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The Observance of A Holy Lent

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” [From Book of Common Prayer- Ash Wednesday Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent]

The **Season of Lent** is an opportunity for us to work to strip away what stands in the way of us living out the vows of our Baptism. Our prayer and fasting, our good works and almsgiving, and our efforts for spiritual renewal including our consistent participation in the Lenten celebrations of Sunday Holy Eucharist usher us toward our Great Holy Days, **The Triduum**. The three liturgies of the Triduum are really one liturgy: (1) **Maundy Thursday**, we experience in the washing of feet and the sharing of the Eucharist how servanthood is true risen life; (2) **Good Friday**, we celebrate Jesus’ victory on the cross and how in our own daily dying, we live; (3) **Holy Saturday** night, we see in fire, the stories of how God saved our ancestors through water, and in the Eucharist we remember and celebrate how risen life is now ours, and how each of us are charged with sharing the gift of risen life.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

The Tolling of The Bell

The procession begins at the tolling of the bell. The congregation stands as they witness the procession with the cross of suffering and glory. The quieter entrance may remind us of the need for simplicity, humility and calm so that we might better hear the invitation to seek God's perspective in all things and return to the Lord with all our heart.

Opening Hymn

As the music swells all join in singing the Hymn

Penitential Order

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

**[On occasion the Decalogue may be prayed with all kneeling]*

The Decalogue [From BCP, Holy Eucharist, Rite One]

God spoke these words, and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods,

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

Honor your father and mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not kill.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

You shall not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this commandment.

**[On occasion the priest may read the scripture sentence below]*

Scripture Sentence

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind all your strength! This is the first commandment! The second is this – Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

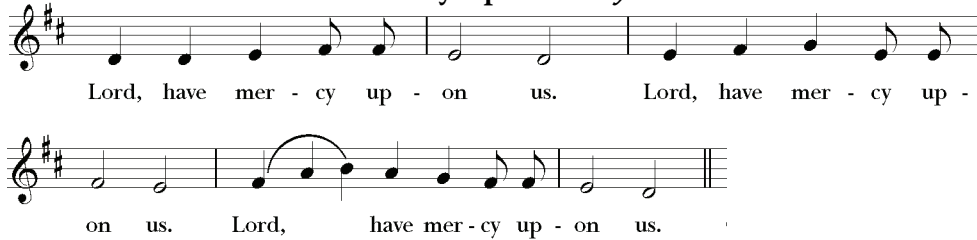
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*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 Priest, stands and says "Almighty God grant to you absolution and remission of all your sin. God grant you true repentance and amendment of life and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

Lord Have Mercy Upon us: Kyrie S-91



The Salutation and Collect

Let us pray. (*The Collect of the Day is located on your insert.*)

The Lessons (*The people sit. The readings can be found in your Insert. A moment of silent reflection is kept after each reading.*)

- Old Testament Lesson**
- The Psalm**
- New Testament Lesson**

Gradual Hymn (*People Stand*)

THE GOSPEL (*The People remain Standing and face the Priest*)

The Sermon - The Reverend John Major

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (*All Standing*)

*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 forgive-
 ness 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 IV) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence:

Give to us an awareness of your mercies, O Lord, that with truly thankful heart we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up all we are and all we have to your service.

The ushers now come forward with the gifts of Bread & Wine and then collect the people's gifts of treasures.

Offertory Instrumental

Following the offertory please stand to sing verse three [Verse 3 Only] of Hymn 380 as the gift of the people's treasure is presented.

Presentation of Offerings: Doxology: Praise to God Hymnal #38—verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

The Sursum Corda *(The people remain Standing)*

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.

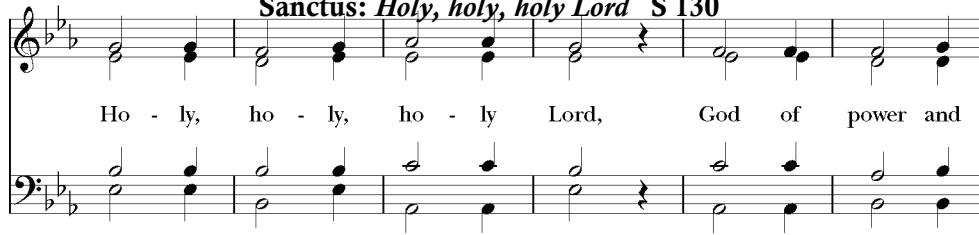
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

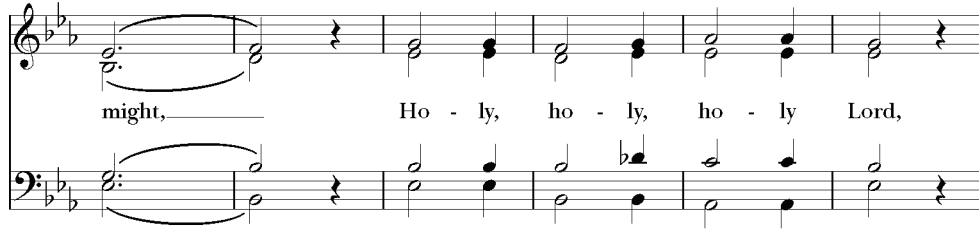
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

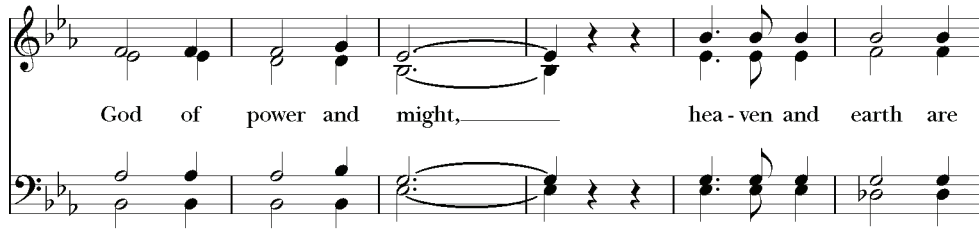
Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130



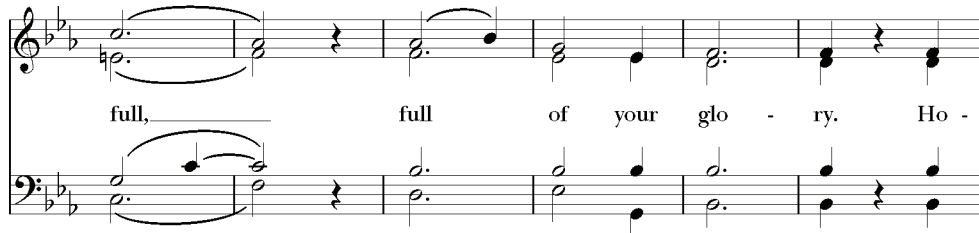
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



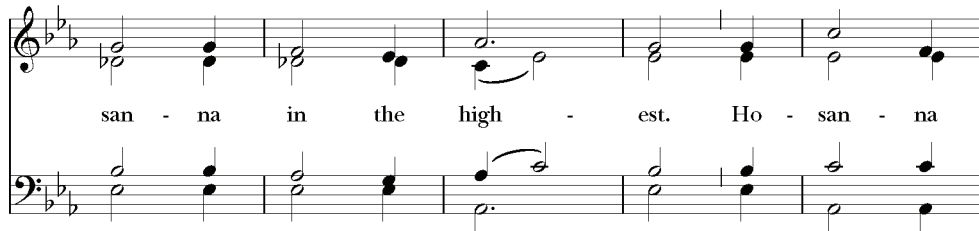
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God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



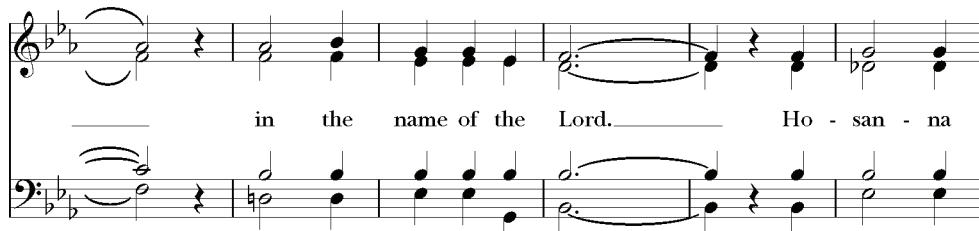
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Fraction Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to join sisters and brothers in Christ to partake of the Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Instrumental

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,2, refrain, 3

(This song is located in the pew rack. Please kneel as you are able.)

The Post Communion Prayer

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

The Dismissal

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

A Moment of Silence

Following the recessional hymn and as the candles are extinguished all are invited to kneel for a moment of silence and prayer to ask God's blessing and gift of a truly holy Lent and the spiritual renewal of our hearts and our parish life together.

