

Fourth Sunday during Lent

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March 10, 2024 • In person at 10:15 p.m. or on Facebook Live, and YouTube Live

PRELUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude

J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



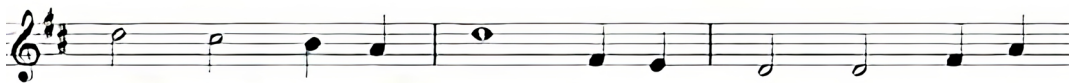
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



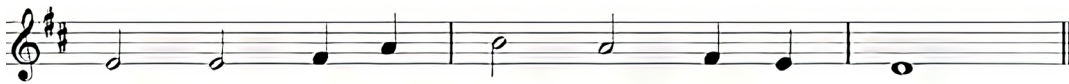
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

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Children of *all ages* are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

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

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.**

FIRST LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor they 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Numbers 21:4-9]

Lector:

Judy Schillinger

THE PSALM

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
***and his mercy endures for ever.**

²Let all those whom the Lord has
redeemed proclaim ***that he redeemed
them from the hand of the foe.**

³He gathered them out of the lands;
***from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

¹⁷Some were fools and took to rebellious
ways; ***they were afflicted because of
their sins.**

¹⁸They abhorred all manner of food

***and drew near to death's door.**

¹⁹Then they cried to the Lord in their
trouble, ***and he delivered them from
their distress.**

²⁰He sent forth his word and healed them
***and saved them from the grave.**

²¹Let them give thanks to the Lord for
his mercy ***and the wonders he does
for his children.**

²²Let them offer a sacrifice of
thanksgiving ***and tell of his acts with
shouts of joy.**

SECOND LESSON:

Lector: A reading from 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.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22]

*Read responsively
by half verse (in bold).*

[Ephesians 2:1-10]

Lector:

Carol Wagers

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me.
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow.

1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

[John 3:14-21]

Stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

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

People: **Glorify 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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us stand as we confess our faith with the 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 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.**

LITANY FOR HEALING

Lector: During the Eucharist today, we will have a Healing Prayer service; therefore, silently or aloud, name before God those for whom we offer our prayers: [Pause]

Lector: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lector: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lector: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

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Stand as you are able.

Lector:

Katy Lee

We believe...



Lector: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
People: **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lector: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Lector: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Lector: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Lector: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit, and all those who are bereaved;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Lector: Restore to wholeness whatever

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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.

is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
People: **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Lector: You are the Lord who does wonders;
People: **You have declared your power among the people.**

Lector: With you, O Lord, is the well of life,
People: **And in your light, we see light.**

Lector: Hear us, O Lord of life;
People: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *[Silence]*

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, to guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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 PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERING

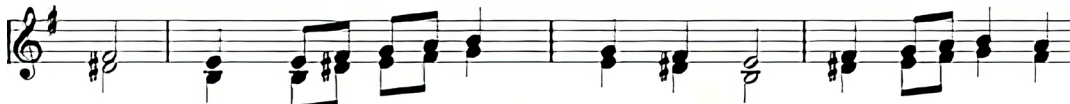
OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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1 Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om
2 O - ther ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on
3 Plen-teous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from ev - ery



fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest
thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and
sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me



still is high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
com - fort me! All my trust on thee is stayed;
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,



till the storm of life be past; safe in - to the
all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
free - ly let me take of thee: spring thou up with -



ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
fense - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

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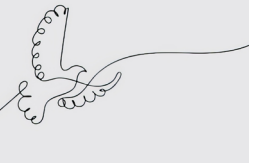
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



*The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a **brief** word of “peace” as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.*

Online giving:



Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

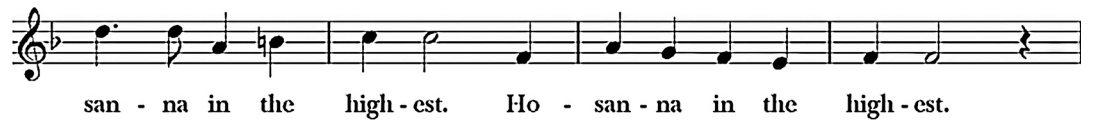
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You

brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



You may stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our

life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you

intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life. Christ
Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever.
Amen.**



Holy Communion is God's feast for all of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**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.**

Missing You

J. Yeager

Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Daniel Lieurance
Judy Schillinger
Kay Jahnel
Nancy Brown

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Just As I Am

W. B. Bradbury



Celtic Worship
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