

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
YEAR B – 9:00 A.M.  
MARCH 14, 2021

Prelude: <i>Renew Me, O Eternal Light</i>	P. Manz
Opening Prayer	
Opening Hymn: <i>O, bless the Lord, my soul!</i>	Hymn 411
The Holy Eucharist: Rite I	BCP 323
Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. <i>People: His mercy endures for ever. Amen.</i>	
The Collect for Purity ( <i>read aloud in unison</i> )	BCP 323
The Collect of the Day	BCP 167
The Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9 <i>(silence)</i>	
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 ( <i>said in unison</i> )	BCP 746
The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10 <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i> <i>(silence)</i>	
Sequence Hymn: <i>Lamp of our feet</i>	Hymn 627 vs. 1,2,5
Announcement of the Gospel: <i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>	
The Gospel: John 3:14-21	
After the Gospel: <i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>	
The Sermon	The Rev. Ernestine C. Flemister
<i>(silence)</i>	
The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90)	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Confession of Sin	BCP 330
The Peace (Large Print page 98)	
The Offertory	
Offertory Hymn: <i>I am the bread of life</i>	Hymn 335
<i>Doxology (said in unison) updated words:</i>	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise <b>God</b> , all creatures here below, Praise <b>God</b> above ye heavenly host, <b>Praise triune God, whom we adore.</b>	
The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 340

Sanctus (*said in unison*) BCP 341  
The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (Lg. Print page 110) BCP 336

*(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat please notify an usher for assistance.)*

Communion Hymn: *Amazing grace!* Hymn 671  
Announcements  
Post-communion Prayer BCP 339  
The Blessing  
Closing Hymn: *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Hymn 690  
The Dismissal  
Postlude: *Cross of Sorrow* S. Keeney

TODAY IS SUNDAY, March 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
9:00 Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, March 15

9:00 Needle & Thread  
5-7 Sacred Ground

TUESDAY, March 16

11-1 St. Anne's Food Box

WEDNESDAY, March 17

St. Patrick's Day  
5:30 Chancel Choir  
7:00 Handbell Choir

THURSDAY, March 18

11-3 Vestry Retreat (Zoom)

FRIDAY, March 19

St. Joseph

SATURDAY, March 20

Spring begins

Note: Jr. Warden needed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



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## COLLECT

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### *Traditional*

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.*

### *Contemporary*

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.*

## FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

FROM MOUNT HOR they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it

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on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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### Refrain

Give thanks to the Lord, whose mercy endures for ever.

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#### **Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1  | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.                               | 18 | They abhorred all manner of food * and drew near to death’s door.                          |
| 2  | Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.      | 19 | Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress. |
| 3  | He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. | 20 | He sent forth his word and healed them * and saved them from the grave.                    |
| 17 | Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were afflicted because of their sins.                | 21 | Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children. |

- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

YOU WERE DEAD through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

JESUS SAID, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal