

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 20, 2022 - 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Fugue from Praeludium in E Minor "The Great" - Nicolaus Bruhnsn (1637-1718)

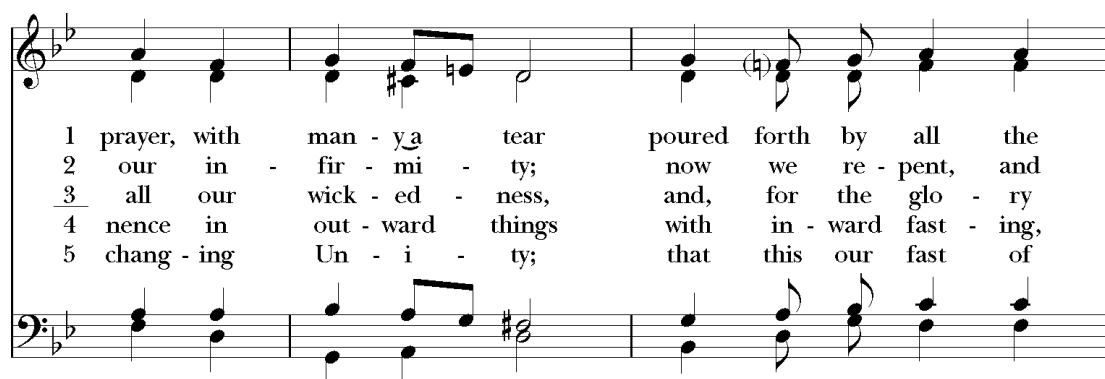
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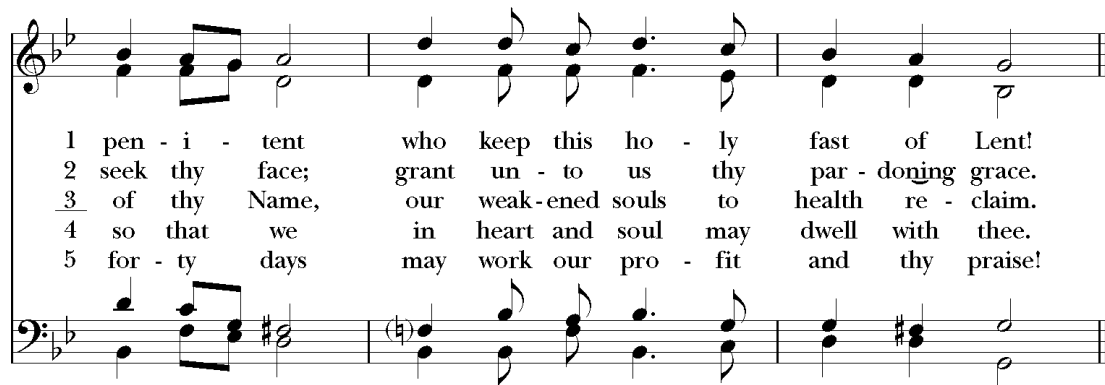
HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
 3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -



1 prayer, with man - y a tear poured forth by all the
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
 3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
 5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of



1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
 3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

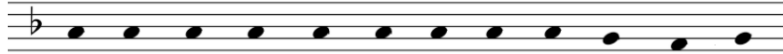
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 Music: *A la venue de Noël*, melody from *Fleurs des Noël*s, 1535
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

The Celebrant intones

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

The People respond



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 *sung by the Choir and Congregation*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son.

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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son.

13
Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son.

Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after Verbum caro factum est, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered. Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance. We ask 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*

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites,

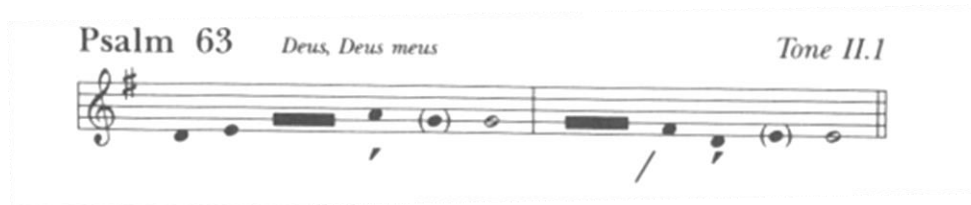
'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *sung by the Choir*

Psalm 27:1-9



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I séek you; *
*† my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is / no wáter.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your hóly place, *
that I might behold your power and / your glóry.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips / shall gíve you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I líve *
and lift up my hands / in yóur Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fátness, *
and my mouth praises you / with jóyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upón my bed, *
and meditate on you in the / night wátches.
- 7 For you have been my hélper, *
and under the shadow of your wings / I wílł rejoice.

Plainsong

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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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.



As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

REFRAIN *all*

My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

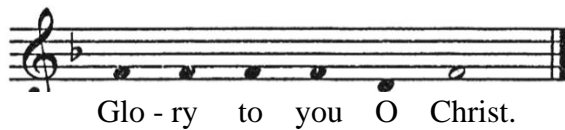
These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

REFRAIN *all*

Psalm 42: 1-2, 4-5

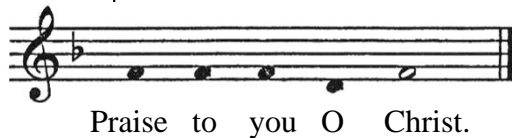
The Deacon or Priest intones:

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



At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

seated

The Rev. Daniel Simons

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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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *seated, sung by the Choir*

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

words: Psalm 51:9-11
music: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1. O for a heart to praise my God, a
 2. A heart re - signed, sub - mis - sive, meek, my
 3. A hum - ble, low - ly, con - trite heart, be -
 4. A heart in ev - ery thought re - newed and
 5. Thy na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; come

heart from sin set free, a heart that al - ways
 great Re - deem - er's throne, where on - ly Christ is
 liev - ing, true, and clean, which nei - ther life nor
 full of love di - vine, per - fect and right and
 quick - ly from a - bove; write thy new name up -

feels thy blood so free - ly shed for me.
 heard to speak, where Je - sus reigns a - lone.
 death can part from Christ who dwells with - in.
 pure and good, a cop - y, Lord, of thine.
 on my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

words: Charles Wesley (1742)
 music: *Richmond*, Thomas Haweis (c. 1734-1820)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

sung by the Choir and Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heaven and

6 earth are full of your glo - ry. Hos - an - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

12 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

16 in the high - - - - - est.

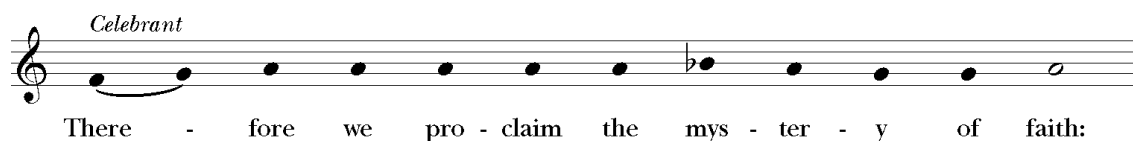
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The Celebrant continues

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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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.

God of — pro - mise, you have pre - pared — a ban - quet for us.
Hap - py are those who are called — to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Plainsong

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *seated, sung by the Choir*

Go Down, Moses

words: African-American spiritual
music: *Go Down, Moses*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)
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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 in you 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

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46
 Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Praeludium and Fugue from "The Great" E minor Praeludium-* Nicolaus Bruhnsn (1637-1718)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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