

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

18 MARCH 2018

Unless a grain of wheat



falls into the earth
and dies, it remains
just a single grain;
but if it dies,
it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

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Welcome to St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT: "PASSION SUNDAY" AND THE PRELUDE TO HOLY WEEK

Until the liturgical renewal movement which swept the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches in the 1960's, the Fifth Sunday in Lent was called Passion Sunday. Vestments and hangings in the church were changed to red and the somber mood of Lent became even more so during this period of "Passiontide." Liturgical change removed the "Passion Sunday" designation for the Fifth Sunday, focusing instead on the continuing movement towards Holy Week. Palm Sunday is now called "The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday." You will probably find Palm Sunday's services to be somewhat confusing. We begin with "Hosanna" as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palms will be distributed to everyone, and we will sing the appropriately triumphant "All glory, laud, and honor," processing from the designated spaces for the Liturgy of the Palms into the Chapel (8am) or Church (10am). The service will then quickly change tone as we move to the Gospel which, this year, will be the Passion Gospel of St. Mark. Holy Week will have begun. Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion from early times. By the late fourth century, many sacred places were sites for devotion and liturgy in the holy city of Jerusalem. Pilgrims followed the path of Jesus in his last days (Stations of the Cross), worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. The traditions of Holy Week evolved over the centuries to the rites we observe now on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

— Parish Notices —

ST. PETER'S PARISH AUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5! Auction-worthy items are now being received! Please speak with Sal if you have donations that you would like to make to our fund-raising Parish Auction.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES on Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Library and Sundays at 9am. All are invited.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY . . . currently needs Macaroni and Cheese.

Financial Snapshot for the Week of 3/11/18

Total Parish Expenses Per Week	5,546.00
Income weekend of 3/11/18	3,746.00
Weekly Deficit	1,800.00
Year to Date Deficit	23,216.00

— Prayers for the Week —

We pray for those seeking healing: Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Beth, Betty, Chris, Connie, Diane, Dom, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, James, Joel, John, Joy, Manuel, Nancy, Peter, Roger, Sarah Grace, Sue, Theo, William;

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Brian LaClair, and those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Zion Church, Douglaston; Church of Grace and Resurrection, East Elmhurst; St. James', Elmhurst; St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Far Rockaway; St. George's, Flushing; St. John's, Flushing; St. Luke's, Forest Hills;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; and the Dioceses of Brechin (Scotland); Brisbane (Australia); Bristol (England); British Columbia (Canada); Buhiga; Bujumbura (Burundi).

ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA: A GLIMPSE AHEAD

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY - 8 & 10 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 - HOLY EUCHARIST AND BIBLE STUDY - 10AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 7:30PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - SERVICE AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - NOON

PROPER LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30PM

APRIL

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER SUNDAY - FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH BRASS, ORGAN, & CHOIR
10AM (PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE ON EASTER DAY,
FOLLOWED BY A FESTIVE RECEPTION AND EASTER EGG HUNT)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S - CROSS ISLAND ENSEMBLE - 4PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 - ECW LUNCHEON AND MEETING - 11:30AM

MAY

MONDAY, MAY 1 - LIFELINE TESTING - 9AM - 5PM

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - AGO ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS - 2 - 7PM

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - PARISH AUCTION - 5PM - 7PM

SUNDAY, MAY 13 - MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S - THE ART OF SONG: 4TH ANNUAL STAFF SINGERS CONCERT - 4PM

THURSDAY, MAY 17 - ECW LUNCHEON AND MEETING - 11:30 AM

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 - MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S - eVOCO VOICE COLLECTIVE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE - 4PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 - MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S - ZACHARY SCHURMAN, ORGAN SCHOLAR IN CONCERT - 4PM



Holy Week & Easter at St. Peter's

The Right Reverend Johnny Hty, Bishop-in-Residence

Palm Sunday, March 25

Blessing of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Tuesday in Holy Week

Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

10:00 am

Wednesday in Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm

Mauudy Thursday, March 28

Washing of Feet, The Choral Holy Eucharist, The Stripping of the Altar

7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross

Noon

The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with Holy Communion

7:30 pm

The Day of Easter, April 1

*The Lighting of the New Fire and The Festival Choral Eucharist: Rite I
with Brass, Organ, and Choir*

10:00 am

*(Please note: There will be one Parish-wide service on Easter Day
with a Festive Reception Following)*



Good Friday Offering

On Good Friday, offerings are invited from across The Episcopal Church to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Funds are used to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and educational programs throughout the region.

To learn more about our Church's work in the Middle East, please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering

JESUS SAID, "WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT, SO THAT THE DARKNESS MAY NOT OVERTAKE YOU." (JOHN 12:35)

THE
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Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

8:00 AM

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323)

The Word of God

Opening Voluntary: “O Lamb of God, unspotted”

J. S. Bach

A Penitential Order (BCP, p. 319)

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People His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant

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Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against thee

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in thy will,

and walk in thy ways,

to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Bishop

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Song of Praise

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise;

that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13 *(Said by all)*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johny Itty

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, our Diocesan Bishop; Geralyn and Daniel, our Assisting Bishops; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, hear our prayer

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Beth, Betty, Chris, Connie, Diane, Dom, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, James, Joel, John, Joy, Manuel, Nancy, Peter, Roger, Sarah Grace, Sue, Theo, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud. [*silence*]

Lord, hear our prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering especially Brian LaClair, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

In the cross of Christ I glory

The Hymnal 1982, #441

Rathbun

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, p. 340)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Arch-

angels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing & Dismissal

Voluntary: Preludium in g minor

J. S. Bach

The Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite I 10:00 AM

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323)

The Word of God

Opening Voluntary: "O Lamb of God, unspotted"

J. S. Bach

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

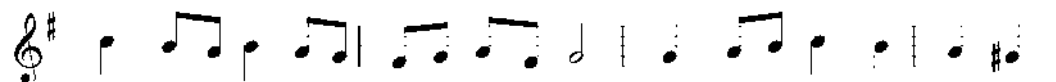
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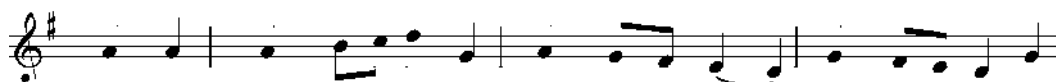
1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid; by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerwiltjes en Contradansen*, 1710. Ium. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F. Kehl. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

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

Bishop

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Kyrie: Communion Service in F Major *(sung by the choir)*

Herbert Sumsion

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Lessons

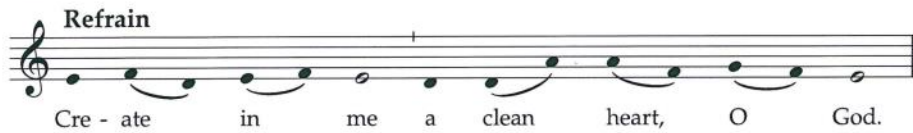
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13 (*The Refrain is sung by the cantor, then repeated by all. It is then sung by all as indicated.*)



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me. **[REFRAIN]**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment. **[REFRAIN]**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **[REFRAIN]**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities. **[REFRAIN]**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. **[REFRAIN]**

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Anthem: Prayer of John Donne

William Bradley Roberts

*Wilt thou forgive the sin where I begun, which was my sin though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin through which I run and do run still though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, Thou hast not done for I have more.*

*Wilt Thou forgive the sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sins their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When thou hast done, Thou hast not done for I have more.
I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore,
swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Sun shall shine, as it shines now and heretofore;
and having done that, Thou hast done; I have no more.*

— John Donne

Following the anthem, the congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, our Diocesan Bishop; Geralyn and Daniel, our Assisting Bishops; and Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, hear our prayer

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear our prayer

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and all regional and local authorities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, hear our prayer

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, hear our prayer

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Anthony, Austin, Autumn, Beth, Betty, Chris, Connie, Diane, Dom, Ellen, Emily, George, Greg, James, Joel, John, Joy, Manuel, Nancy, Peter, Roger, Sarah Grace, Sue, Theo, William; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

Lord, hear our prayer

For the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers; . . . For our companion dioceses of Torit and Ecuador-Central, and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice; For the petitions in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week; . . . And for any other special needs of this congregation, I invite your intercessions now, silently or aloud. [*silence*]

Lord, hear our prayer

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering especially Brian LaClair, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Presider may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

In the cross of Christ I glory

The Hymnal 1982, #441

Rathbun

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 *5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, p. 340)

Celebrant *People*
 b The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
 b Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
 b Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
 b It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every-way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Arch-angels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Sung by the choir*)

Herbert Sumsion

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

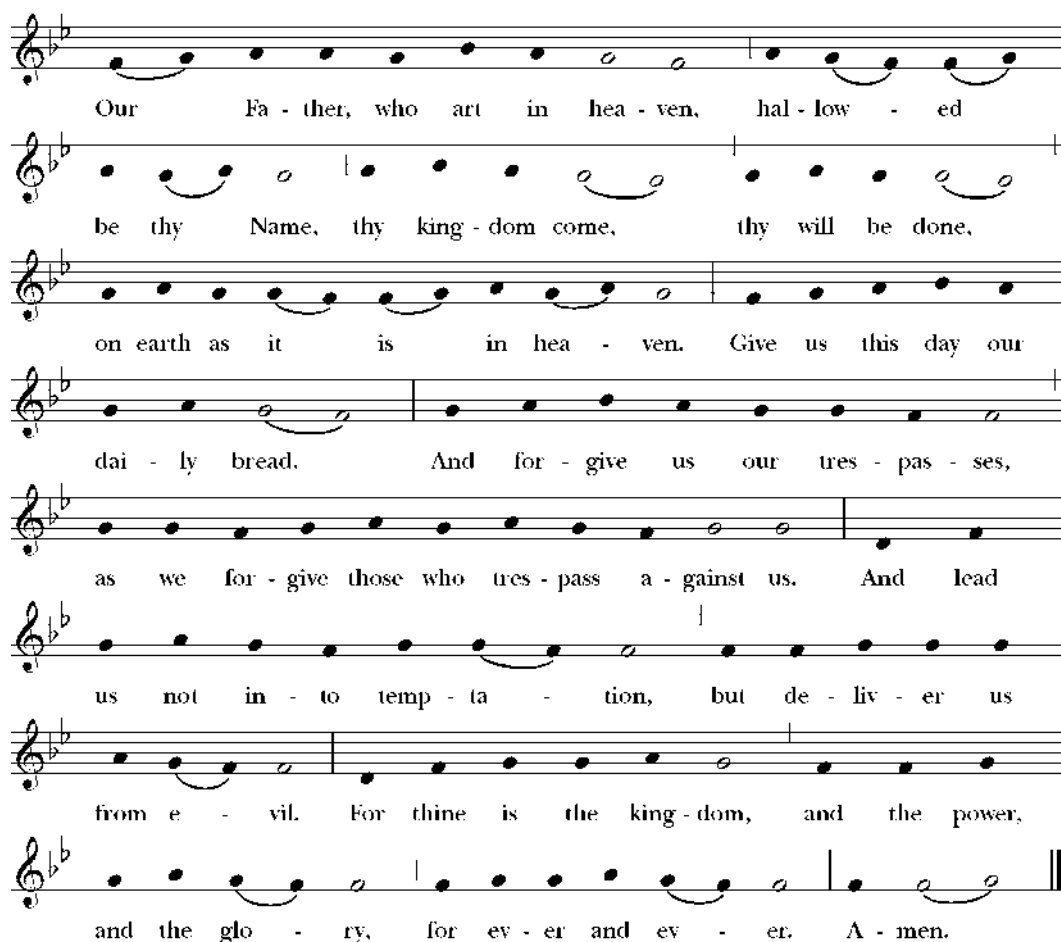
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei : (Sung by the Choir)

Herbert Sumsion

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (2x)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and Congregation

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

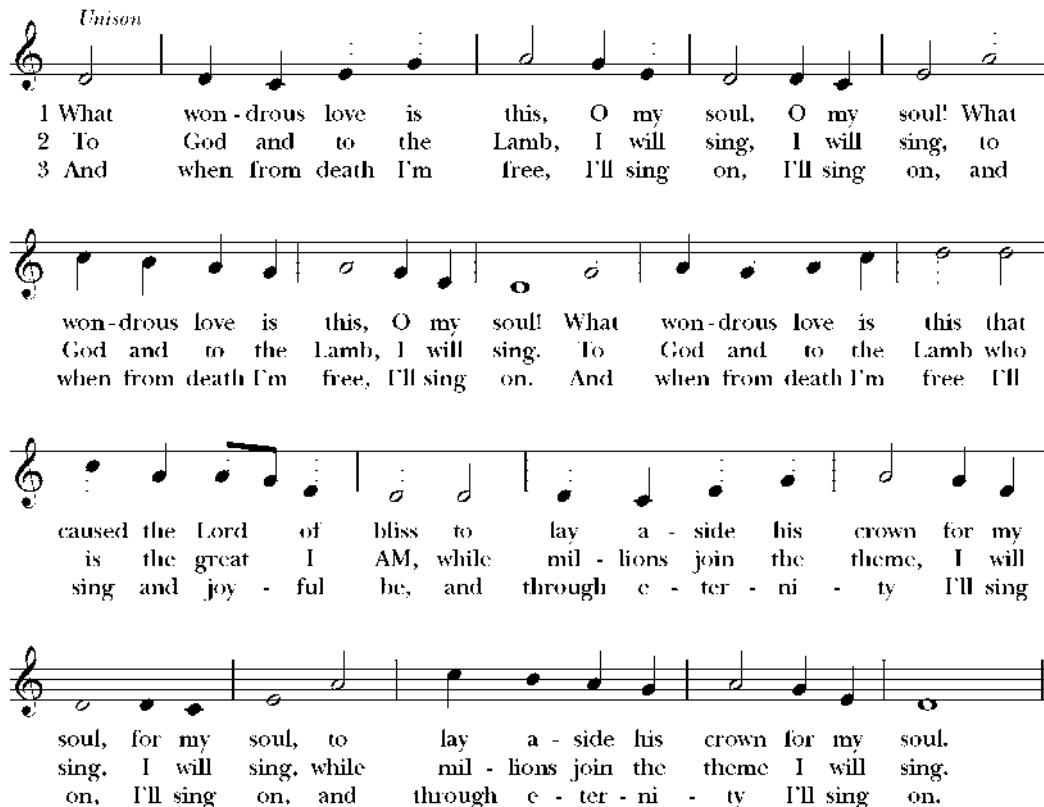
Hymn during the Communion

What wondrous love is this

The Hymnal 1982, #439

Wondrous Love

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love* from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Post Communion Hymn

We sing the praise of Him who died

The Hymnal 1982, #471

Breslau

1 We sing the praise of him who died, of
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in
3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and
4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and
5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the

1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let
2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love; he bears our sins up -
3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the
4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror
5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge

1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.
2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.
4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.
5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt. Music: *Breslau*, melody from *Lochamer Gesangbuch*, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Voluntary: Fantasia in G Minor

J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH MISSION



Episcopal Ministries of Long Island

The Episcopal Ministries of LI Annual Appeal is now under way. The Annual Appeal provides the funding needed to establish, nurture and fund parish-based ministries and strategic community partnerships which affirm the dignity of all people. Through faithful relationships, Episcopal Ministries supports our parishes along every step of their missional journeys – from developing ideas and skills through educational forums to providing funding to launch new ministries. With your gift to Episcopal Ministries, you join with others who are living out the Gospel -- feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger and caring for our neighbors as if for Christ. Last year the Episcopal Ministries Annual Appeal contributed more than \$400,000 to parish-based programs, partner organizations and Camp DeWolfe. This year, we want to do better, and we're counting on you to help. Please make a gift or a pledge as generous as your circumstances will allow – and remember that your pledge can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful, prayerful generosity. To learn more about the ministries supported by EMLI visit www.episcopalministries.org. Information flyers and offering envelopes are in the Narthex.

6th ANNUAL Episcopalian Bike Ride For Fellowship and Fundraising



Saturday May 5th, 8am-1pm

Please join us for a "more than a BBQ" lunch at the end of the Ride
at Christ Church Babylon

Join us for a leisurely paced bike ride with stops at Episcopal churches in Suffolk County. It's a fun day of biking, fellowship, and learning about churches in our diocese.

This year we will be riding from Christ Church Bellport to Christ Church Babylon with a second start at St. Mark's Islip. Riders will be able to choose to ride 8, 17, or 25 miles.

We will end with a delicious and healthy BBQ lunch at Christ Church Babylon at 1pm.



We will be raising money for

Habitat for Humanity

Start time at 8am at Christ Church Bellport. Stops at St. Paul's Patchogue, St. Ann's Sayville, and St. Mark's Islip (17 miles.) We will gather at St. Mark's for a second start at 11am. Stops at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Bay Shore and Christ Church Babylon (8 miles.) Combined ride is 25 miles. Choose the distance that suits you!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you cannot ride, please join us at the BBQ lunch. Call 631.661.5757 for more information.

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GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

“Christian Presence”

Most of us are not concerned about Christians being present where we live. Most of us take it for granted that Christians have been and will continue to be a part of the fabric of our neighborhoods. This is not the case in what we often call the “Holy Land”. We have seen the results of enormous pressure brought upon Christians in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere to leave their homes under the onslaught of fundamentalism. Tens of thousands have become refugees. Political realities in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza have limited access to education, health care and opportunities which have prompted some families to re-locate. Numbers are very politically charged, but it is safe to say that something far less than 10% of the population in the region are made up of indigenous Christians.

The importance of Christians living and working in the region is essential to a civil society. Christians provide a vital bridge between Muslims and Jews through organizations like the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, meeting in Jerusalem, which brings together leaders of all three Abrahamic

faiths for discussion on topics of common concern.

Education, health programs and pastoral care are the essential tools which are used throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East which bring people together and provide examples of day to day cooperation and efforts to build a shared future to benefit all. Teachers and students; doctors, nurses and patients; clergy immersed in an inter-faith context all bear witness to the love of Christ in their relationships throughout the region.

The Good Friday Offering is a response from throughout the Episcopal Church in support of Christians in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our church-wide effort to provide meaningful support for these “living stones” of the faith we share in Jesus Christ gives them hope for a future where perhaps, by God’s grace, we will no longer have to be concerned about the ongoing presence of Christians throughout the region where our Lord lived, died and rose again.



From Iraqi Anglicans in Baghdad: “On Saturday 14 October (2017) Fr Faiz Jerjes and the people of St George Baghdad celebrated a Festival of Faith. In the midst of hardship and at a time of disturbing political developments the many Christians who attended joyously reaffirmed their faith in God the Holy Trinity, who is Lord of all.”

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March 18, 2018 – Lent 5 (B)

For Such A Time as This: Supporting Women and Girls

The Episcopal Church and the ELCA continue our united call to Pray, Fast and Act in support of good policies and programs that provide opportunities for and respect the dignity of all people.

This month, our focus is on international programs that support women and girls across the world. Although the U.S. government has historically been a leader in funding programs that address the needs of women and girls globally, there are indications that such initiatives are in danger of being significantly reduced or eliminated. Cutting essential funds and eliminating programs would hurt communities that depend on the support of our government to improve the lives of women and girls.

On March 21, join the EPPN, ELCA Advocacy, and presiding bishops of the Episcopal Church and the ELCA as we #PrayFastAct.

Pray for our nation's elected leaders to courageously invest in programs that address the needs and basic human rights of women and girls, as well as provide opportunities for them to thrive. We also pray for the ordinary men and women who continue to work tirelessly to improve the lives of women and girls around the world.



Equal Partners

Grant, O God, that all may recognize women as equal partners in creation and prophesy. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, empower women at home, at work, in government, and in the hierarchies of churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, and all other places of worship. Provide safety and protection, O Gracious Divinity, and inspire just laws against all forms of violence against women. We ask this through Christ our Savior, Amen.

— *Lifting Women's Voices - Prayers to Change the World*

Fast in solidarity with women and girls across the globe, who continue to face gender inequality and other challenges in many aspects of their lives.

Share on social media using #PrayFastAct and @TheEPPN. On the 21st, post a picture of a dinner place setting with the reason you are fasting this month.

Act Prepare for action by reading our one-pager on programs that help prevent gender-based violence, educate and empower adolescent girls, discourage child marriages, increase leadership opportunities for women, and foster women's inclusion and economic empowerment.

— St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church —

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Brian Clark, Junior Warden

Lisa Hallett, Clerk

Linda Brady

Roger Burmeister

William Crawford

Jean Gunn

George Justice

Bill Kern

Kathleen Parks

Clyde Payne



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*