



126th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia
Williamsburg, Virginia
16 February 2018 ☩ 11 a.m.

Lenten Council Eucharist

Instrumental Prelude

All are invited to sit at tables and communion instructions are given.

The Bishop then invites the Assembly to stand and says

☩ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures for ever.

The procession enters as the people sing the Song of Praise: "Forty days and forty nights" (tune *Aus der Tiefe*).

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we your sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by your side;
that with you we may appear
at th'eternal Eastertide.

The Bishop then says

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.

The Bishop then says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for persons to bring before God their individual sins.

Deacon and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Bishop says

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Assembly then sings the *Trisagion* three times (tune *Alexander Archangelsky*)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Support us, O Lord, with your gracious favor through the fast we have begun; that as we observe it by bodily self-denial, so we may fulfill it with inner sincerity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 51

The Assembly sits as they sing Psalm 51 (setting by Pulkingham).

Antiphon: first time sung by cantor, then all. Remainder of antiphons sung by all in unison.

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Verses: sung by Cantor

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Antiphon

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Antiphon

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Antiphon

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Antiphon

The assigned Reader then reads Isaiah 58:1-9a (New Revised Standard Version).

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Gospel Hymn: "Now let us all with one accord" (tune Bourbon).

Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you forever live,
in love and unity and peace.

The Deacon reads Matthew 9:10-17, first saying

✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The procession returns to the altar accompanied by instrumental music. The Preacher then invites the people to be seated.

The Sermon

Following the sermon, the Assembly stands as the Deacon leads the Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayer for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by the Holy One.

The People offer their petitions.

I invite your thanksgivings.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

The People offer their petitions.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Bishop concludes the Prayers by saying

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Bishop designates the offering. The Assembly sits and the offering is collected while an instrumental is offered.

The people stand and sing the Presentation Hymn as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar: "Lord, who throughout these forty days" (tune *St. Flavian*).

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over-past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

A Eucharistic Prayer for Lent

The Bishop faces the people and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Bishop</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Bishop</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

The Presider and People sing the Sanctus (tune Land of Rest)

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, hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing. The Bishop continues

Ever living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands.

In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus, the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering and death.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. In him the instrument of torture and death has been transformed into the sign of reconciliation and abundant life.

Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the Body and Blood of your incarnate Love. 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 blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Bishop then says

Using the Contemporary form,
as our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

Bishop and People

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop and People then say

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Fraction anthem is sung while the altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.

Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the

sins of the world, have ____ mer - cy on us.

Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the

sins of the world, grant ____ us peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the sins of the world, have ____ mer - cy on us." and "Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the sins of the world, grant ____ us peace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The Bishop then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Instrumental music is offered.

Congregational hymn: “The glory of these forty days” (tune *Erhalt uns, Herr*)

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steed and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions might;
and John the Bridegroom’s friend became
the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant us Lord like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest,
to you be every prayer addressed,
who are in three-fold name adored,
from age to age the only Lord.

When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood) of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, “This is my Body (Blood).” *Amen.*

The Bishop then says

Let us pray.

The Bishop and People stand and 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 Bishop then offers a Lenten Prayer over the People.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church" (tune Old 124th).

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

The Deacon then says

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Postlude

Liturgical Ministers

Herman Hollerith, IV, Presider
James Magness, Preacher

Lector:

Courtney Mason

Deacon of the Liturgy:

Linda Ricker

Eucharistic Ministers:

Conor Alexander, Jan Brown, Dale Custer, Keith Emerson, Margery Howell, Nancy Meck,
Ronald Ramsey, Linda Ricker, John Rohrs, Stanley Sawyer

Musicians:

Suzanne Daniel (Music Director & Organist), Caroline Little (violin), Jackson Livanec (cello)

Acolytes & Ushers: Diocesan Youth Representatives

Sound: Jim Rayburn

Diocesan Liturgical Commission:

J. Derek Harbin (chair), Conor M. Alexander, Caroline Black, Margery E. Howell, Kevin Kwan