



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 The Fourth Sunday *in Lent*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*  
 March 30, 2025 · 10:30 am

**All are welcome to worship God in this place.**  
*In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.*

J. S. Bach

**PRELUDE** Andante

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Hymnal - 690 Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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

**DECALOGUE - CONTEMPORARY**

*Book of Common Prayer 350*

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:

*Celebrant* I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*All* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not commit murder.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not steal.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.  
 All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**  
 Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
 All **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.

## KYRIE

Hymnal S-96

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, —  
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —  
 Christ, —  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, —  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **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.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

*Lector* A reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 32

*Beati quorum*

*We will sing the psalm together.*



1. Happy are they whose transgressions are for / given, \*  
and whose sin / is put away!
2. Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes / no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit / there is no guile.
3. While I held my tongue, my bones withered a / way, \*  
because of my groan / ing all day long.
4. For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my / sin to you, \*  
and did not / conceal my guilt.
6. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in time of / trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.
8. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.
9. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that / you should go; \*  
I will guide / you with my eye.
10. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under / standing; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will / not stay near you."

11. Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.

12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Lector* A reading from Second Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Hymnal - 469 *St. Helena*

*Introduction*



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy  
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

*Interlude/Conclusion*

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



# THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*All stand*

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

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

*Celebrant* All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham D. Allende

## THE NICENE CREED

*Book of Common Prayer 358*

*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 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 Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your name be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions.*

## **THE CONCLUDING COLLECT**

*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.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.*

## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & BLESSINGS**

## OFFERTORY

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Sacred Feast

Healey Willan

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please indicate to the Celebrant if you would prefer the gluten free wafers.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Book of Common Prayer 361*

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S-124

David Hurd

*The People stand or kneel.*

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.

*Celebrant* 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:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

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 forever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

And now, as our 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Book of Common Prayer 364*

*Celebrant*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All*

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**



## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 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.

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* 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.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**COMMUNION MOTET** Thou Knowest Lord, The Secrets of our Hearts

Henry Purcell

## THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Celebrant* In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to You. And since I can not now receive You sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. **Amen.**

*Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His Only-Begotten Son into the world for you.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Book of Common Prayer 365*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in G

J. S. Bach

*Holy Week*

Palm Sunday	04/13	8:00am / 10:30am
Maundy Thursday	04/17	7:00pm
Stations of the Cross	04/18	12:00pm
Good Friday	04/18	7:00pm
Easter Vigil	04/19	8:00pm
Easter Sunday	04/20	8:00am / 10:30am
Easter Brunch	04/20	9:15am

## MUSIC NOTES

J. S. Bach composed six trio sonatas for organ; these were compiled between 1727-30 and represent some of the most challenging music for the organist to play. It is generally thought that Bach composed these pieces so that his eldest son, Wilhelm Friedemann, could become a more proficient organist. The prelude this morning is taken from the fourth trio sonata in e minor. This movement intertwines the voices taken by the hands with the pedal providing the bass with all three elements in perfect balance.

The postlude this morning is one of Bach's most famous works; the "little" fugue in g minor. This piece has been arranged for many different instruments; band, orchestra, various quartets, etc. I remember the piece from high school band before I learned the original for organ. The fugue differs from many fugues in that the first statement is longer than usual and other techniques often found in fugue, such as stretto and pedal point, are missing. But the popularity of the piece far outweighs those omissions.



### **WE PRAY FOR** those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan, Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Twila, Carol, Wally, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Heather Foley, Denise Lancaster, Donna Wynn, Tim Ruane, Kristen Hamilton, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Brown / Daff Family as well as the entire Springfield / New Middletown community, Pat Rodgers, Karen Kelly, Austin Muldowney, Susan Paczak

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