Good morning and welcome to Emmanuel Church this Fourth Sunday in Lent. Our service of Holy Eucharist, Spiritual Communion, Rite II, begins with Hymn 686 Vs. 1, 2, and 3. You may follow along with the service bulletin posted on Facebook and our website, or simply sit back and enjoy the service.

Hymn 686 vs. 1, 2, 3 ............... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure: hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me, when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day
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 forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading - Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 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.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon ............................................. The Rev. Denise Guinta

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.

The Prayers of the People - Form IV  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  BCP P. 388

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.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) P. 360

Deacon and People together

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.

Officiant:  
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.

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

Hymn 685 vs. 1 and 3  “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”  

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed,  
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B  BCP P. 367  

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: 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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.  
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:  

Celebrant and People  
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.

The people stand or kneel.
Then the Celebrant continues
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [________ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 .................................... BCP P. 364  
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.  Amen.  
Prayer of Spiritual Communion  
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you  
praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim  
your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you  
today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come  
spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord  
Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in  
me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen  
Communion Anthem .................. “Larghetto” ............... Loeillet  
Post Communion Prayer  ...................................... BCP P. 365  
Let us pray.  
Celebrant and People  
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
Hymn 690 vs. 1 and 3  “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim, through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Postlude  “Allegro”  Loeillet

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