THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday in Lent

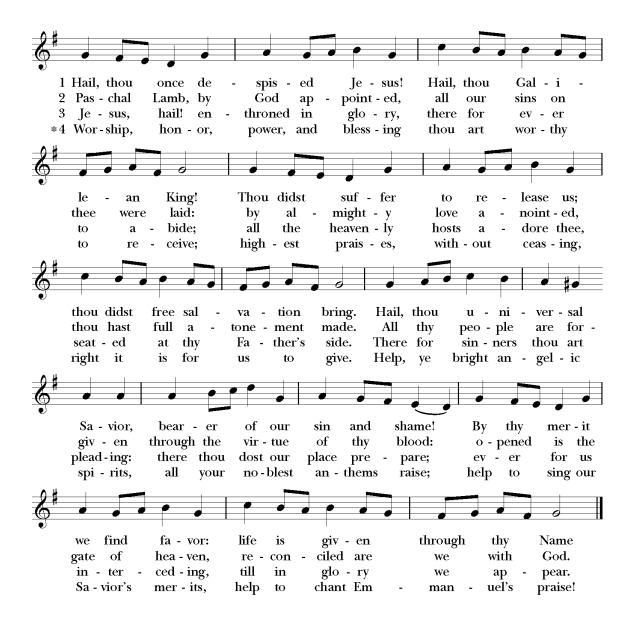
ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 13, 2022 - II:00 AM

PRELUDE Josh Ehlebracht, Organ

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The People respond



Merciful God, in the wilderness your strength and courage pour forth to sustain the witness of your faithful people: Awaken in us the humility to serve wherever creation is broken and needy, that we may follow in the way of our brother, Jesus, die as he did to all that separates us from you, and be raised, as he was, to new life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God, who is generous in mercy and full of compassion.

All kneel, or bow, as able. A brief silence is kept.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

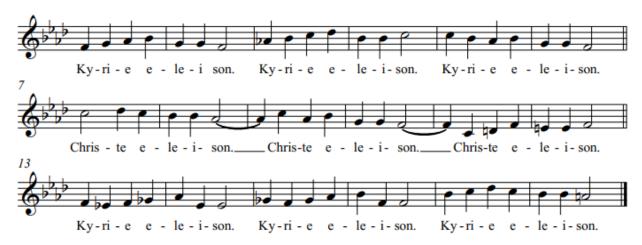
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

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 stands and 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 KYRIE



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of the covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word gives us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life. Grant this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON seated Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



la The LORD is my light and my salvation;

— / whom then shall I fear? *

- When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flésh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who / stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart/shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I/put my trust in him.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the / days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD * and to seek him / in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me / high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head * above my enemies / round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make / music to the LORD.

Plainsong

THE EPISTLE seated Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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THE GRADUAL PROCESSION

standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People

The Cantor sings the refrain, and the People repeat it.



Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

REFRAIN sung by all

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them;

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,

that I may glory in your heritage.

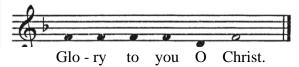
REFRAIN sung by all

Psalm 106: 1-2, 4-5

THE GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

The Deacon or Priest intones:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON seated Katie Kirk, Seminarian

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH standing

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word, and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, in faith, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,

That we may rest in your peace.

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,

That we may share the abundance of your creation.

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,

That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,

That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,

That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.

For what else shall we pray?

The People add particular intercessions and thanksgivings aloud, silently, or via a livestream comment.

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,

That we may live with gladness and trust.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: Show us that, in the midst of our struggle and suffering, you are with us. Give us the abundance of your grace that we may do the work you give us to do and that we may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS seated

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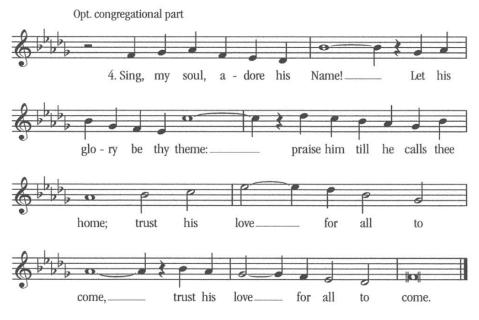
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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY seated, sung by the Choir, final verse sung by all

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race still extends to us his grace.

Heav'n and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed, what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood. and to make salvation sure guides us by his Spirit pure.



Words: Anonymous Music: Nelson, Sarah MacDonald

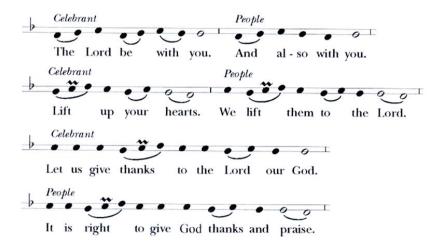


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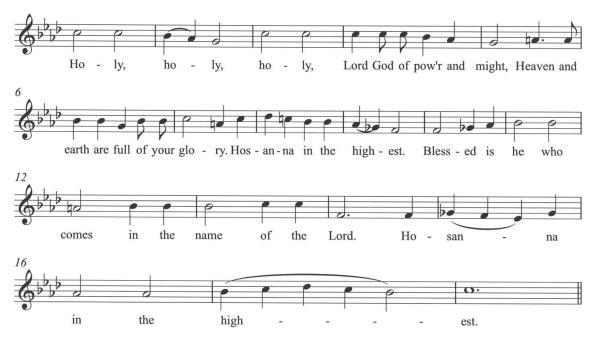
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:



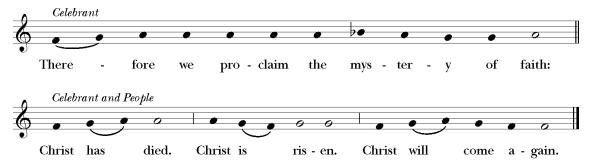
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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself for the life of the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

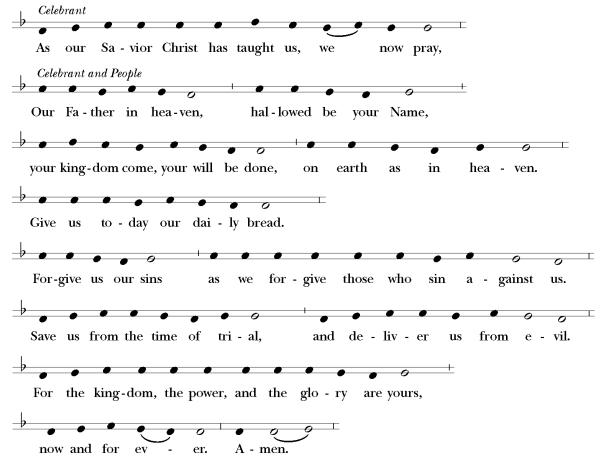
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.





THE LORD'S PRAYER



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The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

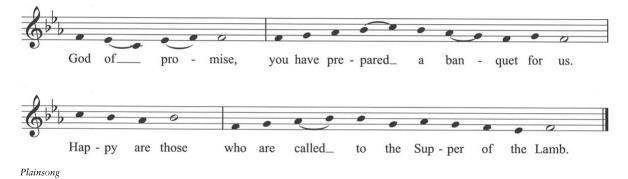
Broken for the life of the world.

Come to the table, all who are hungry; it is Christ who meets us here.

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

Sung first by the Choir and then by the Congregation as the distribution of Communion begins.



MUSIC AT COMMUNION

seated, sung by the Choir

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)
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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

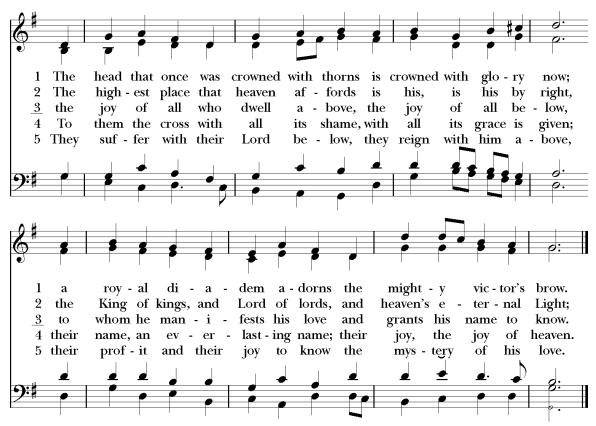
Let us pray:

O God, you made us from the dust of the earth, and our lives are as brief as the grass of the field, yet you sustain us in the wilderness, and you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Now raise us up, and turn our faces toward you, that we may reflect the glory we behold and show Christ's love to the world in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, who sustains us in all things bring forth the fruit of repentance. And the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

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Music: St. Magnus, melody from Divine Companion, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.). OneLicense.net License #A-709109

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Josh Ehlebracht, Organ

The Worship is Over - The Service Begins

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