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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude Chorale Prelude and Fugue on “O Sorrow Deep” Johannes Brahms

Welcome & Introduction

Opening Hymn “Father, we thank thee” Hymn 302

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| <p>1. Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,
didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
thine is the power, be thine the praise.</p> | <p>2. Watch o’er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
save it from evil, guard it still.
perfect it in thy love, unite it,
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered
into thy kingdom by thy Son.</p> |
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The Penitential Order The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 351

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Decalogue The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 350

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 Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 360

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

People **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.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 356

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A Reading from the Book of Numbers (21:4-9)

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is

bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Confitemini Domino

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 746

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2:1-10)

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.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John. **John (3:14-21)**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Reverend Paul Lautenschlager

Meditation “The Servant Song”
Sung by Emily Sorenson

By Richard Gillard,
arr. By Betty Pulkingham

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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 Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 387

Deacon Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**
Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
Deacon We pray for Joe, Jared, John and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially the prayers in our parish community.
 We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit: Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Ashleigh, Cheryl, Sue H.,
 Reuben, Gael, Cindy, John, Aaron, Linda, James, Steve, Nancy, Charlie, Tom J., Naomi, Rose,
 Sophia, Mary Lou, Katie, Amy, Brenda, Logan, and Miles.
 We pray for the deployed and those serving in the military: Garrett, Danielle, and Zachariah.
 We pray for those who have died.
 And we pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: JoAnn, Marianne, Michele, Leslie, Danny,
 Linda C., Chris, Juliet, Phil, Thomas, and Marilyn.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords
 with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us
 for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
 (*You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message*)

Announcements

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Anthem

“For God so loved the world”
Morgan Waidelich, Susan Futey,
Catherine Gollan, Elena Zarecky,
Rick Jenkins, Jim Moore

By Joseph M. Martin
Based on John 3:16

The Doxology, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer C

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 369

Celebrant

All things come of thee O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

People Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

**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

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Spiritual Communion Prayer

**Lord of the Feast,
thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual Body and Blood of Christ.
May we be reminded of the many times**

we have been fed at your table,
always being drawn closer to you
in the breaking of the bread.
We acknowledge your presence among us,
just as you were present with your disciples.
May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us
to live, learn, and love beyond our walls.
For the sake of your love in our lives,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Final Hymn “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymn 686

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God’s unchanging love.
2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Johannes Brahms

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