

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018, 10:00 am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

## The Word of God

*Prelude: Andante in A Major*

George Frideric Handel

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Opening Hymn

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**Hymn #686**

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**All His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

### The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please stand or kneel as able, and join in saying,*

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### The Absolution



Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing three times.*

Trisagion

S #102

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Trisagion by Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924) Hymnal 1982 S-102

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Peter Huang  
**Deacon/Preacher:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

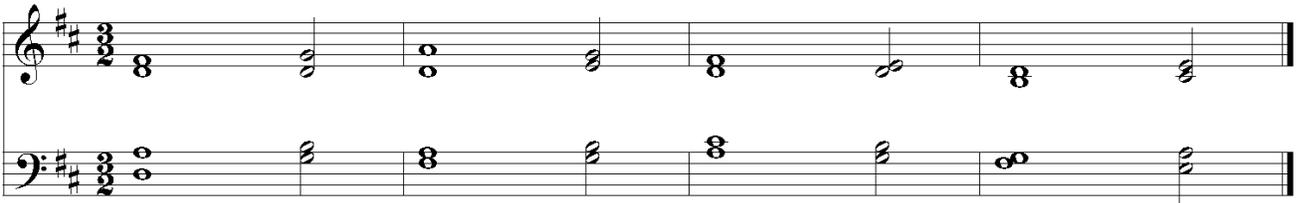
**People Thanks be to God.**

*Anglican chant is a treasured tradition in the Episcopal Church, and we will be using it through the season of Lent. We sing the words of the Psalm on one note until the accent (á), changing notes on the syllable indicated in the text. Remaining seated, please sing (or read silently) along.*

The Response

Psalm 107

Hopson



Give thanks to God for he is góod, his mercy ever stánds;  
Proclaim that God has saved his ówn from their oppressor's hánds.  
From every land the Lord has cálded his own, gathered them óut  
From eastern lands, and from the wést, the north, and from the sóuth.  
Some went down to the sea in shíps and plied their trade at séa;  
There they beheld the works of Gód, his wonders in the déep.  
God spoke, the ocean waves rose hígh, a stormy wind appéared;  
The waves rose up to heaven, fell báck, and hearts that saw it féared.  
At their wits' end, as drunkards dó, they staggered and they réeled;  
They cried to God, he heard their pléa, saved them when they appeáled.  
He stilled the storm to whisperíng, its waves fell quietly;  
Then they were glad; he brought them tó the port where they would bé.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able, and join in singing,*

## The Gospel Procession

## Step by Step

Beaker



O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you.— O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you.— I will seek you in thorn - ing,— I will learn to walk in your ways,— and step by step you'll lead — me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

Words and Music by Beaker. Used by permission CCLI #11110659

## The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please join in singing 'Step by Step' as the procession returns.*

*Please be seated for*

## † The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

## The Nicene Creed

All **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 he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

*Please stand for,*  
The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that there is a pathway before us that leads into your promises and graces. Receive our prayers as we journey into this season of reflection, growth and change.

We pray for our church. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. Guide us along pathways of reconciling hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our nation. Help us appreciate the land, liberties and heritage we have received. Protect us from discord, confusion, arrogance, and evil. Anoint with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government. Guide us along pathways of eternal truths. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the world. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being, welcoming the stranger and refugee. Guide us along pathways of unity and hope. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the truth of love and the power of forgiveness. May we lead lives that are peaceful and just, balanced and joyful. Guide us along pathways of healing love. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen and protect them. Guide them along pathways of protection. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for the afflicted, the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Susie Allen, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Peter Pano, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas and all those we name to you now... *{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*, and empower us to engage your healing presence. Guide us along pathways of health and wholeness. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, from the consequences of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods and other natural disasters and for those who grieve for them. Guide us along pathways of safety. God of mercy, **make us new.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially those we name to you now... *{please add your own prayers either silently or aloud}*. Guide us along pathways of eternal comfort and strength. God of mercy, **make us new.**

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All** God of our Lenten journey, renew us, transform us and lead us to any who need us. Help us appreciate the earthliness and sacredness of being human, for the sake of Jesus, who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Stretch us to receive ever more deeply your unrelenting love among us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

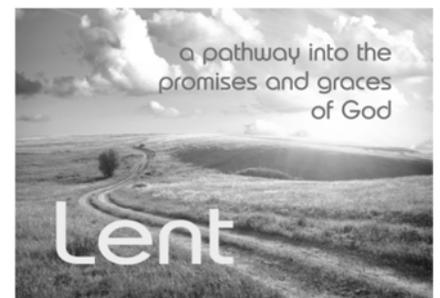
*Please stand as able for*  
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome and Announcements



# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son,  
that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.*

*God so love the world...*

Offertory Hymn

If Thou But Trust In God to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.  
Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Words and Music by Georg Neumark (1621-1681) Hymn #635 in Hymnal 1982

## The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

*Please remain standing for,*

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.*

**Celebrant** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Celebrant** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

**Celebrant** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People** **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

**Celebrant** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

S #130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might. — Heaven and earth are full, full — of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting from Deutsche Mass by Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

*All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

**do this for the remembrance of me."**

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers Leah, Rebekah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

† Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and th Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

S #164

Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

Fraction Anthem by Franz Schubert (1797-1828) Hymnal 1982 S-164.

## The Communion of the People

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.***

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

## Communion Music

Chants are intended to be sung over and over as a help in meditation and prayer. Please join in as you are led.

Come to Me

Linda Larkin

Musical notation for the song 'Come to Me' by Linda Larkin. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Come to me, you who are weary, car-ry'ing hea - vy bur - dens. Come to me.' The second staff contains the lyrics: 'I wil give you rest. Come to me. Come to me.' The second staff includes first and second endings.

Music and Words by Linda Larkin. Used by permission.

Musical notation for the song 'My Peace I Leave You' by Taizé. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: trou - ble not your hearts. My'. The second staff contains the lyrics: 'peace I leave you, my peace I give you: Be not a - fraid.' The second staff includes a measure number '8' at the beginning.

From the Community of Taizé. Used by permission LicenSing #621695.

*My Peace I Leave You*

Taizé

*Please kneel or stand as able*

The Post Communion Prayer

**All** God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer, fasting, and service may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ give you power to grow in holiness this Lent. May you open your hearts and minds into the pathways of God's promises and graces. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Closing Hymn

**Lift High the Cross**

**Hymn #473**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Plein Jeu à 5 from Ave Maris Stella*

Nicolas de Grigny