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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE)

MARCH 10, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST - 9 a.m.
Sung by The Noble Singers

The Ordinary of the Mass

A New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn

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

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, #690 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Penitential Order

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who for - gives all our sins.

People

His mer - cy en - dures for ev - er.

The Celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant says

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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



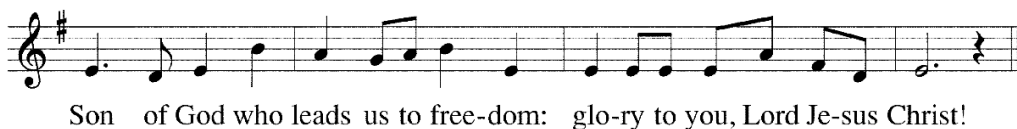
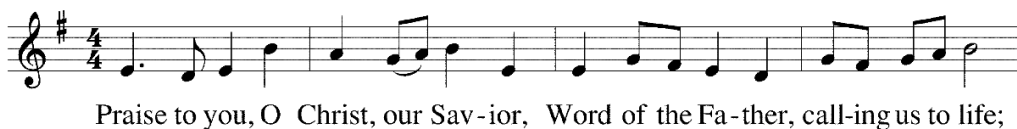
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
and his mercy endures forever.
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins. *Refrain*

He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation

Bernadette Farrell

The People stand. The Cantor sings the refrain and all repeat.



Cantor You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All repeat the refrain.

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the end

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Fr. Gonzales-Grissom

The People stand.

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 (Form IV)

The Leader says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People remain standing. This response is used after each petition

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says

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

People **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Greetings

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Gwendolyn Emery-Owings
(b. 1948)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.
Lord, open my mouth, so I may sing Thy praises.



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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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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

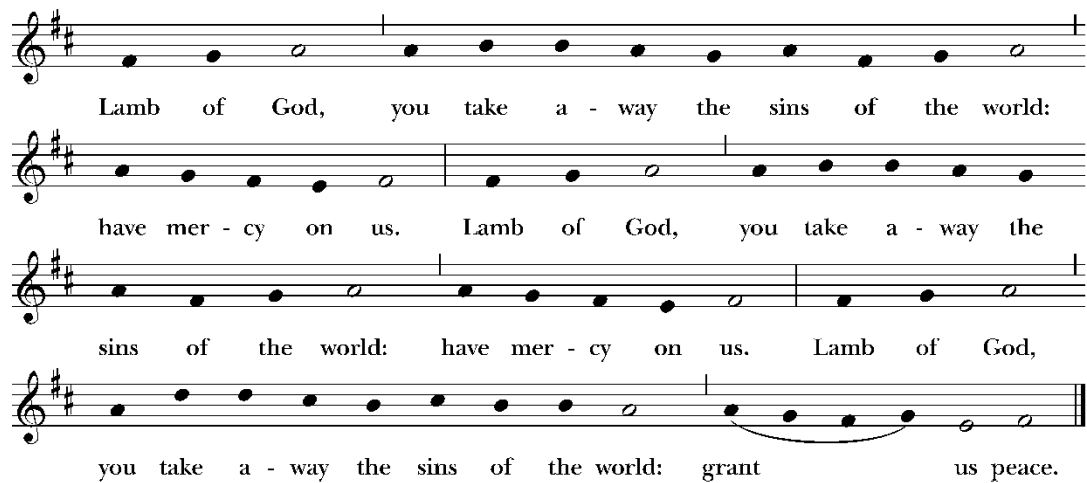
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei



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 to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted.

You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.


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.

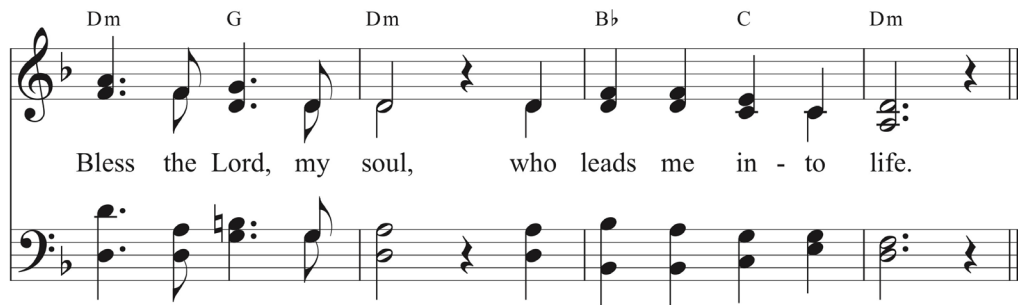
6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, without one plea, #693 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871).
 Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm B♭ C Dm



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

During Lent, the Blessing is replaced by a solemn prayer. The Celebrant says

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Lift high the cross, #473 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912), alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956).
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed? Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church? The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The next class will be Wednesday, March 13, on the subject *The History of the Church 1: From House Church to Established Religion*. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line. To register please email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rector

4 p.m. Festal Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rev. Adam Spencer, Rector, St. Elisabeth's
Episcopal Church, Glencoe, IL
Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Timothy Olsen, Organ – Winston-Salem, NC

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday – Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday

12 p.m. The Stations of the Cross and Holy Eucharist*

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Said Mass

In the Resurrection Chapel

Friday

3 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Resurrection Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel
Confessor: The Rector

Next Sunday: March 17, The Fifth Sunday in Lent, The Beginning of Passiontide

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Sermon by The Rev. Canon Stuart Kenworthy
Lenten Sermon Series: "Lord, teach us to pray"

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series

Lenten Bach Cantatas: Ich habe genug, BWV 82 and Mein Herze schwimmt im Blut, BWV 199

Performed by Brian Mummert, baritone, Margaret Carpenter Haigh, soprano, and the Saint Thomas Baroque Ensemble

EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions are now being received for Easter Flowers in memory of departed loved ones.

The names of the faithful departed in whose memory the church will be adorned will be listed in the Easter service leaflet. In order to cover the cost of the flowers, we suggest a minimum donation of \$25. Please go to our website (www.saintthomaschurch.org/give) or please send your check, made payable to

Saint Thomas Church, and a printed list of those in whose memory you are making your donation.

Deadline for submission is Monday, March 18.

PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Today from 10-10:40am, Sunday School (for children ages 3-10) continues in the Sunday School room with a Lenten Theme of “Boats in the Bible,” which will run through March 17. “Faith Alive” (for students ages 10-14) also continues today in the Living Room with Father Preston Gonzalez-Grissom. And then we will all join together on March 24 for a Sunday Procession at the 9am Mass followed by a Palm Sunday Family Feast in the Dining Room at 10am. The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9am-1pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter, contact childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

An Introduction to Safeguarding Training for New Volunteers will be offered on Sunday, March 17, from 1-2:30pm on the Fifth Floor of the Parish House. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, or if you plan to attend, please inform Mother Turner, by Thursday, March 14 at aturner@saintthomaschurch.org.

Our Parish **Bookstore and Gift Shop** is still temporarily closed. However, we will have a table in the Narthex on Sundays after the 11am services thru March 17, selling books for Lent and Easter. If you have any questions, please reach out to giftshop@saintthomaschurch.org.

Friday Bible Study—Christ and Ekklesia: John’s Wondrous Vision of Light. Led by Fr. Schultz Fridays at 1pm via Zoom. We continue our journey of prayer, study, and reflection through the Gospel of John, discovering at every turn John’s wondrous vision of the light, life, and love of God at work in the world. Having finished the Book of Signs (John 1-12) in which we encounter Jesus’ public ministry, we embark this Lent on the Book of the Glory (John 13-21) in which we will witness Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. Bring your Bible, your questions, and yourself as, together, we deepen our relationship with God through scripture. Contact MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org with any questions and for the Zoom link.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the “Tour Guide – Meet Here” sign.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Nora Thomson: nthomson@choirschool.org.

The Tree of the Knowledge: Cinematic Visions of Good and Evil – A Lenten Film Series: On Friday evenings in Lent, join us for the return of *Lenten Movie Nights* in which we will explore together the following questions: are innocence and goodness the same? Is evil depicted as a force, a person, an illness, a situation or pattern, an archetype . . . and what do these depictions say about the film-makers’ perspectives on evil and on goodness? How does the good show up—what does it look like? And how might the Church respond to or critique these visions? Each session begins at 6pm with a vegetarian meal (for those abstaining from meat on Fridays), followed by the film at 6:30pm, with a discussion afterward. For more information, please contact Fr. Schultz through email: MSchultz@SaintThomasChurch.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

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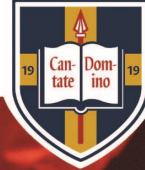
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