

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2010

PRELUDE

Aria

Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
we are gathered in the name of the Father,
and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and are not worthy to be called your children.
Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.
Bring us back to you as those
who once were dead but now have life,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Through the Holy Spirit,
God gives life, freedom from the power of sin,
and resurrection from the dead.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Live in newness of life.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	# 807
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON	Joshua 5:9-12	Pew Bible p. 217-218 (OT)
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SECOND LESSON	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Pew Bible p. 191 (NT)
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CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

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GOSPEL	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Pew Bible p. 80-81 (NT)
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SERMON	<i>"Prodigal Sons & Daughters, Prodigal God"</i>	
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HYMN	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	# 631
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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION p. 105
Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

COMMISSIONING OF LAURA WEBER-MEYERS (10:30 a.m.)
PEACE p. 106

OFFERING *Come to Jesus (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)* **Rice**
I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health (10:30 a.m.) **Byrd**
***OFFERTORY** **# 186**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 107
***SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)** p. 108
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LORD'S PRAYER p. 112 (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.); p. 305 (10:30 a.m.)

LAMB OF GOD p. 112

COMMUNION SONGS *Ah, Mighty King (10:30 a.m.)* **Bach**
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **#779**
Come, Let Us Eat **#491**

BLESSING p. 114

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION** p. 113

*Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG	<i>On My Heart Imprint Your Image</i>	# 811
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DISMISSAL p. 115

POSTLUDE *Fugue on O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **Leupold**

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

A communion station with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers is available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
ASSISTING MINISTER	Intern Caitlin Trussell
INTERIM ORGANIST	Sheree Weverstad
LECTORS	Catherine Gloeckner (8:00 a.m.) Carole Cameron (9:00 a.m.) Judith Voigt (10:30 a.m.) Andrea Grace (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.) Andrea Grace
MUSICIANS	Bev Van Kirk, Jerry Beabout Joyce Beabout (8:00 a.m.) Dick Rankin, Diane Herrmann Carole Cameron, Julie Van Loo (9:00 a.m.) Sherman Lambert, Judi Burchfield (10:30 a.m.)
CANTOR	Joe Schroer & Sam Sweeney (8:00 a.m.) Grace Wilkins & Nikki Giesen (9:00 a.m.) Laine Stewart & Emily Gramer (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Don Lujan, Patty Lujan, Bruce Miller Sylvia Boedeker, Brian Tennien, Jim Thompson (8:00 a.m.) Art Weiss, Bill Schuster, Walt Boehnke Jim Artzberger, Bill Moeller, Ron Kaminen, Ed Cleaver Colleen Johnson, Marie Friedemann (9:00 a.m.) Olga Hellweg, Angela Tanner, Charlie Tanner Doug Anderson, Ron Christensen, Danielle Ludwig (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Michael Bever
USHERS	Catherine Jones, Doug Jones, Milie Hock Edie Acsell, Gwen Smith, Mona Palmquist Dave Malucky, John Brayton Katie Dragseth, Laura Weber-Meyers
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni
MARCH ALTAR GUILD	
MARCH SACRISTANS	
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The * indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

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