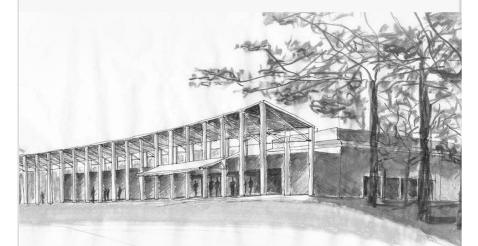


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LENT

The word "Lent" is derived from the Old English "lencten," which means "spring." Lenctentid, or "springtide," also means "March," the month in which Lent falls. While practices of Lent have changed over the centuries, the essential nature and purpose of the season have been relatively consistent. It's a time of prayerful self-examination and self-denial in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on Easter. From as early as the second century, this season also preceded a new believer's baptism. Lent also mirrors Jesus' forty days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness prior to the beginning of His public ministry.

Since the sixth century, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season with the imposition of ashes on believers' foreheads as a sign of their mortality. In this liturgical action lies the heart of Thomas Cranmer's (author of the first Anglican prayerbook) understanding of repentance. As we acknowledge our finite and fallen condition before God, we turn with our hearts open and with our desires known. In Cranmer's collect for Ash Wednesday we pray, "Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through Jesus Christ."

To express repentance and have more time with our Lord, you may decide to give up a favorite food or drink (chocolate, desserts, candy, alcohol, etc.) or activity (going to the movies, playing video games, etc.) for Lent, using the time saved for time with Him, or you may take on Lenten discipline such as prayer, Bible reading, a Bible class, volunteering for a ministry in the church, serving Christ through helping a neighbor or a ministering to hurting people in the community. All of these endeavors will bring you closer to your savior. If there is anything distinctively evangelical about the Anglican practice of Lent, it is the restoration of heartfelt repentance to the center of traditional Lenten discipline.

OMITTING, ALLELUIA & HALLELUJAH

Alleluia (Latin) is shout of joy and praise to the Lord. **Hallelujah** (Hebrew) is a shout of joy and praise to the Lord. During Advent and Lent the Alleluia and Hallelujah are omitted. Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus. To be prepared we focus on repentance and receive forgiveness. Lent is when the Lord focuses on our brokenness so that we confess our sins to receive forgiveness.

Omitting words that express joy and praise stress the focus of Advent and Lent. On Christmas and Easter, it is particularly meaningful to add the Alleluias to our worship. These seasons focus on joy and praise to the Lord. It is from the Eastern Orthodox tradition that the first words Christians speak to one another on Easter be, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen."

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is observed during Holy Week on the Thursday before Easter. Also referred to as "Holy Thursday" or "Great Thursday," it commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Three important biblical events are the primary focus of Maundy Thursday solemnizations:

1. Before the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. By performing this lowly act of service, Jesus "showed them the full extent of his love." (John 13:1). By his example, Jesus demonstrated how Christians are to love one another through humble service. For this reason, the practice of footwashing is a part of the Maundy Thursday service.

2. During the Passover meal, Jesus took bread and wine and asked his Father to bless it. He broke the bread into pieces, giving it to his disciples and said, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup of wine, shared it with his disciples and said, "This wine is the token of God's new covenant to save you--an agreement sealed with the blood I will pour out for you." These events recorded in Luke 22:19-20 describe the Last Supper and form the biblical basis for the practice of Communion. For this reason, Holy Communion is always celebrated on Maundy Thursday.

3. At the close of the service all of the altar coverings and decorations are removed. Psalm 22 is read while the altar coverings and decorations are being removed. Since the altar in these traditions symbolize the Christ, the "stripping of the altar" symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to his crucifixion. This, like the darkness often incorporated into a Good Friday service, represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life and hope that is to come on Resurrection Day.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday of Holy Week has traditionally been called Good Friday or Holy Friday. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish custom of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. Since services on this day are to observe Jesus' death, and since Eucharist is a celebration, there is traditionally no Communion observed on Good Friday. Much is covered in mourning black, and altar candles are extinguished. They are left this way through Saturday, but are always replaced with white before sunrise on Easter Sunday.

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC ...

As far as we know, Ignatius of Antioch was the first person to use the word catholic in relation to the church. In his letter to the Smyrnaeans, written around A.D. 112, he wrote, "Where Jesus Christ is, there is the universal church." Early Christian writers believed in the catholic church—that Christians everywhere trusted in one God, confessed one faith, received one baptism, and shared one mission. In that sense, catholic meant "real" or "authentic." From the third century on, the word became synonymous with orthodoxy. Thus, "the catholic church" was in contrast to heretics and schismatics. By the middle of the fourth century, the word came to mean more than authentic and orthodox. It was also used to connote the church's extensive reach to every land and every class of people.

So from the early church until the modern period, the word catholic has been used to distinguish the church from that which is irregular or erroneous, much like conservative American Christians use evangelical in opposition to cult. While the term catholic never appears in the Bible, the ideas behind it are found throughout Scripture. For example, Paul says in Galatians that anyone—no matter who they are, where they live, or what time period they live in—can have a relationship with God, so long as they have faith in Christ. And in Ephesians, Paul practically gives a theological treatise on the universal nature of the church: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus" (3:6).

According to Scripture, the church is a universal entity, and anyone can be a part of it.

Prelude

₱ PROCESSIONAL SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of Glory the King above all kings

2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of Glory the King above all kings

(Chorus) **(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace** This is unfailing love That You would take my place That You would bear my cross You laid down Your life That I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

3. Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of Glory the King of Glory

4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings

(Bridge) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy worthy worthy

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♦ PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **People His mercy endures for ever.**

✤ TEN COMMANDMENTS

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14,16

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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.

CelebrantLord, have mercy.PeopleChrist, have mercy.CelebrantLord, have mercy.

♥ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

THE LESSONS
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Layreader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22-30 (Read it in Unison)

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Promans 4:13-25
Layreader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

♦ GOSPEL SONG

O GREAT GOD

1. O great God of highest heav'n Occupy my lowly heart Own it all and reign supreme Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r Let no vice or sin remain That resists Your holy war You have loved and purchased me Make me Yours forever more

2. I was blinded by my sin Had no ears to hear Your voice Did not know Your love within Had no taste for heaven's joys Then Your Spirit gave me life Opened up Your word to me Through the gospel of Your Son Gave me endless hope and peace

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

PeopleGlory to You, Lord Christ.Mark 8:31-38CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, Lord Christ.

✤ Gospel Song, Continued

3. Help me now to live a life That's dependent on Your grace Keep my heart and guard my soul From the evils that I face You are worthy to be praised With my ev'ry thought and deed O great God of highest heav'n Glorify Your Name through me

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♦ THE NICENE CREED

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.

♥ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE III

After the silence people are encouraged to offer audible prayers.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** (*Silence, audible prayers*)

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

(Silence, audible prayers)

We pray for all bishops, especially the Anglican Primates, Presiding bishop Michael, our bishop George, all priests, especially Mark, and all deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. (Silence, audible prayers)

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially our president Joseph,

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

(Silence, audible prayers)

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** (*Silence, audible prayers*)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** Especially those we now name... (*Silence, audible prayers*)

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. (congregation adds thanksgivings and audible prayers)

† THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People** And also with you.

✤ BIRTHDAY & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Heavenly Father, bless your children that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, and lead them to know you, to love you, and to serve you all the days of their lives. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

† OFFERTORY INVITATION

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name; bring offerings and come into His courts. (Psalm 96:8)

♦ OFFERTORY MUSIC- INSTRUMENTAL, THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

DoxoLogy (Said) Celebrant: "All things come of thee, oh Lord **People: And of thine own have we given thee."**

✤ The Great Thanksgiving Prayer D

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Said

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.

Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. Nicholas and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, 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.** (OMIT "Alleluia")

✤ PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

BREAD/HOST

On Saturdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm, Fr. Mark will be in front of the church building with hosts that have been blessed on the previous Sunday to distribute in individual plastic bags. On Sundays at 11:00am as you enter you will receive a Host in a plastic bag.

On Sunday morning at 11:00am, during the Facebook Live service, and in church for those attending, we will all consume the bread at the appointed time in the worship service.

The appointed time is after the Presentation of the Bread and Wine and before the singing of the first Communion Song.

Music During Communion

(The Congregation is invited to sing the words in **BOLD TYPE** during communion)

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDRESS CROSS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast Save in the death of Christ my God All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood

3. See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did ever such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

✤ AT THE CLOSE OF COMMUNION COME AS YOU ARE

1. Come out of sadness from wherever you've been Come broken hearted let rescue begin Come find your mercy oh sinner come kneel Earth has no sorrow that heaven cant heal Earth has no sorrow that heaven cant heal

(Chorus) **So lay down your burdens lay down your shame All who are broken lift up your face Oh wonderer come home you're not too far So lay down your hurt lay down your heart Come as you are**

2. There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed Come sit at the table come taste the grace Theres rest for the weary rest that endures Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

† THE FINAL BLESSING

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). Let everything you do be done in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you today and forever. **Amen.**

♦ CLOSING SONG

Worthy Is The Lamb

1. There's a place; Where mercy reigns and never dies There's a place; Where streams of grace flow deep and wide Where all the love I've ever found Comes like a flood comes flowing down

(Chorus) At the cross at the cross I surrender my life I'm in awe of You; I'm in awe of You Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white I owe all to You; I owe all to You Jesus

2. There's a place; Where sin and shame are powerless Where my heart; Has peace with God and forgiveness Where all the love I've ever found Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Here my hope is found; Here on holy ground Here I bow down here I bow down Here arms open wide; Here You saved my life Here I bow down here I bow (down) Jesus

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✤ THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People Thanks be to God.** (OMIT "Alleluia")

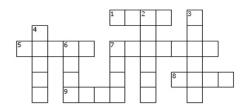
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Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36 Based on Mark 8:34-37





ACROSS

- 1. The period between birth and death
- 5. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
- 7. To care about what you want without thinking of others
- 8. To refuse to allow yourself something
- 9. To no longer have something because it has been taken away

DOWN

- To be guided by someone else; to go behind
- 3. The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
- 4. A large number of people gathered together
- 6. The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
- 7. To keep someone or something safe from harm

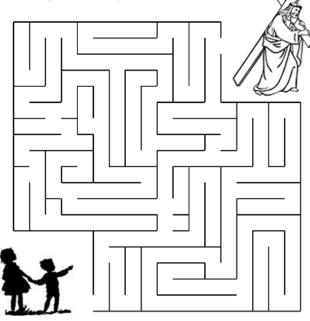
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In our Bible reading today, Jesus was teaching his followers about life. He said to them, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."

Some people live as if the most important thing in life is getting more stuff -- big houses, fancy cars, and pretty clothes. Others live as if the most important thing in life is following Jesus and serving him. How do they do that? By following the example Jesus set for us when he lived on earth. He loved other people and did good things for them. Prayer: Dear Father, we want to follow the

example that Jesus set. We want to give up our selfish ways Take up your cross and follow Jesus! Can you find the path to Jesus?



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