

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Grace Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

March 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please keep silence in the church before the service
and turn off all cell phones.*

Prelude

Procession “Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old” Hymn 567

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison Hymn S-95; BCP, p. 356

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 219

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Gradual Hymn “The King of Love” Hymn 645

Epistle Romans 5:1-1

Sequence “I Want to Walk as a Child of Light” Hymn 490

The Gospel

John 4:1-5-42

Before the Gospel

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP, p. 389

Confession

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Hymn 493
(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.)

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus

Hymn S-124; BCP, p. 362

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Hymn S-161; BCP, p. 407

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(You may come to the altar rail for communion. If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing. If you are not able to come to the rail for communion, tell an usher, and he will ask the priest to bring you communion in your pew.)

Communion

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness”

Hymn 658

“Blessed Jesus At Thy Word”

Hymn 440

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Prayer Over the People

Book of Occasional Services

Procession “How Wondrous and Great Thy Works” Hymn 533

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace Church

To make a contribution to Grace Church, you may put a check in one of the offering plates at the front and back of the church; or you may send your offering in the mail to the office; or you may make a contribution online through our website or by scanning the computer code below into your smartphone.

If you have particular needs for prayer or other ministrations of the Church, please contact me, the office, or the senior warden.

Father Joe



How to Tame the Fox: Lenten Series, 2023

Join us the next two Wednesday nights for prayer, dinner, and a time for thoughtful reflection. I will lead meditations on a special part of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's 1943 classic, *The Little Prince*. The book tells how the Little Prince travels to different planets searching for friends and understanding until he is approached by a fox that asks him to tame him. The fox then teaches the Little Prince how. The fox imparts wisdom that can aid us in our life of prayer as we seek a closer relationship with God and as he seeks a closer relationship with us.

We will consider on the two remaining Lenten Wednesday nights 4) Thursdays Are for Dancing: The Meaning of Time and the Need for Order, and 5) Seeing Rightly with the Heart: The Fruit of the Spiritual Life. Participants may sign up in the parish hall to attend, but anyone may come without signing up.

We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by dinner and the meditation. The purpose of these meditations is to help us recover the childlike attitude that Jesus said we need before we can enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 18:3).

Wednesday Noon Eucharists

Throughout Lent, we will continue our Wednesday noon celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing and

the anointing of the sick. I will be coming in at around 11:15 a.m. and staying most of the day through the Lenten series, so I may not be coming into the office on another weekday during Lent unless I have an appointment or a specific need. Please call me if you need me for anything Tuesday through Friday. I will try to keep Mondays as a day off.

Father Joe

Easter Lily Contributions

After not having flowers in church through the penitential season of Lent, we will adorn the church with white lilies for Easter Morning. To those who contribute to our Easter lily fund, we say a special "Thank you" for your donation of any amount. Donations can be made to Grace Church (please designate Lily Fund if using a check) and put in the collection plate or given to Linda Colmore. They may also be sent via mail to the address below. Also, if you wish to make a dedication, please send this info to Karylofcolumbia@cs.com by Sunday April 2 so that these can be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,
and bring Christ to our community.