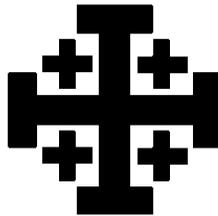


Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022, 10:00AM



Welcome

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. **All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.** At this time, the Sacrament will be by intinction from the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come to the communion rail and simply cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.

During the liturgy there are times when the congregation is directed to kneel or stand for significant periods. If you are unable to do so, please know that you are welcome to be seated.

Masks are no longer required but **recommended** for worship and indoor gatherings, especially for those who are immunocompromised and unvaccinated.

Prayer requests to be included in today's Prayers of the People can be written into the Book of Intercessions, located by the doors leading into the Nave (worship space).

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

Offerings may be made on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

Kyrie eleison

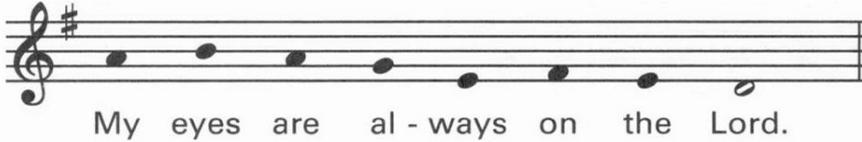
George Lachenauer
(b. 1933)

Entrance Antiphon

Columba Kelly, OSB

My eyes are always in the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Cantor, then All



Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity.
I have trusted in the Lord; I have not waivered. *refrain*

Examine me, Lord, and try me.
O test my heart and my mind.
Your mercy is before my eyes,
and I walk according to your truth. *refrain*

I never take my seat with liars,
And with hypocrites I shall not go.
I hate evildoer's company;
I will not take my seat with the wicked. *refrain*

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Kyrie eleison *from Lenten Mass*

Br. Vincent Ignatius, OSB

Cantor:	Assembly:
	
Lord, have mer - cy u - pon - us.	Lord, have mer - cy u - pon - us.

Cantor:	Assembly:
	
Christ, have mer - cy u - pon - us.	Christ, have mer - cy u - - us.

God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God 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.'" God 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

Columba Kelly, OSB

Cantor, then All.



O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.
I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Apostle Paul offers the reassurance that God will not allow believers to be tempted beyond their strength.

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

these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do 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." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These 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. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Lenten Acclamation

Phillip Brunswick

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.
Repent, says the Lord. For the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus tells anxious followers that they should turn away from sin and seek God's will.

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

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

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then 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. So 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?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Virginia L. Bennett

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 — *The people kneel.*

Celebrant As we come to the water of Christ, let us earnestly pray to God who gives drink to all who thirst.

Intervessor For Deon our Bishop, Todd and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for The Anglican Church in Bermuda and Nicholas their Archbishop; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor For all nations and their leaders; for healthcare workers; for those serving in the military; for first responders; for those who have responsibilities in public life, and for reconciliation and peace in the world. Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor For Audrey, Emily, Henry, Turner, James, Owen and Alex our confirmation candidates, and for all who support their faith journey. Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor We pray for ... and for those we name aloud..., have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; for travelers and refugees, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, and for those thanksgivings we name aloud..... Lord, we come to the cross...

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Intervessor Lifting our voices with all creation, Saint Matthew and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of Israel, who made us an everlasting covenant. Receive the prayers we offer this day for us in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory

Barry Smith
(b. 1939)

My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee, in vain I look around;
in all that I can see no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned, and send it from above!

Hymn

St. Flavian

From ashes to the living font, your Church must journey still,
through cross and tomb to Easter joy, in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus *from Lenten Mass*

Br. Vincent Ignatius, OSB

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord - God of Hosts: Heav'n and earth are full -
of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bles - sed is he
who com - eth - in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

**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

Agnus Dei *from Lenten Mass*

Br. Vincent Ignatius, OSB



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.



O Lamb of -God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.



O Lamb of -God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world: grant us thy - peace.

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.

The Communion of the People

For those who are not able to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to make a Spiritual Communion.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since all the faithful cannot receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into all our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Motet at the Communion

Johann Cruger
(1598-1662)

Let thy Blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou can'st to save me;
all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.
By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

The Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

A Solemn Prayer over the People

Look mercifully on this thy family, Almighty God, that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Aberystwyth

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

The Dismissal

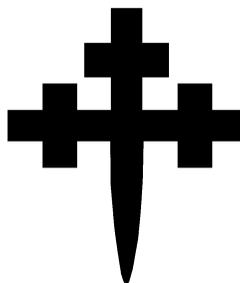
People respond **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary

Fantasy in G minor

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

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The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ

- ~ *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- ~ *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
- ~ *To respond to human need by loving service*
- ~ *To seek to transform unjust structures of society*
- ~ *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

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