

# Emmanuel Church

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

## Morning Prayer Rite II

### Hymn 144

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

*Cornhill*

1 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,  
shine in our hearts, we pray;  
dispel the gloom that shades our minds  
and be to us as day.

2 Give guidance to our wandering ways,  
forgive us, Lord, our sin;  
restore us by your loving care  
to peace and joy within.

3 Lord, grant that we in penitence  
may offer you our praise,  
and through your saving sacrifice  
receive your gift of grace.

4 Now nearer draws the day of days  
when paradise shall bloom,  
when we shall be at one with you,  
Lord, risen from the tomb.

5 The universe your glory shows,  
blest Father, Spirit, Son;  
we shall acclaim your majesty,  
eternal Three in One.

Words: Latin; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)  
Music: *Cornhill*, Harold Darke (1888-1976), alt.

### Opening Sentence

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

### **Venite**

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him..*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.*

## The Lessons

### The 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 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A Song of Penitence

O LORD and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Second Reading**

**John 3:14-21**

And 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.”

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

### **Sermon**

**The Rev. Della Wager Wells**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

## Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## 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 for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Bishop, Nicholas; our Presiding Bishop Michael; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and all bishops, priests, and deacons. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Episcopal Charities and the ministries and agencies the fund supports. In the Emmanuel Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Altar Guild.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President, Joseph; our Governor, Dan, our Mayor, Jeanne-Marie, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially; Pam, LeEtta, Val, Diane (*pronounced Dee-On*), Mike, Rob, Liz, Sandy, Deb, Nora, Roger, Judy, Barbara, Donald, Thomas, Mandy, Gail, Jean, Ida, Jim, Jill, Roger, Dave, Marcia, Doris, Walker and Nick;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to all the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Bless our Emmanuel community, especially our rector, and all whose lives are closely linked with ours Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## THE AGAPE MEAL

*Please have a small piece of bread and a sip of a beverage we will consume together following the prayers.*

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son. Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WINE**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please eat and drink together in silence for a few moments.*

## **Prayers and Thanksgivings**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## Family Meeting

### Hymn 145

Now quit your care

*Quittez, Pasteurs*

1 Now quit your care  
and anxious fear and worry;  
for schemes are vain  
and fretting brings no gain.  
Lent calls to prayer,  
to trust and dedication;  
God brings new beauty nigh;  
reply, reply,  
reply with love to love most high.

2 To bow the head  
in sackcloth and in ashes,  
or rend the soul,  
such grief is not Lent's goal;  
but to be led  
to where God's glory flashes,  
his beauty to come near.  
Make clear, make clear,  
make clear where truth and light appear.

3 For is not this  
the fast that I have chosen?  
(The prophet spoke)  
To shatter every yoke,  
of wickedness  
the grievous bands to loosen,  
oppression put to flight,  
to fight, to fight  
to fight till every wrong's set right.

4 For righteousness  
and peace will show their faces  
to those who feed  
the hungry in their need,  
and wrongs redress,  
who build the old waste places,  
and in the darkness shine.  
Divine, divine,  
divine it is when all combine!

5 Then shall your light  
break forth as doth the morning;  
your health shall spring,  
the friends you make shall bring  
God's glory bright,  
your way through life adorning;  
and love shall be the prize.  
Arise, arise,  
arise! and make a paradise!

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt.  
Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)  
Meter: Irr.