



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

*A warm welcome to all this Sunday morning! Our worship is guided using the **red** Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Supplemental material from other sources is in this bulletin. Music is found in the **blue** Gather hymnal. Page numbers are as indicated. Feel free to ask a neighbor for help if you have questions about the service. Thank you for being here!!*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

PRELUDE: MUSICAL SELECTION

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL!

HYMNAL 411



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!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103 Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP P. 350

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP p. 352

When the presider bids the people's confession, a minute of silence is observed. After the General Confession the presider pronounces God's forgiveness of sin.

SONG OF PRAISE

Cantor, then all: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer -
Cantor, then all: cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 219

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The presider prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

JOSHUA 5:9-12

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 32

BCP p. 624

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

GOSPEL HYMN

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

GATHER 644

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Presider proclaims the Gospel and concludes

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. JOSEPH PETERS-MATHEWS

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon. The people stand as they are able, when the presider stands.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP P. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to each prayer with silence, or with requests aloud when prompted.

THE PEACE

BCP P. 360

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet their immediate neighbors with the peace of Christ, using a friendly gesture such as a handshake, smile, wave, or bow – a symbolic act of their reconciliation with all people through Jesus.

The Holy Communion

The presider begins the Offertory with directions for receiving communion. If you would like to give to the church online, please scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

The people stand if able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

HYMNAL 690



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

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A*

If not already standing, please stand as able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then facing the Holy Table, the presider offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

GATHER 198

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of

hosts. Heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine and the people gathered in worship. The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

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.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A minute of silence is observed as the Bread is broken and Wine divided into separate vessels.

Sing the first two lines twice. Then sing the first and third line.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in B-flat major. It consists of three lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Cantor:' and 'Assembly:'. The second line is labeled 'To repeat'. The third line is labeled 'Last time'. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.' The time signatures are 3/4, 2/4, 4/4, 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 4/4, and 4/4.

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THE INVITATION

As soon as the invitation is given, the people move forward to receive Communion.

Please come down an aisle to an empty space around the altar platform. Hold your hands in front of you to receive the Bread, and leave it there if you would prefer not to receive Wine from a shared cup. A server will dip your bread and serve you. Alcohol- and gluten-free options are available; let a server know your needs.

If you would prefer not to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Please join in singing the Communion Songs after receiving.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has



1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —



Come home, Come home, come home, come home,



Ye who are wea - ry, come home! — Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

When the presider bids the people pray, the assembly stands. Please remain standing through the brief announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

When bid, the people make a profound bow. After they prayer they respond **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED

HYMNAL 471



1 We sing the praise of him who died, of
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in
3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and
4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and
5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the



1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let
2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -
3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the
4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror
5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge



1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.
2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.
4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.
5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt. Music: *Breslau*, melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

THE DISMISSAL

The presider dismisses the people who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical notes

- During the season of Lent St. Hilda St. Patrick is experimenting with space and posture. For most of Christianity, the presiding minister and assembly faced the same direction during prayers – regardless of where the altar was placed. Rather than the priest turning their back on the people, you are invited to see them as joining you in praying the same direction.
- The introduction to the gospel is from *Enriching Our Worship*, a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Announcements

- Call for Volunteers: Help Preserve Our History- At the recent Diocesan Leadership Conference, Diocesan Archivist Erik Bauer shared valuable insights on preserving our historical records by digitizing them for enhanced security. This important project requires a dedicated team to assist with scanning and documenting materials. If this opportunity interests you, we invite you to join the effort. The first planning meeting will take place on Monday, March 31, at 2:00 PM. Please contact Dawn Fitzgibbons to express your interest or for more details.
- Save the date! Cathedral Day is **May 3** 8:30am-2pm at St. Mark's. Go to <https://ecww.org/cathedral-day-2025/> to RSVP
- The Neighbors in Need program is in desperate need of **men's clothing**: shoes, belts, pants, underwear, shirts, jackets, and coats. They are also in great need of **backpacks**. If we are able to collect a fair number of these items in the next few weeks, Amy will provide expedited delivery to Trinity Lutheran. Perhaps you would care to take this on as part of your Lenten discipline.
- Commons meets Mondays at 11. If you're interested in "leading" let Fr. Joseph know.
- **Holy Week Schedule**
 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday — **April 13**, 2025, at 10 a.m. at St. Hilda St. Patrick (separate from St. Alban's)
 - Tenebrae — **April 16**, 2025, at 7 p.m. at St. Alban's (joint)
 - Maundy Thursday — **April 17**, 2025, at 6 p.m. at St. Hilda St. Patrick (separate)
 - Good Friday — **April 18**, 2025, at 12 noon and 7 p.m. at St. Alban's (joint)
 - Holy Saturday — **April 19**, 2025, at 10 a.m. on Zoom (joint)
 - The Great Vigil of Easter — **April 19**, 2026 at 8 p.m. at St. Hilda St. Patrick (joint)
- **Good Friday Collection benefits the Diocese of Jerusalem.** Traditionally, the Offertory Collection on Good Friday is designated to the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Through the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem, this collection supports non-sectarian humanitarian efforts, such as schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. In light of the destruction reaped upon Palestine through war, let us be particularly generous this year.

- Save the date! **Dinners for 8** – the next stage of discernment for our congregational life together – will be on **May 4**. More information and assignments will be forthcoming.

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