 2019

10:00 am





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Regular Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 am

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