

The Second Sunday in Lent

25 FEBRUARY 2024



The Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00am



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

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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.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

— Prayers for the Week —

We pray for those who have asked our prayers: Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Chris, Corey, Diane, Donna, Douglas, Elinor, Felix, Gary, Greg, Jackie, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Rodney, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Joy, Sue, Susan, Thomas, Tom, Tom, Tyler, Vincent;

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

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Erik, John, Matt, 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 diocese of Torit in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, gun violence, famine, tyranny, or injustice; praying especially for the innocent in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, Park Slope, Brooklyn; St. Luke and St. Matthew, Brooklyn; Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn; Safe Church Training Teams; The Black Clergy Caucus; Church of St. Mark's, Brooklyn; St. Mary's, Brooklyn;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania; and these Dioceses of Churches of the Anglican Communion Worldwide: Chicago (USA); Chichester (England); Chotanagpur (North India); Christ the King (Mozambique and Angola); Christ the King (Southern Africa); Christchurch (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

— Parish Notices —

ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE HOUR IN THE LOUNGE immediately following the service. Coffee Hour is hosted this week by the Food Pantry Ministry.

BIBLE STUDY continues on Thursdays at 10:00am in the Library/Lounge. All are welcome!

THE 2024 DEANERY LENTEN PROGRAM HAS BEGUN! Please see information on pages 18 and 19.

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS . . . for Power Washing, Painting, and Light Carpentry work. If you have these skills, or would like to learn and exercise new ones for a pledge of your time and talent, please contact Brian Clark!

MARCH WILL BE A BUSY MONTH FOR CONCERTS AT ST. PETER'S. All three of the local organizations that we host will be performing. Island Symphony, featuring horn player Leelanee Sterrett of the New York Philharmonic plays on Friday, March 15 at 7:30pm; eVoco Treble Ensemble performs on Sunday, March 17 at 4pm; and the Babylon Chorale will sing Parts II and III of Handel's "Messiah" with orchestra on Sunday, March 23 at 7:30pm. Plan to join us for any or all of these wonderful presentations!

Island Symphony Orchestra
Celebrating Women in Music
Eric R. Stewart, Music Director



Featuring Leelanee Sterrett
of the New York Philharmonic

Ruth Gipps ~ Horn Concerto, Op. 58

Rimsky-Korsakov ~ Scheherazade

Friday, March 15 / 7:30pm

St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Tickets at the Door: \$15 Students with ID: Free



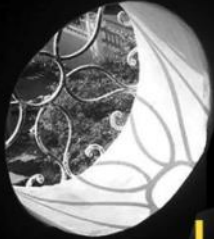
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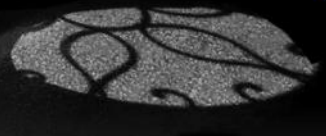


The Island Symphony Orchestra 2023 concert season is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by The Huntington Arts Council, Inc.

eVoco@10
Treble Ensemble



LiMiNAL



Sunday, March 17th

4pm @St. Peter's by-the-Sea

500 S Country Road in Bay Shore, NY

Standing on the threshold of our next decade, where will it take us?
What new aural landscapes lie beyond the horizon? Will you join us
there?

The Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10 o'clock in the morning

The Word of God

The Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude: O Man, bewail thy grievous sins

J. S. Bach

Announcements

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #401

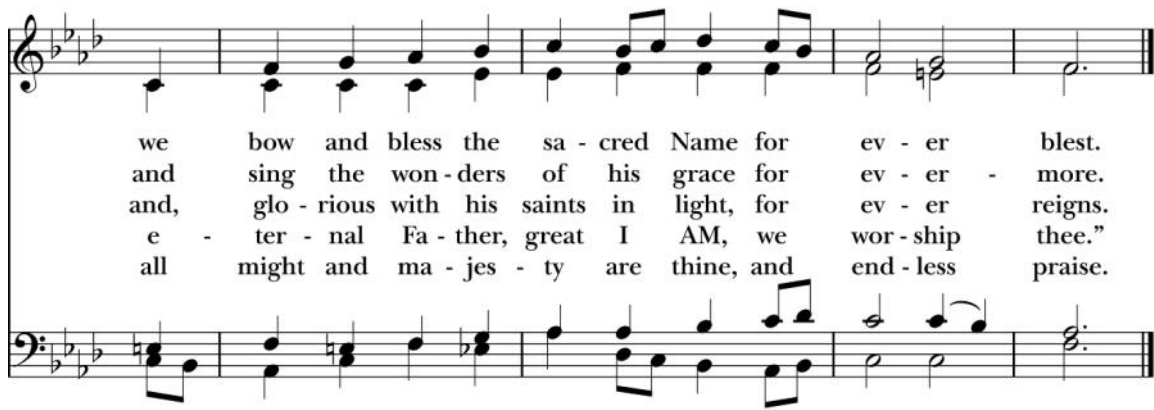
The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant 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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

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

Silence may be kept.

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.**

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.

The Song of Praise: Kyrie Eleison

The Hymnal 1982, S88
McNeil Robinson





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

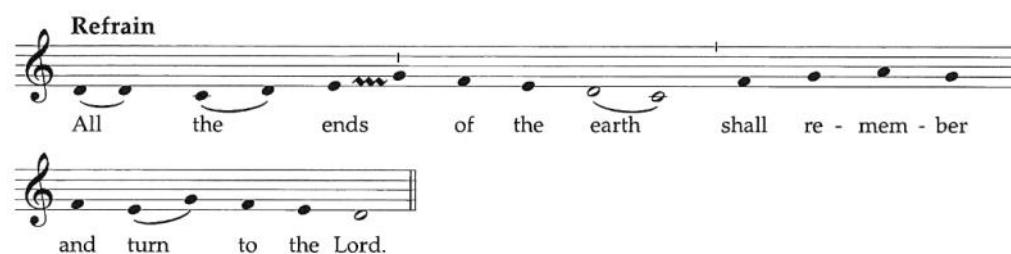
Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

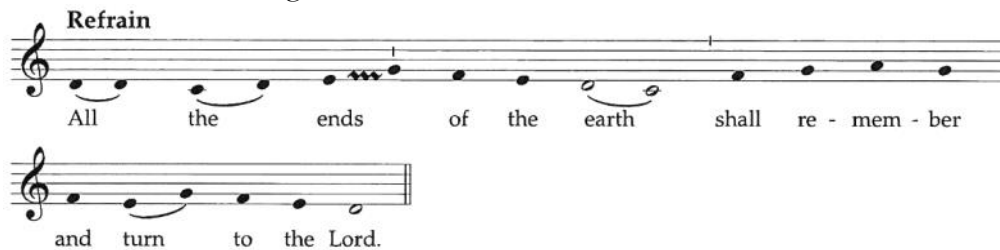
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 (*The Refrain is sung by the choir, then repeated by all. It is then repeated by all at the end of the Psalm.*)



- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.



The Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

W. H. Monk, arr. Malcolm Archer

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide; When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness; Where is death's sting, where grave thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.

—Henry F. Lyte

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

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Doyle Dietz Allen

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

Celebrant

As we make our Lenten journey, let us offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Intercessor

We pray for the Church in all places, in all expressions, that we may be one.

O Christ, hear us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lawrence, our bishop, and for our parish clergy. We pray for all those preparing for Baptism.

O Christ, hear us.

We pray for our city, our state, and our country; for legislatures and courts and for all elected officials.

O Christ, hear us.

We pray for those who suffer from violence and fear, especially all victims of gun violence; give us wisdom and courage in the face of suffering.

O Christ, hear us.

For all those who are injured, for those who are sick, for those needing ongoing care. For all those who seek healing; and we pray especially for Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Chris, Corey, Diane, Donna, Douglas, Elinor, Felix, Gary, Greg, Jackie, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Rodney, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Joy, Sue, Susan, Thomas, Tom, Tom, Tyler, and Vincent;

O Christ, hear us.

For this community and this congregation; for our joys and for our challenges.

O Christ, hear us.

For those we love but see no longer; for all those who have died.

O Christ, hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Gracious God, who sees us through the eyes of love and compassion, give us your sight as we pray for your world and your people. Lead us into moments of your abundant goodness, that we may rejoice, but also draw us closer to you as we think on the sorrow of the Cross. Strengthen our repentance, when we, by our actions, increase that sorrow, and renew our hearts for the day to come; through Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* where *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if he fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offering

The Hymnal 1982, #675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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;

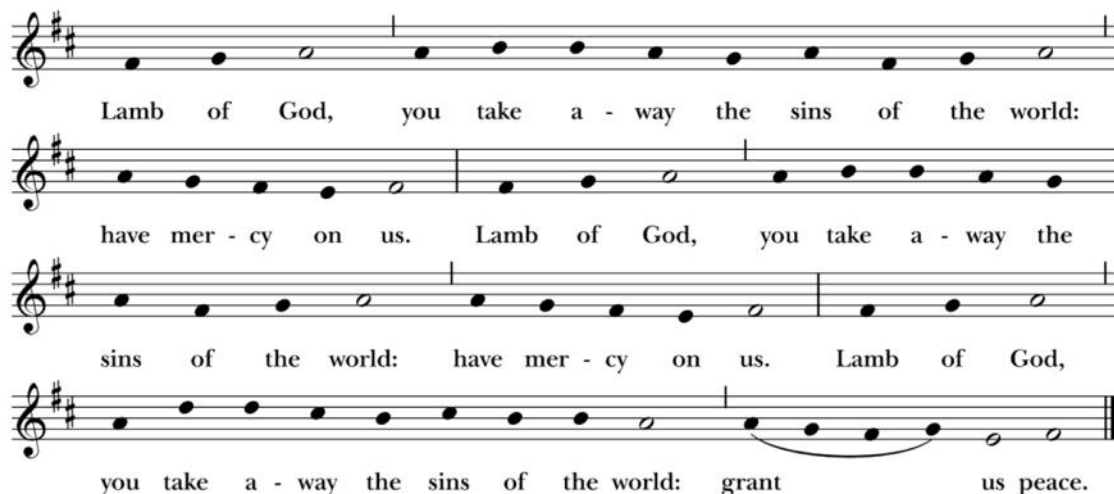
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982, S 161

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Hymn during the Communion

How firm a foundation

The Hymnal 1982, #636

Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,
 1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,
 1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All say together

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The congregation is seated. Those persons desiring Unction should move to the Lady Chapel.

All are invited to sing the Hymn during the Laying on of Hands.

The Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #668

Burford

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
3 Thy faith - ful guard - ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
with watch - ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

Words: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of Psalm 121. St. 4, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Burford*, from *A Book of Psalmody*, 1718.

The Postcommunion Hymn

My faith looks up to thee

The Hymnal 1982, #691

Olivet

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary Chorale Prelude: "I call to thee, Lord Jesus"

J. S. Bach

— For the Service —

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BULLETIN INSERTS

February 25, 2024 – Lent 2 (B)

Week 2: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 2

Sunday, February 25

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 2. The topic is based on the practice "Pray" and is titled, "Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea".

Read: Exodus 14:10-15:1

Monday, February 26

Today's Prompt: Notice the pattern of your breathing. Pray for awareness of blessings.

Read: "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." – Genesis 2:7

Tuesday, February 27

Today's Prompt: What passage of scripture is important to you? Why?

Read: "The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." – Isaiah 40:8

Wednesday, February 28

Today's Prompt: Listen to the Daily Office today at missionstclare.com.

Read: "But I will call upon God, and the LORD will deliver me." – Psalm 55:17

Thursday, February 29

Today's Prompt: How did you turn back toward God's love when you made a big mistake?

Read: "I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'" – Luke 15:18

Friday, March 1

Today's Prompt: Where can you seek and serve Christ in someone unlike you?

Read: "And you shall be my people, and I will be your God. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit." – Jeremiah 30:22, 31:4-5

Saturday, March 2

Today's Prompt: In your prayers today, what new words or thoughts touch you?

Read: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6

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Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time?

www.ssje.org/meetingjesus

You are invited to join us on a Lenten journey into deeper intimacy with God by praying with the words of John the Evangelist (The Gospel According to John and First Letter of John). These two texts describe how God, out of deep love, sends God's only Son Jesus into the world, to take on

human form and live among us. By learning from Jesus, his human friendships, and his teachings about the God he calls 'Father,' we will discover God as One who longs for deep intimacy with each of us. We will take to heart the words of Jesus: "I and the Father are one." We will find that God is not a judge, a disapproving parent, a policeman, or a taskmaster; rather God is our companion, our friend, our confidant, our beloved. We are even invited to abide in God as God abides in us. It is in relationship with Jesus that such extraordinary communion with God becomes a personal reality.

Through this Lenten series, participants are invited to draw close to the God revealed in and through Jesus by meditating on the words of a daily verse from John. The monastic tradition in the church has since ancient times found John's gospel a treasured key for opening the praying heart and awakening the praying mind. This remains true today for the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), who take their name and inspiration from John's gospel and epistles. In a short video each day, an SSJE Brother will comment upon the daily scripture verse, share facets of his own relationship with Jesus and suggest possibilities for further reflection. At the start of each week, participants are prompted to pray for a particular grace; at the end of each week, an inviting question helps us to translate that grace into daily life. To assist in your reflections, a printable Prayer Journal is available on the website. Note, however, it's considerable length!



- 1) Watch daily the video reflections at www.ssje.org/meetingjesus (six for each week; with a 'bonus' 6th week for use in Holy Week)
- 2) Note the week's inviting question; incorporate it into your Lenten prayer practice
- 3) Join the suppers around the Atlantic Deanery each week, Feb. 22 – March 21, to share the Holy Eucharist, a simple soup & salad supper, and reflect together during a program that draws upon the previous week's reflections.

6:15 – 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 22 – St. Mark's, Islip

Feb. 29 – Christ Church, Babylon

Mar. 7 – Emmanuel, Great River

Mar. 14 – St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Bay Shore

Mar. 21 – Christ Church, Brentwood

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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.*