



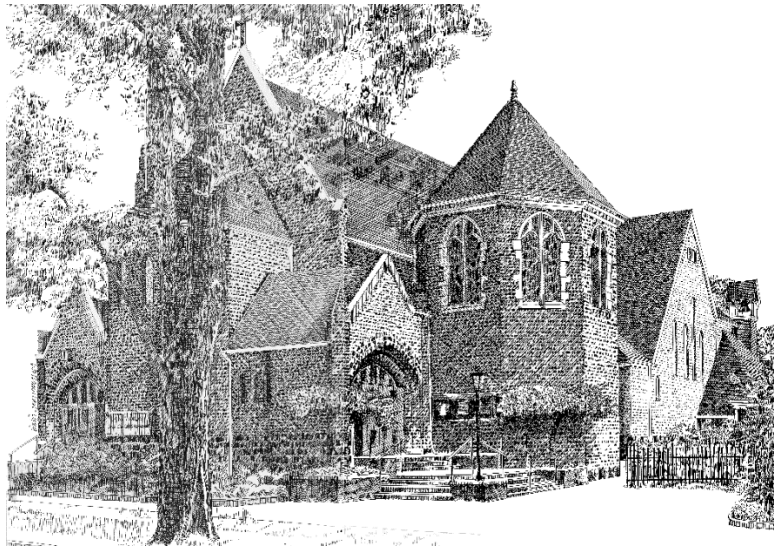
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lætare

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am

livestreamed



Celebrant & Homilist: Fr Brinton
Cantor: Jennifer McCallum
Reader: Ronwen Guest
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

MUSIC OF THE MASS – New Plainchant, *David Hurd*

PRELUDE: Hilf, Gott, daß mir's gelinge, BWV 624, *J.S. Bach*

GREETING

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: *To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

KYRIE ELEISON

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came 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.*

FIRST READING: Numbers 21.4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the people became impatient on the way. And 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 loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit any man, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

The word of the Lord
R / *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 107.1-3; 17-22; Tone V, 1



- 1 Give thanks / to the Lord, for hé is good, *
and his mercy endúres for éver.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redéemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hánd of thé foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lánds; *
from the east and from the west, from the nóρθ and fróm the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebéllious ways; *
they were afflicted becaúse of théir sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of fód *
and drew néar to déath's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their tróuble, *
and he delivered thém from théir distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and héaled them *
and sáved them fróm the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mércy *
and the wonders he dóes for his chíldren.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgíving *
and tell of his ácts with shóuts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2.1-10

And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 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 made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages 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 because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The word of the Lord
R / *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you Lord, King of eternal glory. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Praise to you Lord, King of eternal glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3.14-21

V / The Lord be with you.

R / *And also with you.*

V / The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

R / *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

And 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, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.

The Gospel of Christ
R / *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: With confidence and trust let us pray to the loving God asking, "Lord have mercy."

Intercessor: For the Church throughout the World, that as God gave his son so that we might be renewed in truth, we give him our loving worship in thanksgiving so he may be known in all creation.

silence

Lord, in your mercy
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the people and their leaders, that as the Lord is good and gathers into his protection his redeemed; so all the powerful guard and enrich those in their care.

silence

Lord, in your mercy
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the sick, _____, that as the Israelites asked Moses to pray to the Lord to take away their afflictions, and he heard them, the Lord will hear also our plea for healing.

silence

Lord, in your mercy
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For those all those who have fallen ill from the coronavirus, all communities that have been disrupted, those working for the public health of all and the stability of our society, and those who are lonely from isolation; that the Lord's healing and comforting presence may strengthen us all.

silence

Lord, in your mercy
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: For the others for whom our prayers are asked, _____, that wrapped in the steadfast care of the lord, they will find space to feel his presence and strength held out to them.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For the Dead, those who have died recently, _____, and those whose years mind occurs today, _____. We pray for all those who have died from the coronavirus this past year, and all those who have died isolated from their loved ones. That as with grace they have been saved from darkness, their examples will draw us into a more perfect faith.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: Steadfast God, giver of all good things, may we your people be shown how to follow you more closely, responding to your grace and showing forth your love in our faith, works, and joy. We ask through your son, Jesus the Christ, who with You and your Spirt are one God, now and ever. ***Amen.***

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R / ***And also with you.***

OFFERTORY HYMN 580 – Thy life was given for me

- 1 Thy life was given for me,
Thy blood, O Lord, was shed,
That I might ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
Thy life was given for me;
What have I given for thee?
- 2 Long years were spent for me
In weariness and woe,
That through eternity
Thy glory I might know;
Long years were spent for me;
Have I spent one for thee?
- 3 Thy Father's home of light,
Thy rainbow-circled throne,
Were left for earthly night,
For wanderings sad and lone;
Yea, all was left for me;
Have I left aught for thee?
- 4 Thou, Lord hast borne for me
More than my tongue can tell
Of bitterest agony,
To rescue me from hell;
Thou sufferedst all for me;
What have I borne for thee?
- 5 And thou hast brought to me
Down from thy home above
Salvation full and free,
Thy pardon and thy love;
Great gifts thou broughtest me;
What have I brought to thee?
- 6 O let my life be given,
My years for thee be spent;
World-fetters all be riven,
And joy with suffering blent,
Thou gavest thyself for me,
I give myself to thee.

PRESENTATION
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1858

Healey Willan, 1927

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

V / The Lord be with you.

R / And also with you.

V / Lift up your hearts.

R / We lift them to the Lord.

V / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R / It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

People: ***We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.***

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come to thee,

That with thy saints I may praise thee,

For ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CONCLUDING HYMN 579 – Rock of ages, cleft for me

- 1 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the Blood
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- 2 Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to thy Cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

POSTLUDE: Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671, *J.S. Bach*