

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 19, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Salut D'amour – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)


Rosemary Dellinger, bassoon

Please stand as the organ sounds. Bells are silenced during Lent.


HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

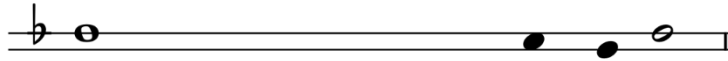
Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870);
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

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

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.

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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.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

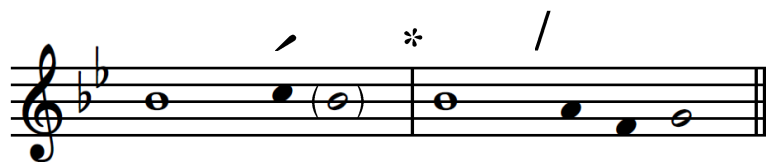
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*The first verse is intoned by the Cantor.
All who wish may then join in singing with the Choir.*

Psalm 23



O God, you are my **shépherd**; *
I shall not / be in want.

You make me lie down in green **pástures** *
and lead me be- / side still waters.

You revive my **sóul** *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake / of your Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no **évil**; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, / they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **tróuble** me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of / God for ever.

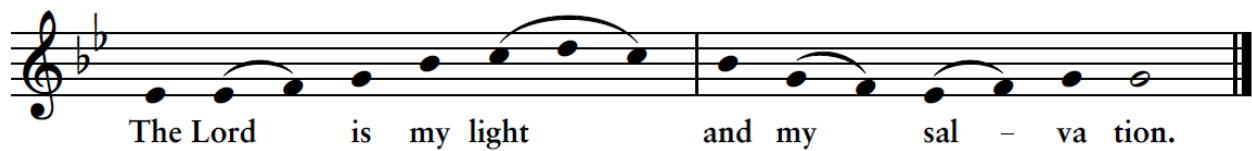
Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION *standing*

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



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

Refrain

For my kindred and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

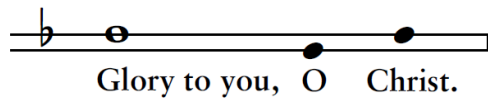
Because of the house of the Holy One our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Refrain

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

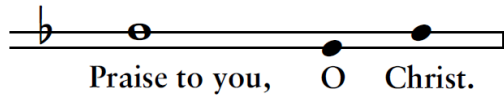
All turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.

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



As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

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?

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 RITE OF WELCOME

Those who desire to be welcomed come forth at the invitation of the Celebrant

We now welcome those who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of St. Paul's Church.

The Celebrant says to the new members:

Is it your wish to make this community of St. Paul's, your church home, and these people those with whom you will share your journey of faith? Is this the congregation with whom you will seek to make sense of the questions of your life: your faith, your doubts, who you are, what and where God calls you to be?

Yes, that is my wish.

Will you share in the worship, the ministry and the support of this congregation?

Yes, that is my wish.

(to entire Congregation)

Will you, who welcome these persons into this congregation, embrace their gifts, their needs, their sorrows and their joys? Will you share what we ourselves have received: the power of prayer, a love for God's word, a desire to follow in Christ's ministry and support for the journey?

We will, with God's help.

Will you share your gifts with them, bear their burdens, and forgive and encourage them?

We will, with God's help.

Together, we pray:

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, within and between us. Help us to grow together and to love and support one another. May we, through our common life, come to know you more fully, and to share your Good News of love, hope and reconciliation with this broken world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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*

Giving to St. Paul's

The work and mission of St. Paul's is fully supported by the generous contributions of its members and friends.
You can make a one-time offering or a sustaining gift to St. Paul's by visiting stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard, or text to give at 855-934-1074
For other means of giving, visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/support.

Thank you for your support!



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

The Lord is my Shepherd

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)
Words: Psalm 23

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come; and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.
 Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780;
 adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

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)

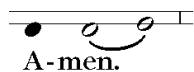
The Celebrant continues

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.

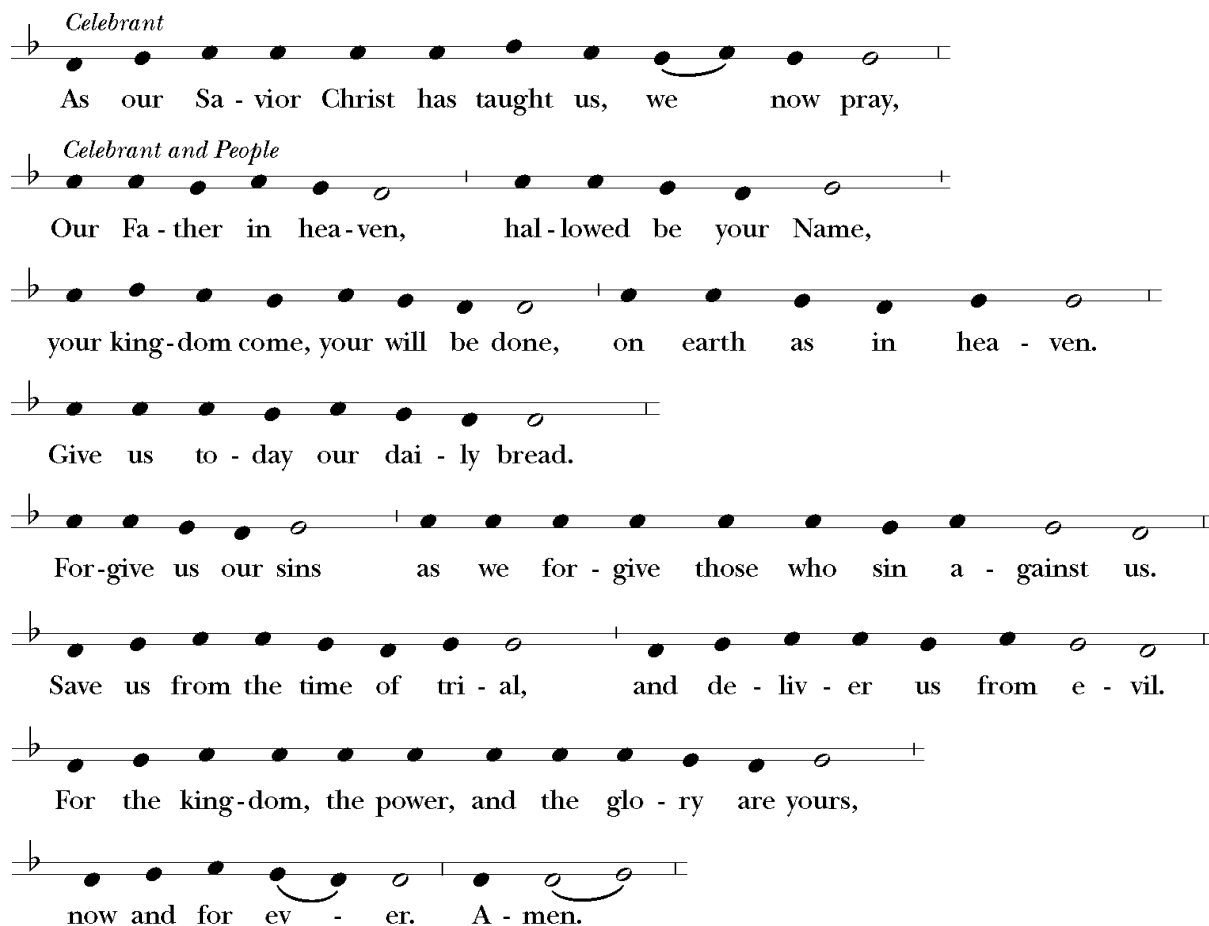
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant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



THE COMMUNION

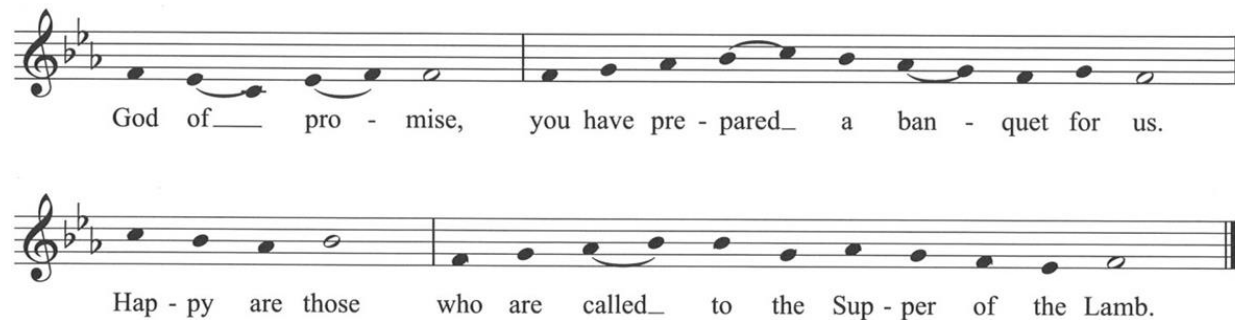
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

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

Salut D'amour

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Rosemary Dellinger, bassoon

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



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); alt. by John Wesley (1703–1791), alt.; based on Psalm 146
Music: Old 113th, melody from Strassburger Kirchenamt, 1525

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and share the good news: God gives us eyes to see and hearts to love.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sonata no. 2 for Bassoon and Continuo in G Major
Johann Ernst Galliard (1666–1749)

Rosemary Dellinger, bassoon

Coming up at St. Paul's
Tuesday Lenten Series with Soup Supper
Preparing to Become the Beloved Community
Tuesdays at 6:30pm – Parish Hall

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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