

HOLY EUCHARIST

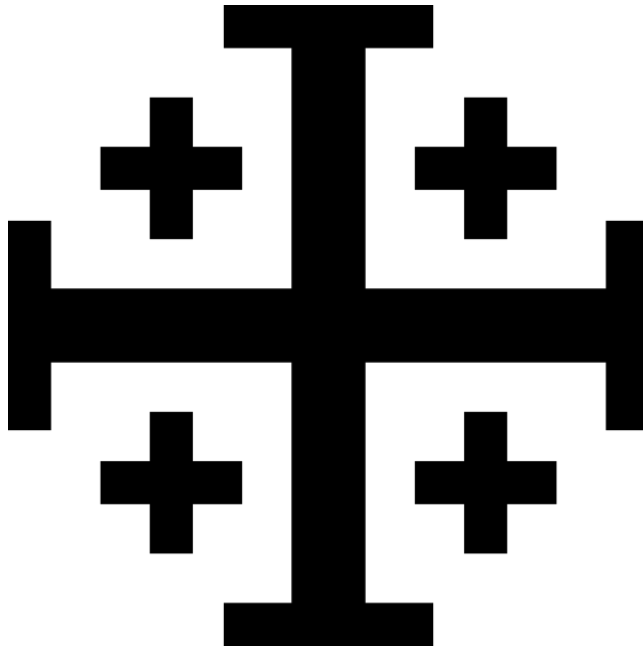
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE

Adoration – Florence Price (1887-1953)

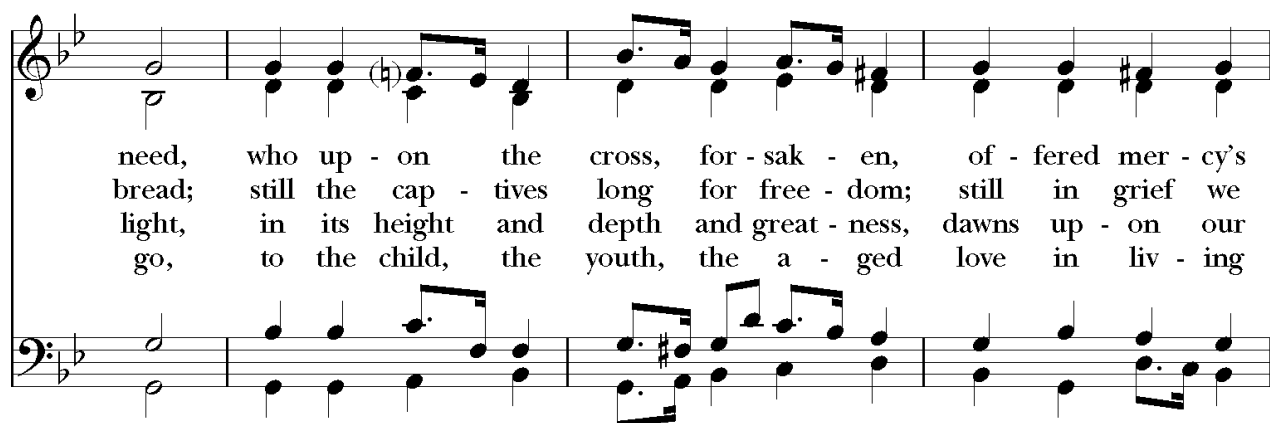
Please stand as the organ sounds. Bells are silenced during Lent.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we



need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing



per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,



not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,



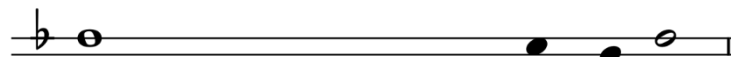
Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984), alt.
Music: Blaenhafren, Welsh melody

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

Musical score for The Kyrie, featuring three staves of music in G major. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris-te 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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

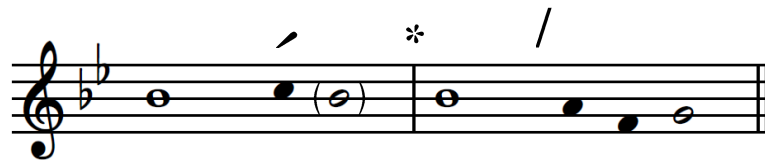
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

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 130



Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, hear my **vóice**; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my sup- / plication.

If you were to note what is done **amíss**, *
O God, / who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with **yóu**, *
therefore you / shall be feared.

I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for **yóu**; *
in your word / is my hope.

My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the **mórníng**, *
more than sentries for / the morning.

O Israel, wait upon **Gód**, *
for with God there / is mercy.

With God there is plenteous **redémption**; *
God shall redeem Israel / from all their sins.

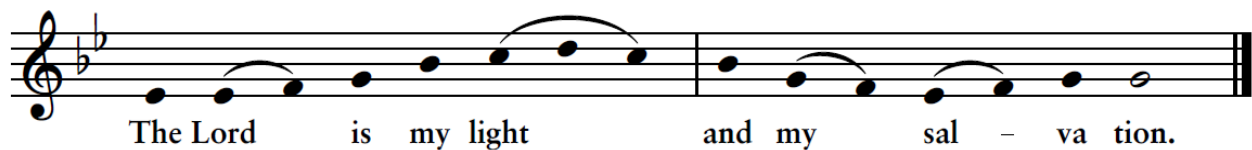
To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION *standing*

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



“Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth,” *
let Israel now say;

“Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, *
but they have not prevailed against me.”

Refrain

They scored my back as with a ploughshare, *
and made their furrows long.

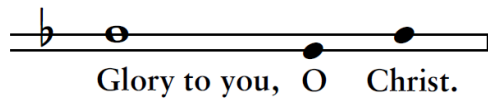
Our God, the Righteous One, *
has cut the cords of the wicked.

Refrain

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

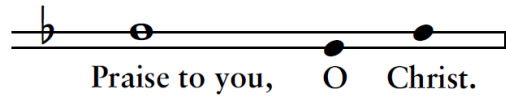
All turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.

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



Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian

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 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*

God be in my head

*Arlen Clarke (b. 1956)
Words: Book of Hours*

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse,
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down,
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul.
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing.
While millions join the theme,
I will sing!

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.
 Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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)

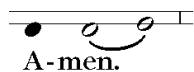
The Celebrant continues

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

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.

THE COMMUNION

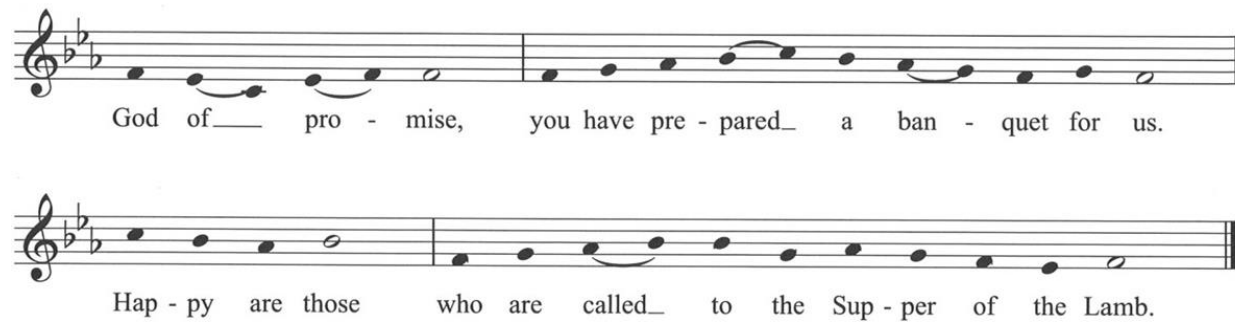
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

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.

Refrain

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

When Jesus wept

William Billings (1746-1800)
Words: The New England Psalm Singer, 1770

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 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 103
Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731–1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and share the good news: God raises us to new life.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in e minor – Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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

Palm Sunday – April 2
9:00am - Outdoor Palms Procession and Holy Eucharist
11:00am – The Liturgy of Palms and Holy Eucharist

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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