

St Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church

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Lent 2021

All Sundays in Lent

9:00 a.m.

Welcome

*If you are visiting for the first time we are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us.
It is our prayer that you will return again to share with us the sense of peace, awe and presence of God we feel here.*

Offerings should be placed in the offering plate found at the back of the church before the service begins. Refer to the Scripture Readings for the week's passages.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions only the cantor sings the hymns.

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Celebrant says

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.

The Collect

Hymns & Readings

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day)

The people are seated

The First Lesson

Hymns & Readings

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

spoken in unison

The Second Lesson

Hymns & Readings

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

The People Stand

The Gospel Lesson

Before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"Our Wilderness Temptations."

Mark 1:9-15

The Affirmation of Faith

(from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

All stand. The Affirmation of Faith is said in unison

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

To include specific intercessions please send them in advance through the link on the church website or enter in the white binder found at the church entrance prior to the start of the service.

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

You have written your love on our hearts and called us as your own. Your Spirit lives in us and it is your Spirit who speaks through us as we pray.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You created us in your image; break down the walls that divide us, bring the people of this world together to live in harmony and teach us to honor you in all your children.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You know the hardships and challenges of this world; bring strength and courage to those dealing with hunger, poverty, persecution, war and natural disasters, especially...and those we now name (*Congregation may add petitions*). Help us to alleviate suffering and strive for justice and peace.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You sent your Son into the world as your living Word; reveal him to others through his life in us.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You sent your apostles to make disciples of all nations; bless Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop and each of us as we serve as ministers of your Church.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You have blessed us with your mercy and grace; we give thanks for the abundant gifts you have given us, especially...and those we now name (*Congregation may add prayers of thanksgiving*). May we respond with generosity to share our blessings as we serve others.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You cured by your healing touch and word; heal the sick, especially...and those we now name (*Congregation may add names*). Help us to be vehicles of your healing as we minister to others.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

You open the gates of your kingdom to those who have died, especially...and those we now name (*Congregation may add names*). You have been glorified in the lives of innumerable saints; give us strength through prayers to follow in their footsteps.

In your compassion Lord,

...Sing the refrain

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Show your goodness, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Look past our selfish desires and remember your own faithfulness. In your great compassion, consider our petitions and in your mercy do in our lives that which is truly good. We pray in the name of your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins.

Minister 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 Celebrant 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 Peace

All stand.

Celebrant My brothers and sisters, the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Special Prayers

At this time we ask that anyone celebrating an anniversary or birthday come forward for special prayers. As they gather we all pray together.

Watch over your servants, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Our offerings provide an opportunity to express our gratitude for the many ways God blesses our lives. In addition to checks, gifts can be made electronically through this link – <https://giveinjoy.givingfuel.com/st-anthony-on-the-desert> or by texting 480-690-3680

Offertory Hymn

At the Presentation *(please stand)*

Doxology *sung by the Cantor*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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.

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.

Celebrant: 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;

Celebrant: 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

**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

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Celebrant says the following invitation,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and
feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons, including children are welcome to
the Lord's Table to receive Communion.*

- + *To receive Communion, please come forward as
directed by the ushers, maintaining safe, social
distancing.*
- + *Communion will be administered while standing
in front of the clergy.*
- + *For safety, only communion hosts will be offered.*
- + *Gluten-free hosts are available – when you come
forward please indicate your preference.*
- + *Those not receiving Communion are invited to
come forward to receive a Blessing, indicated by
crossing your arms across your chest.*

Prayers for Healing - *one of our deacons and members of
our Healing Prayer Ministry are available in the chapel
during Communion and after today's service to pray with
you. You may share as little or as much as you feel
comfortable. You may ask for prayers for yourself or on
behalf of a loved one.*

Communion Hymn

Hymns & Readings

Postcommunion Prayer

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Kneel or stand as you are able.

Celebrant offers the prayer for the week.

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

***Please remain in your seats until the ushers
have dismissed your pew.***

***Please take the bulletin and insert home for
information on upcoming events.***

***Please maintain safe, social distancing
as you exit the church.***