# HOLY EUCHARIST

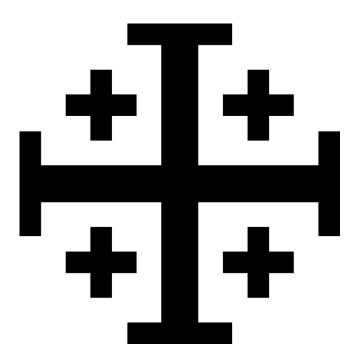
## The Second Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 5, 2023 - 9:00AM & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Adagio from Vivaldi's Concerto in D - Arr. Virgil Fox

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



### HYMN IN PROCESSION



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

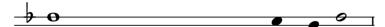
Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of our salvation,

The People respond



who bears our burdens and for-gives our sins.

### 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 you are able, and pray in silence, then saying:

God of all mercy,

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

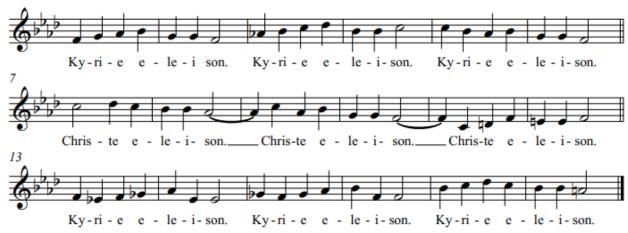
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only 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 KYRIE



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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON seated Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

### Thanks be to God.



I lift up my eyes to the hills; \* from where is my / help to come?

My help comes from Gód, \* the maker of hea- / ven and earth.

God will not let your foot be **móved**; \* the One who watches over you will not / fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch over **Í**srael \* shall neither slum- / ber nor sleep;

The Holy One watches over you \* and is your shade at / your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by dáy, \* nor the / moon by night.

God shall preserve you from all évil \* and is the One who shall / keep you safe.

God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for-/evermore.

Anglican Chant: Thomas Tallis

THE EPISTLE seated

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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### THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

standing

The Cantor or Choir sings the Refrain, and all repeat it.



Give thanks, for the Holy One is good; \* God's mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of God \* or show forth rightful praise?

### Refrain

Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, \* and visit me with your saving help;

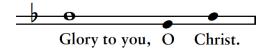
That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, \* that I may glory with your inheritance.

#### Refrain

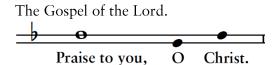
Refrain: Will Doreza Psalm Tone: harm. Thomas Stolzer (1480-1526)

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

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



There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



SERMON The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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?

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 comes 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

I believe

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.

I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.

I believe in God, even when God is silent. Mark Miller (b. 1958) Words: Anon. Jewish poem

#### HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

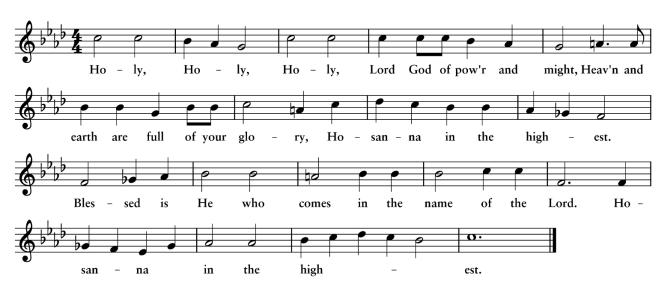
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



Setting: James McGregor (b.1930) Music: Verbum Caro facurn est, Hans LeoHassler (1565-1612)

### The Celebrant continues

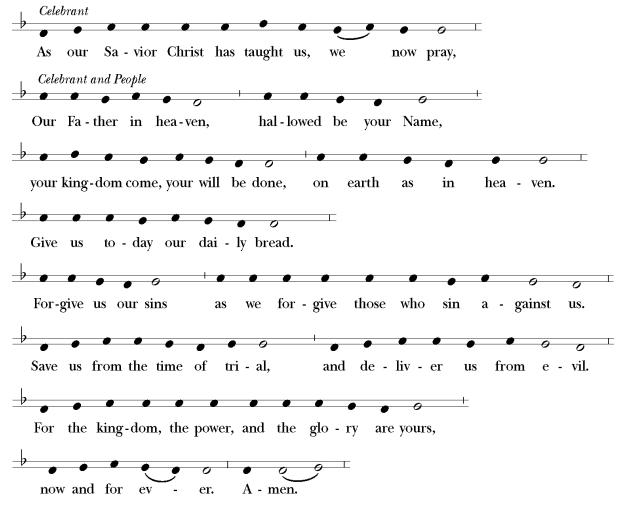
Holy, gracious, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, 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.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER



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### THE COMMUNION

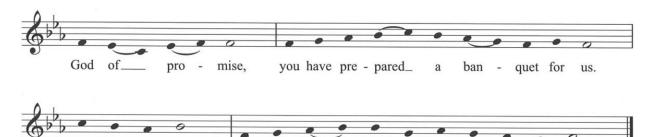
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

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.



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the Lamb.

Carl Haywood

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

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are

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

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION sun

I will trust in the Lord

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sung by the choir at 11:00am

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.

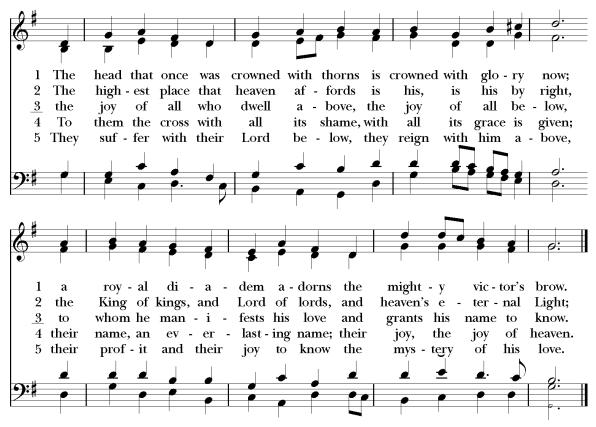
#### THE BLESSING

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 Spirit of Grace, be 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.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

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

### THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

III. Fuga from Concerto in D minor BWV 596 - J.S. Bach / Antonio Vivaldi

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## Tuesday Lenten Series with Soup Supper

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