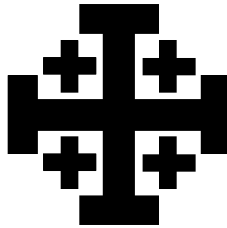


Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024, 10:00 AM



Welcome

Welcome to Grace Church. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. The order of worship is found in this service leaflet. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal in front of you. We pray with our words and our bodies; kneeling, sitting and standing. You may join in as you are able. All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service to get to know one another better.

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

Gregorian Suite

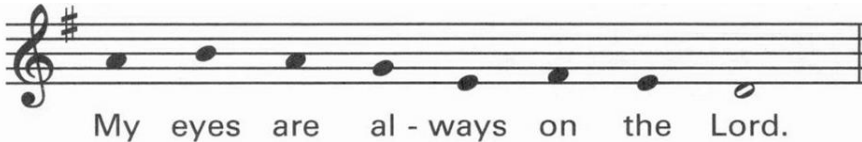
Eugène Gigout
(1844-1925)

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 forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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

From A New Zealand Prayer Book

All kneel for the confession. The celebrant says:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.
I will confess my sins to the Lord,
I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

God forgives and heals us.

People: **We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

The celebrant stands and says:

God forgives you.

Forgive others;

Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison *from Messe Brève*

Léo Delibes
(1836-1891)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

The people are seated.

The First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor, then All.



The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. *refrain*

The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes. *refrain*

The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just. *refrain*

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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.

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal Glory.

The Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Thomas B. Skillings

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

Priest Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The people kneel. During the moment of silence that follows each bidding, the people are invited to offer their own prayers.

Intervessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Deon;
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Especially we pray for our
discernment team as we seek a new rector and for those priests listening for your
call to a new ministry. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intervessor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intervessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of
all people. Especially for peace in the Middle East and all places where innocent
people are victims of war. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intervessor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intervessor I ask your prayers for ..., the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intervessor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intervessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Especially those preparing to renew their faith in these 100 days of Easter. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intervessor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intervessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intervessor Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

Intervessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Priest Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace – The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory

Antony Baldwin
(b. 1957)

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which Thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults which Thou hast borne for me,
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

All stand as the gifts are presented.

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 A

Expansive Language

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 all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

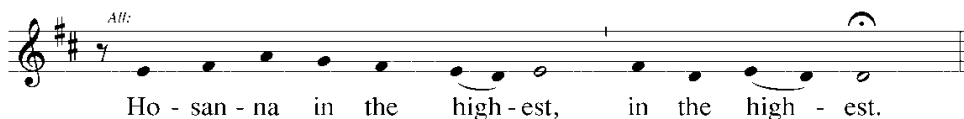
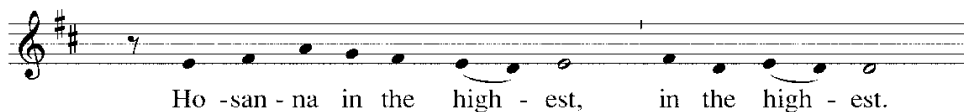
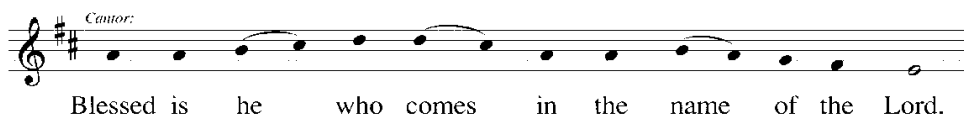
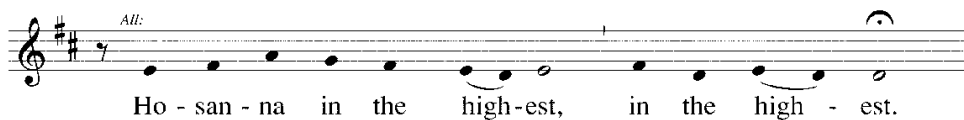
The musical score for the Sanctus hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might." The second staff is for the All, with the same lyrics. The third staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The fourth staff is for the All, with the lyrics "Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est." The music is simple and melodic, with a focus on the lyrics.

Cantor:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

All:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Cantor:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

All:
Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.



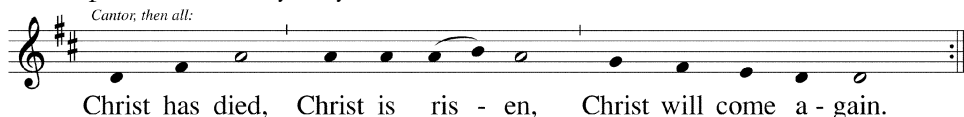
The people kneel.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

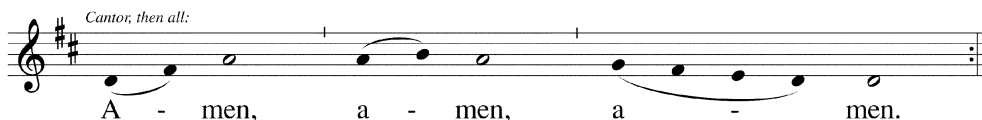


We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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 Messe Brève*

Léo Delibes
(1836-1891)

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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

*All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.
Please inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.*

Anthem at the Communion

Malcolm Archer
(b.1952)

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria virgine,
vere pasum, immorlatum in cruce homie.
Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine,
esto nobis praegusatum mortis in examine. Amen*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly has suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind.
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed blood.
Be for us a foretaste during our final examining. Amen.

The Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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 632

Munich

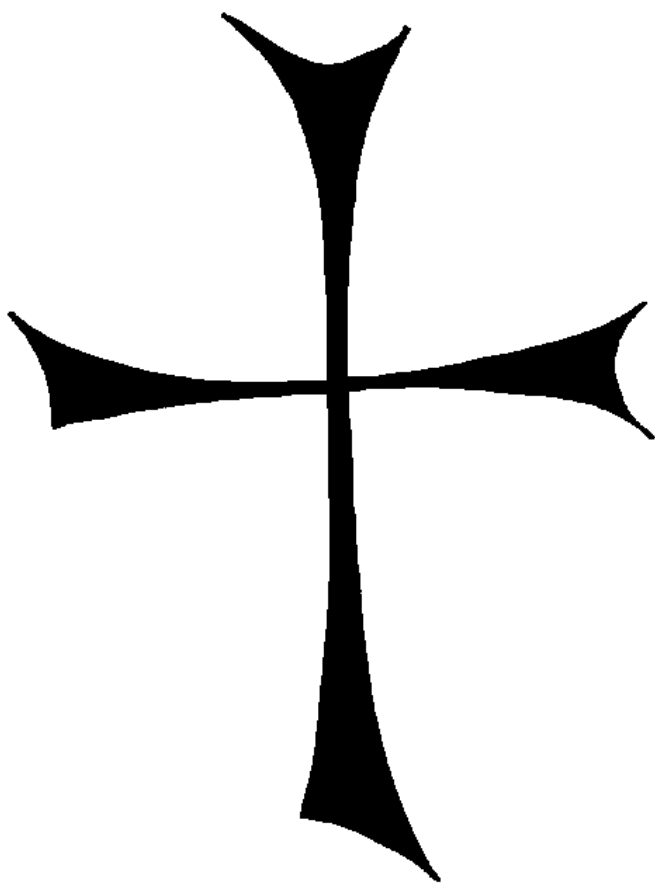
The Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary

Christe, der du bist

Johann Krieger
(1652-1735)



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