

SAINT MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNG MASS RITE 1 + 10:30 AM + SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Opening Hymn: *The God of Abraham Praise* vv.1-3

Blue Hymnal 401

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. *His mercy endureth forever.*

The Decalogue

Book of Common Prayer, 317

Confession and Absolution

Book of Common Prayer, 320

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mer - cy. ———

Lord, have mer - cy. ——— Christ, have

mer - cy. ——— Christ, have mer - cy. —

— Lord, have mer - cy. ———

Lord, have mer - cy. ———

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The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.* Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

A Reading from Genesis

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 *(Simplified Anglican Chant, remain seated)*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I **fear**? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a-**fraid**?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my **flesh**, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and **fell**.
- 3 Though an army should encamp a-**gainst me**, * yet my heart shall not be a-**fraid**;
- 4 And though war should rise up a-**gainst me**, * yet will I put my **trust in him**.

- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I **seek**; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my **life**;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the **LORD** *
and to seek him in his **temple**.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his **shelter**; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a **rock**.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my **head** * above my enemies round a-**bout me**.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great **gladness**; *
I will sing and make music to the **LORD**.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I **call**; * have mercy on me and **answer me**.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my **face**." * Your face, LORD, will I **seek**.
- 12 Hide not your face **from me**, * nor turn away your servant in dis-**pleasure**.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not a-**way**; *
do not forsake me, O God of my sal-**vation**.
- 14 Though my father and my mother for-**sake me**, * the LORD will sus-**tain me**.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; * lead me on a level path, because of my **enemies**.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my **adversaries**, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak **malice**.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the **LORD** *
in the land of the **living**!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your **heart**; *
wait patiently for the **LORD**.

A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

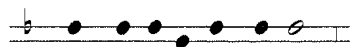
The Alleluia is not sung during Lent. Instead, we will sing the following,



V: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believe in him might have eternal life.

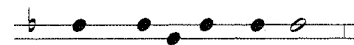
(the acclamation is repeated)

THE GOSPEL The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE, WELCOME & NOTICES

Book of Common Prayer, 326

Book of Common Prayer, 328

Please stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

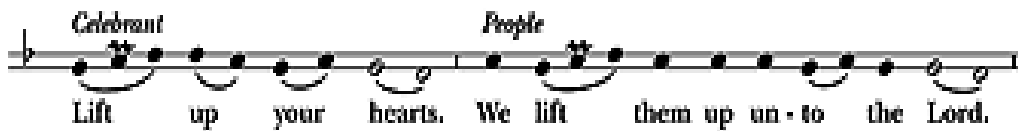
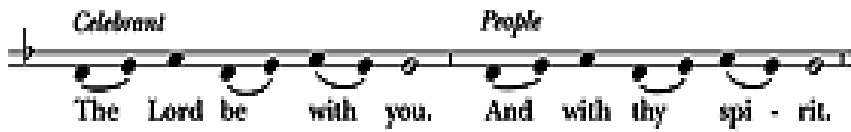
LEVAS II, 89

1. My Je - sus, I love___ thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause___ thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life,___ I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
3. And praise thee as long___ as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore___ thee in heav - en so bright;

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:___
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns___ on thy brow:___
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold___ on my brow,___
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown___ on my brow,___

1. If ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3. "If ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
4. "If ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."



It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Blue Hymnal, S 114

(Kneel or Stand. The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 334 in the Book of Common Prayer)

**THE OUR FATHER
THE FRACTION**

Prayer Book, 336

After a moment of silence, please sing

LAMB OF GOD

Blue Hymnal, S 158

**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS
THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION
HOLY COMMUNION
COMMUNION HYMNS**

Prayer Book, 337

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form,
 3 Moth - er - ing Spi - rit, nur - turing one,

in the bright morn - ing of this world. Cre -
 of - fer - ing me - your food of light, the
 in arms of pa - tience hold me close, so

a - tor, source of ev - 'ry breath,
 grain of life, and grape of love,
 that in faith I root and grow

1. 2.
 you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 your ve - ry bo - dy for my peace.
 un - til I flow'r, un - til I (know.)

3.
 know. Moth - er - ing God.

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Blue Hymnal 455

Please kneel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, 339

LENTEN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE & DISMISSAL

Please stand

HYMN *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus, vv. 1,2*

Blue Hymnal 495

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Persson Lector: Jason Swain

Choir: Alison Jandak, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Rector: Father Rob Laws

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW DURING LENT

Mondays 6:30 pm	St. Anthony's Rosary for Healing (Juanita H's home)
7 pm	Book Study: <i>Giving Up Worry for Lent</i> (Juanita H's. home-)
Wednesdays 6 pm	Mass in the Lady Chapel.
Fridays 6 pm	Stations of the Cross in the Nave

SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION- always available by appointment. Contact Father Rob+

WHY DO VEIL THE CROSS AND STATUES DURING LENT?



The season of Lent was originally a season in which people who had been expelled from the congregation because of their notorious sins were given a chance to confess their sins, do penance, and be reconciled to the company of the faithful at the Easter Vigil. As the season evolved, it became a time when all Christians were asked to confess their sins, do penance, pray and do good works, and so recommit themselves to Christ and the Church in order to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection of Christ as fully reconciled children of God.

In the ninth century, it became customary to veil the High Altar during the season of Lent as a visual reminder of how our sins separate us from God. This custom continues in some places, but in most places the custom was modified and only crosses and statues were covered.

Veiled crosses and statues are a visual reminder of the penitential nature of Lent. When we enter the church and see the veils we instantly feel the unnaturalness of hiding these beautiful images which are meant to be a conduit through which we experience a glimpse of God's beauty. This calls to mind the unnatural blindness that sin brings to us: Sin hides the beauty of God in the world and in our hearts. Sin places a pall over all of creation obscuring from our sight the true presence and glory of God that permeates our lives. We remove the veils at Easter as a reminder that only the grace of Christ's resurrection and the liberating love of God can remove the veils that sin has placed over our hearts, heal our blindness, and reveal to us God's presence in our lives- still, as St. Paul wrote, like looking through a cracked mirror- but in faith and hope when we will behold the beauty of God face to face, unveiled in resplendent glory.