



Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025 ❖ 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Guest Cellist: Mark Bassett

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, Mar. 23 — Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, Mar. 24

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Mar. 25

- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, Mar. 26

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist service of healing and reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Good Grief meeting
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper, "Theology of the Book of Common Prayer"

Thursday, Mar. 27

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Saturday, Mar. 29

- 9:00 am Altar Guild Silver and Brass polishing

Sunday, Mar. 30 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 4:00 pm Camerata Singers, *Faure Requiem*

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal #142



Lord, who through - out these for - ty days for
As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend and
As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so
And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
A - bide with us, that so, this life of



us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
didst the vic - tory win, O give us strength in
teach us gra - cious Lord, to die to self and
through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in
suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -



mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
chief - ly live, by thy most ho - ly word.
life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898). Music: "St. Flavian," melody from "Day's Psalter," 1562;
adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

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

The Trisagion

Holy God

Hymnal #S-102

The musical score is for the hymn 'Holy God'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.'

Setting: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The

LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 63:1-8

Reader Let us read from Psalm 63 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



Oh God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You, Your love is



fin - er than life.

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- ¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- ²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- ³For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.Refrain
- ⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- ⁷For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and

drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

When Israel Was in Egypt Land

Hymnal #648



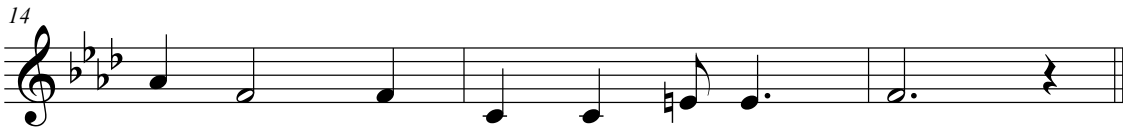
When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple
 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple
 They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple
 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple



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 go; op - pressed so hard they__ could not stand, let my peo-ple
 go; to lead the child - ren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple
 go; and came at length to__ Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple
 go; and let us all in__ Christ be free, let my peo-ple



8
 go. Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land; tell old
 go. Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land; tell old
 go. Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land; tell old
 go. Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land; tell old



14
 Pha - roah to let my peo-ple go.
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 Pha - roah to let my peo-ple go.

Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: "Go Down, Moses," Afro-American spiritual;
 arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935); Arrangement © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

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

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

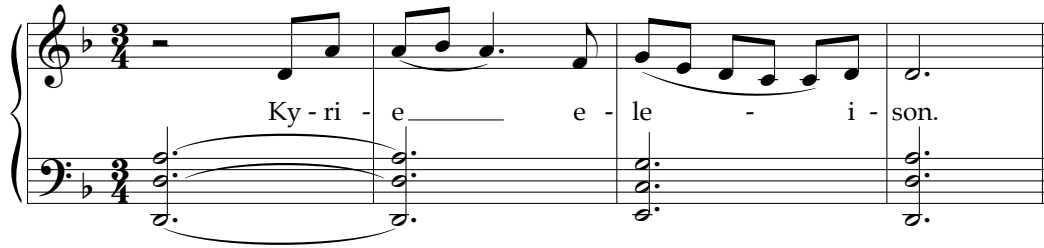
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing as able.

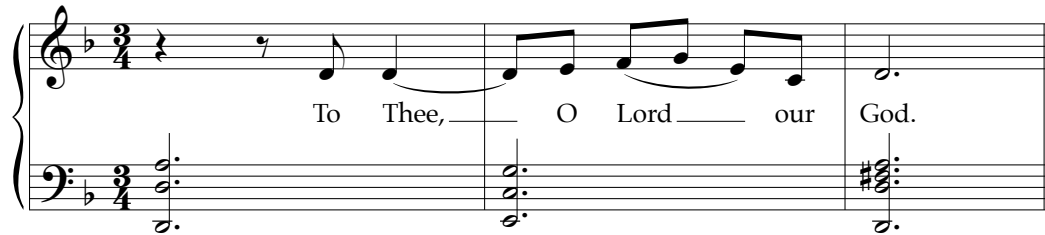
The Prayers of the People



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- Deacon* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
 “Kyrie eleison.”
- For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the unity of all peoples; for our Bishop and all clergy, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* ***Kyrie eleison***
- Deacon* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; for this city, and every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* ***Kyrie eleison***
- Deacon* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them let us pray to the Lord.
- All* ***Kyrie eleison***
- Deacon* For Andrea, Barbara, Billy, Bruce, Carlos, Ceri, Charlotte, Chris, Colette, Daniel, Erica, Gail, George, Hector, Jane, Judy, Kathy, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel, Patt, Richard, Roxanne, Roz, Sally, Tommy, Tony, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* ***Kyrie eleison***
- Deacon* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* ***Kyrie eleison***
- Deacon* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All



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Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

The 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 our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Offertory Anthem

God Gives the Song by Craig Courtney

*When time sweeps yesterday away, it leaves behind an empty heart,
Weeping through the night so dark and long.
When words are lost among the tears, when sadness steals another day,
God hears our cries and turns our sighs into a song.*

*Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music,
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love,
Sing to the One who gives us light to step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns our sighs into a song.*

*From heaven falls a mercy sweet, the time for weeping now is gone;
God hears our sighs and gives us His eternal song.*

*Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music,
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love,
Sing to the One who gives us light to step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns our sighs into a song.*

*St. Francis Choir
Mark Bassett, cello*

The Offertory Hymn
O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

Hymnal #332

O God, un - seen yet ev - er near,
Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know
We come, o - be - dient to thy word,
Thus may we all thy word o - bey,

3
thy pres - ence may we feel; and thus in -
the bless - ings of thy love, and streams that
to feast on heaven - ly food: our meat the
for we, O God, are thine; and go re -

5
spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.
through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.
Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.
joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

Words: Edward Osler (1798-1863). Music: "St. Flavian," from "Day's Psalter," 1562.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer D)

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
 God of power and might. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo-ry, Ho-
 san-na in the high-est, 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, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you,
Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

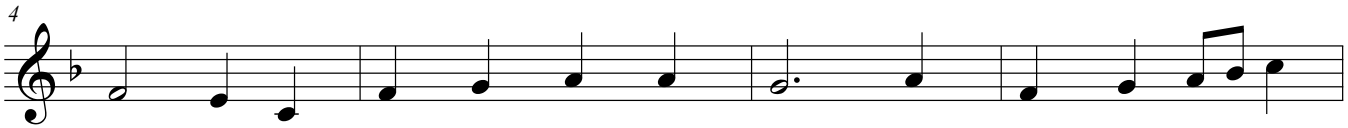
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem
 O Food to Pilgrims Given

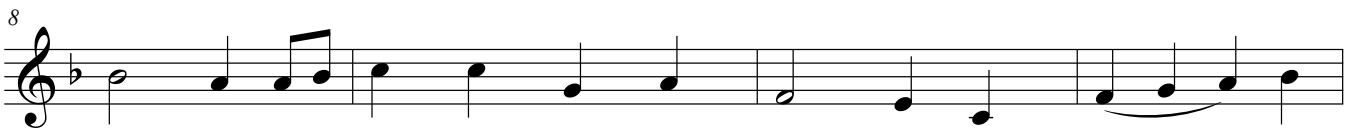
Hymnal #309



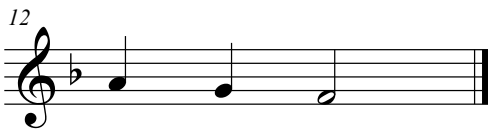
O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 O Je - sus, by the bid - den, we here a - dore thee,



hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We hun - ger; Lord, sup -
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We faint with thirst; re -
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is



ply us, nor thy de - lights de - ny us, whose hearts to
 vive us, of thine a - bun - dance give us, and all we
 riv - en, we may be - hold, in hea - ven, thy coun - te -



thee draw nigh.
 need pro - vide.
 nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.; by permission of Oxford University Press.
 Music: "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen," present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.;
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Invitation

Celebrant Remember that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song

*“Shalom” by Dan Forrest
Jill Lynch, soprano & Anthony Lowe, tenor*

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

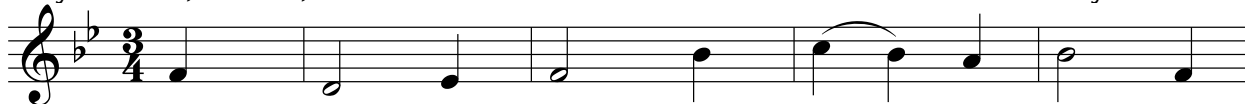
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Closing Hymn

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

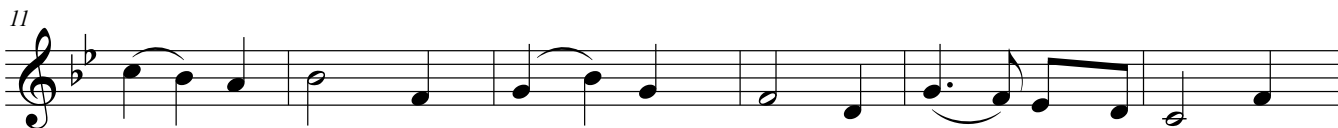
Hymnal #574



Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give
Search out our hearts and make us true; help
For sins of heed - less word and deed, for
Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our



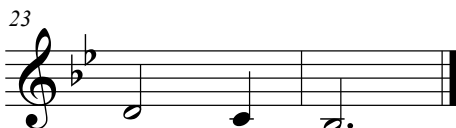
us — a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to
us — to give to all — their due. From love of plea - sure,
pride am - bi - tious to — suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and
in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge



un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -
lust of gold, from sins — which make the heart grow cold, wean
sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for
out the shame; O God, be with us in — the — flame; a



e'er the pain and shame may be, — bring us, O Fa - ther,
us and train us with — thy rod; teach us to know our
lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O
new - born peo - ple may — we rise, more pure, more true, more



near - er thee.
faults, O God.
Lord, we cry.
no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

The Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G minor (BWV 558)

J.S. Bach

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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