

HOLY EUCHARIST

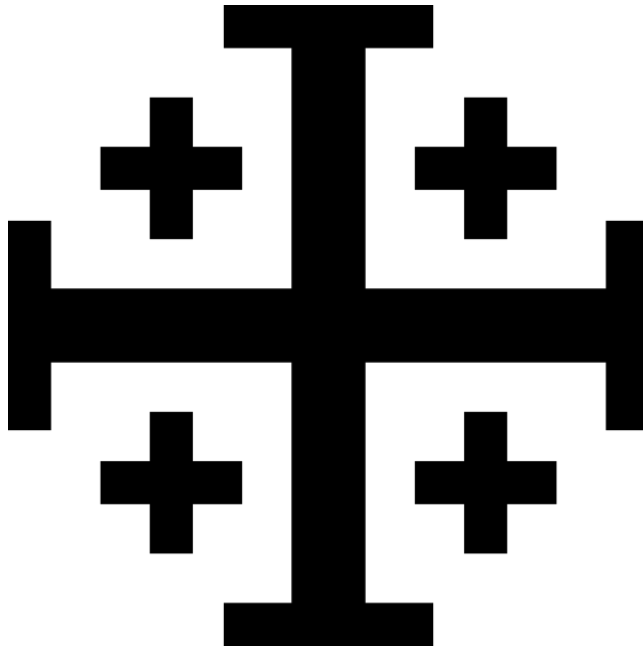
The First Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | FEBURARY 26, 2023 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue – J.S. Bach (1685-1725)

Please stand as the organ sounds. (bells are silenced during Lent)



LITANY FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

We enter the season of Lent with a litany of penitence and hope, preparing ourselves for the transformational joy of the Resurrection. Join in the sung responses as together we renew our commitment to listen and follow where God is leading us on this great pilgrimage of faith.

The Celebrant intones

Let us pray for God's blessing in this holy season of Lent:
Lord, have mercy.

The People respond to each petition:



We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength:
Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven:
Lord, have mercy.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ has served:
Lord, have mercy.

We confess our unfaithfulness, our pride, hypocrisy and impatience:
Lord, have mercy.

We confess our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves:
Lord, have mercy.

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work:
Lord, have mercy.

For our negligence in prayer and worship:
Lord, have mercy.

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty:
Lord, have mercy.

For lack of charity toward our neighbors, for prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us:
Lord, have mercy.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us:
Lord, have mercy.

Restore us, Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.
Lord, have mercy.

Accomplish in us the work of your creation:

Lord, have mercy.

By the cross and passion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

And bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection:

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord our God, in every age you call a people to hear your word and to do your will. Renew us in these Lenten days: washed clean of sin, sealed with the Spirit, and sustained by your living bread, may we remain true to our calling, serving you alone. Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

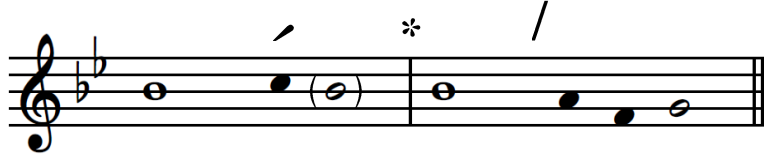
THE LESSON *seated*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven *
and whose sin is / put away!

Happy are they to whom God imputes no **gúilt** *
and in whose spirit there / is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered awáy, *
because of my groaning / all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and **níght**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to **yóu** *
and did not con- / ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to **Gód**;" *
then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **tróuble**;
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **tróuble**; *
you surround me with shouts of de- / liverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **gó**; *
I will guide you / with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no **understánding**, *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the **wícked**, *
but mercy embraces those who trust in / the Móst High.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in **Gód**; *
shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

Anglican Chant: Thomas Tallis

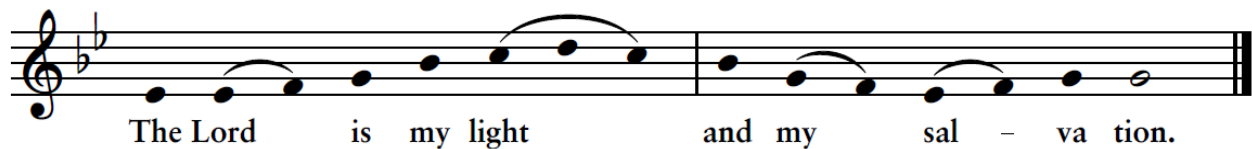
As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION *standing*

The Cantor sings the Refrain, and all repeat it.



They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High *
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

They shall say to God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

For God shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

Refrain

God's pinions shall cover you, and under God's wings you shall find refuge; *
God's faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

For God shall give the angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

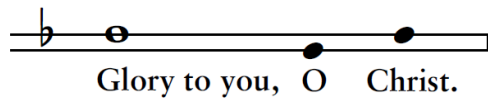
They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

Refrain: Will Doreza
Psalm Tone: harm. Thomas Stolzer (1480-1526)

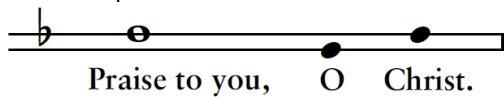
All turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.

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



Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon, then today's service continues directly with the Prayers of the People.

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?

Please offer your own prayers aloud or in silence.

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 always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

To his garden

From Kentucky Harmony: arr. Susan Matsui (b. 1959)

The Lord into his garden comes,
the spices yield a rich perfume,
The lilies grow and thrive,
the lilies grow and thrive.
Refreshing show'rs of grace divine
from Jesus flow to ev'ry vine,
And make the dead revive,
and make the dead revive.

Come, children, you who love the Lord,
Who taste the sweetness of his word,
In Jesus' word now live,
In Jesus' word now live!
Unfurling to the Light divine,
Let your leaves and blossoms intertwine,
Bearing fruit in Christian love,
bearing fruit in Christian love.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540–604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780–1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God. We find new life in you, fountain of hope and well of forgiveness. You seek us out and change our hearts of stone to hearts that love you and all you have made.

Joining with the angels, who sing your praises night and day, we give voice to every creature under heaven as we proclaim with joy:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Setting: James McGregor (b.1930)
 Music: *Verbum Caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1565-1612)

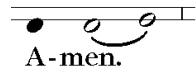
The Celebrant continues

Holy, gracious, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

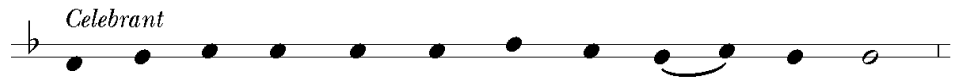
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await Christ's coming in glory. Pour out upon these gifts and upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food. Bless these gifts, and make us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People



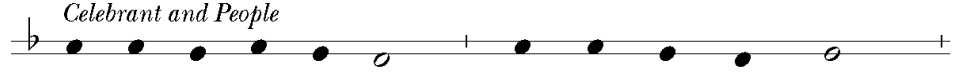
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

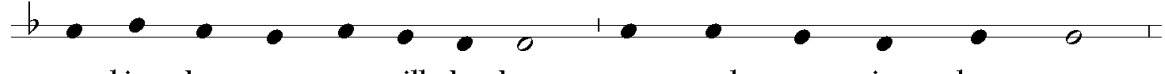


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

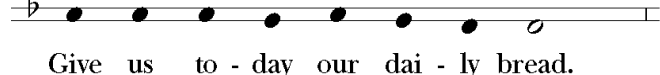
Celebrant and People



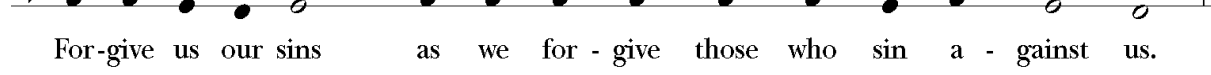
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



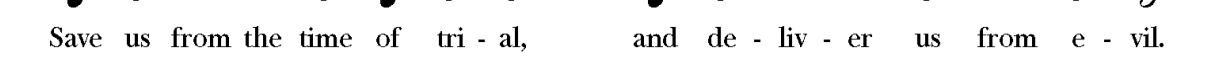
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



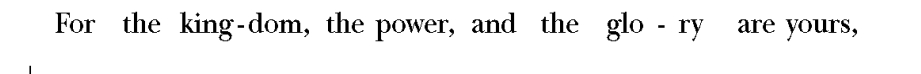
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



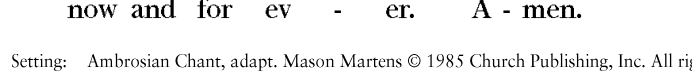
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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 COMMUNION

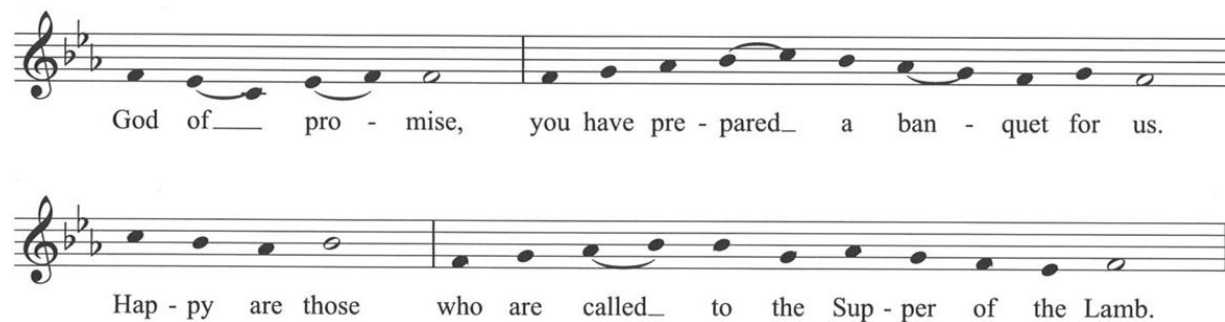
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

Broken for the life of the world.

Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

The Cantor sings the Refrain, and all repeat it.



How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

All repeat Refrain

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11:00am*

We walk by faith

Eugene Hancock (1929-1993)

In recognition of Black History Month, the Choir will feature music by Black composers. Eugene Hancock was a professor of music at Manhattan Community College and held positions in a number of churches in New York City, including the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. Phillip's. From 1984-1990, Hancock was Director of Music at West End Presbyterian Church.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

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

As we journey through Lent, may our fasting be a hunger for justice,
our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the growth of grateful and humble hearts;
And the blessing of God: Source of Hope, Word of Life, and ever-present Spirit of Grace,
be with you now and always.
Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822–1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654–1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and share the good news: God liberates us from every bond.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten - J.S. Bach (1685-1725)

Coming up at St. Paul's

Tuesday Lenten Series with Soup Supper
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Discover the joy and inspiration in this holy season

Saturday March 4 at 9:30am – Church

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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