

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude Scherzo on "Come, thou fount of every blessing" Marsha Medley (b. 1958)
"Largo" Elizabeth Strling (1819-1895)

March 10, 2024 has been designated "Woman Composer Sunday" by the American Guild of Organists. This day offers an opportunity to raise awareness of the contributions of women to the organ and church music repertoire. Music at the prelude, offering, and postlude today are works composed by women over four centuries.

Opening Hymn "Come, thou fount of every blessing"Hymnal #686

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Celebrant says

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

The Decalogue

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

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Setting: From *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880-1968)

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.**

All may be seated

and rescued them from the grave.

²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy. *Antiphon*

The Second Lesson

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn “*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*” Hymn #671

The Gospel

(John 3:14-21)

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,**

**to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

BCP #328

After each petition:

Let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say the following sentence, first saying

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

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory the following sentence of Scripture:

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother or sister hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Offertory

“*Reflection*”

Ruth Norman (1927-2007)

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption . . .

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:



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.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: From *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan (1880-1968)

The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

*In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.
If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.*

Communion Hymn..... “*My faith looks up to thee*”Hymn #691

Post-communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

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.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayer over the People

The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Priest says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Priest says the prayer

Look down in mercy, Lord, upon thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....“ *Lift high the cross*”.....Hymn #473

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “*Rondeau*” Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost, Darice Griffin

FIRST READER: David Lang

SECOND READER: Mabel DuPriest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Becky Turk

CANTOR: Jim Cook

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Judy Panyk

USHERS: Tricia Frost, Debbie Bruno

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, John, Pam, Jack,
Neil, Olivia, Bill, Kathie, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Alonso
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne, Shirley

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Episcopal Church
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

Thanksgiving for Birthday

David

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Haiti Project**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Holy Week and Easter Day Worship

March 24 at 10am – Palm Sunday and Reading of the Passion

March 28 at 6pm - Maundy Thursday:
Holy Eucharist and Washing

March 29 at Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

March 30 at 6pm Easter Vigil at St. John's chapel at the DeKoven Center.
Baptism and renewal of baptismal vows
Following the Vigil will be a light reception in Taylor Hall.

March 31 at 10am - Easter Sunday:
Lighting of Paschal Candle
Holy Eucharist

Easter Flower and Music Donations

Donations are now being accepted for Easter altar flowers and worship music. This is a lovely way to remember, honor, or give thanks for loved ones or blessings. Please send donations to the church office or place in the Sunday collection and write 'Flowers', 'Music', or 'Flowers and Music' on the memo line of the check. Please also enclose a note listing the memorial or thanksgiving that the donation is being given for as these will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Lent is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism. - Pope Benedict XVI

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