

The First Lesson

*Joshua 5:9-12*

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 Psalm 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.

*Said together:*  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

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.

Hymn *O bless the Lord, my soul!* **H 411**

Gospel Lesson *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.'"

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People BCP 328

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution BCP 331

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory *Behold the Savior* Lovelace

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord* *from H 143, v. 5*

Eucharistic Prayer "I" BCP 333

-Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S 113

-The Lord's Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 336

-Agnus Dei H-S 157

*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 Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

### Communion Hymns

*Bread of the world in mercy broken* H 301  
*Jerusalem, my happy home* H 620  
*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 339

Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* H 690

### The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Susanne Pulse and Jennifer Slater. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

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Last Sunday Attendance 53

### Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolytes Becky Kersey Elizabeth Burton  
Lectors David Hardin Rob Merritt  
Chalicists Becky Kersey Rob Merritt  
Altar Guild Patty Richardson, Carol Georgis, Becky Beckett, Stacy Thomas, Emma Slater

Birthdays This Week: Alice Allen, Shanley Paine

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Marlene, Lee Puckett, Sr., Alex B., Toni R., Jared Cregger, Kerrigan Farmer, Lindsey Parsley, Daisy Bowman, Ellie Spencer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Sherry Mitchell, Carrie D., Sharon Cranfill, George Strike, Levertt T., Bea Paine, Frankie Sparks, Audrey, Denny Arner, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Elizabeth Kane, Marilyn Denney, Judy Anderson, Debbie Wells, Paul Anderson, Ruby, Debbie & Jerry, Ed Arnett, Michelle Parks, Debbie Faber, Ray Ratliff, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield

### Calendar of Events

Wednesday – April 10 Union Mission 3:00pm  
Fellowship Evening 6:00pm  
Wednesday – April 3 ECW 5:30pm  
Sunday – April 7 Immanuel Lutheran's Baked Potato Dinner  
Evensong by Bluefield College Choir 6:00pm  
Thursday – April 18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am  
Maundy Thursday Foot Washing 5:30pm  
Seder Meal 6:00pm  
Friday – April 19 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 noon  
Vigil in St. Margaret's Chapel 12-3:00pm  
Solemnity 7:00pm  
Sunday – April 21 Easter Sunday  
Wednesday – April 24 Union Mission Dinner Prep. 4:30pm

### Announcements:

Annual Baked Potato Dinner: Immanuel Lutheran will hold their annual baked potato dinner and dessert auction fundraiser on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> shortly after 12 noon, for their "Drive for the Deployed" ministry. Free will donations will be accepted. Desserts will be auctioned off! ALL monies collected will go directly towards funding Military Appreciation Night at Bowen Field!!!

Service of Evensong: Presented by Bluefield College choir. Donations will go toward their trip to Europe this summer.

Easter Lilies: A sign-up sheet for those who would like to purchase Easter lilies is available at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Lilies will be \$15 and may be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Please turn in payment by April 14<sup>th</sup>, and be sure to note method of payment on sheet.

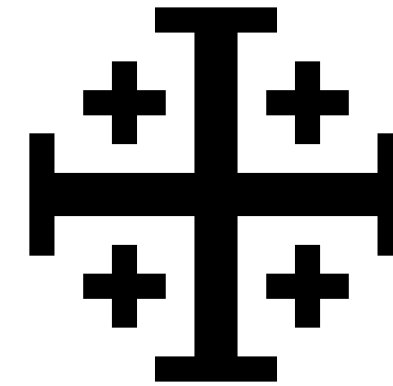
Lent Madness!: Are you ready to have so much fun in Lent you should feel bad about it? Learn about the saints and the whims of a popularity contest as we vote for our favorites until only one is left. Who will win the Golden Halo this year? Pick up your materials in the Narthex!

Prayer List: The prayer list will be reset on the first Sunday of April. All names you would like to remain on the prayer list should be resubmitted to the church office.

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### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden  
Mr. Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

About our worship in Lent: During this holy season we will make use of some of the more traditional practices of the church. This will include the use of Rite I—the Elizabethan liturgy—and the reorientation of our space, *ad orientem*—where both the clergy and the congregation face the same direction during worship. It is our hope that this change will allow us to reflect on our own preferences and meaning behind them.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Come, thou fount of every blessing* H 686

The Service Begins BCP 323

*The Trisagion* (words are in the BCP), musical setting is H-S 102

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*