



# PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday  
In Lent

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HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
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## Processional

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Hymn 467

1. Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,  
ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.

2. Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;  
what are we that he should show so much love to us be-low?

3. God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,  
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.

4. Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

## Liturgy of the Word

### Penitential Order

The Celebrant says

*Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

People

*God's mercy endures for ever.*

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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 Priest stands and 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.*

*The following is sung.*

## Kyrie

Kyrie

Russell McKinney

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e -  
le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

## First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 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 detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*

they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 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 seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come 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 the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

## Gradual

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Hymn 339

The musical score is written on seven staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the gloom-y\_\_ haunts of sad - ness,  
come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; there with joy thy prais-es ren - der un - to  
him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this won - drous ban-quet found - ed; high o'er  
all the heavens he reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth. 2. Sun, who  
all my life dost bright - en; Light, who dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the  
best that an - y know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth; at thy  
feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me be a fit par - ta - ker of this



## Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, "Just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

## Nicene Creed

*All who are able, stand.*

*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.*

## Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

## Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People *And also with you.*

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## Announcements

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

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 God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant then 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. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

## Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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*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.*

## Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

## Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

## Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

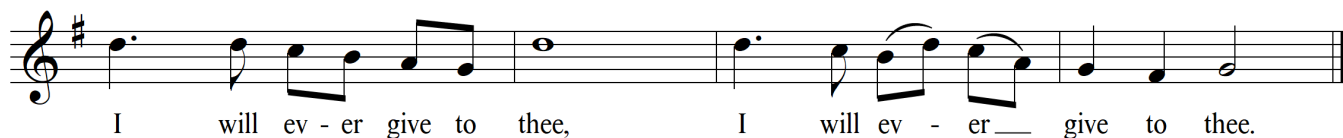
*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

## Recessional

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 690

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim though this ba - ren land;  
I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side; death of death, and  
hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



## Homily

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

## Final Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

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