

**Welcome! We're so glad you're here.**



**“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”.** *1 Corinthians 10:17*

***All are welcome to receive communion with us.***

- ❖ To receive the bread, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ❖ To receive the wine from the cup, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth. (Dipping bread into wine is not permitted for health reasons.)
- ❖ If you prefer to take only the bread, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
- ❖ If you prefer simply to receive a blessing, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ❖ The response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is “Amen.”

As we observe a holy Lent, you are invited to maintain a prayerful silence before the service.

**Welcome** To those in person and joining online

Please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal.

**Choral Introit** - Rejoice, Jerusalem

Plainsong *Laetare Jerusalem*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
All you who love her. Sing out in exultation, all you that mourn for her, that you may  
suck and be satisfied, by her consoling breasts. *Cf. Isaiah 66*

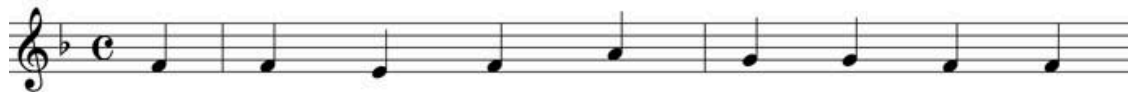
### The Gathering of the Community

(please stand as you are able)

**Opening Hymn** – Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Day

ST. FLAVIAN

#### Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And  
5. A - bide with us, that through this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -  
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in  
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and  
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in  
doubts and hope and pain, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.  
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.  
so to live By your most ho - ly word.  
life and death, O Lord! with us a - bide.  
end - ing joy We may at last at - tain!

## Gathering

*(please remain standing)*

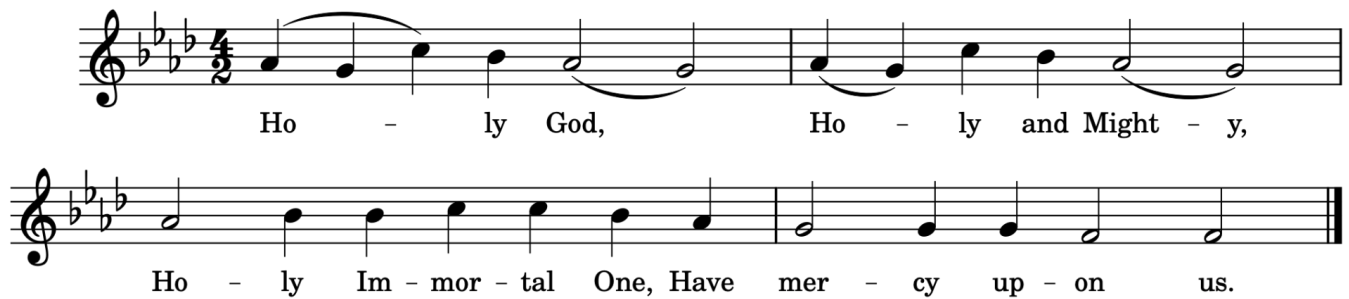
Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

## Trisagion

Alexander Arkhangelsky

*The chant is first sung by the choir, then repeated by all twice.*



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*(please be seated)*

## First Reading

Reader A reading from Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to

Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16: 1-13, *NRSVA*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** - The Lord's My Shepherd - CP #519

CRIMOND

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;

my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23, para. Scottish Psalter, 1650  
Music: Jessie Seymour Irvine

## Second Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.  
For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.  
Ephesians 5:8-16, *NRSVA*

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**Gospel Acclamation** – CP #717

David Young

Cantor Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.  
**All Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

**All Praise to you, O Lord, King of eternal glory.**

## The Gospel

*(please stand as you are able)*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

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

Gospeller

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The



Presider 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.**

Presider 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.

**All Amen.**

**The Peace** *(please remain standing)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

**Offertory Hymn** – Restore in Us, O God - CP#178

BELLWOODS

Restore in us, O God,  
the splendour of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your power;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.

Text: Carl Daw ©1989 Hope Publishing | Music: James Hopkirk

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Presider God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept your offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

*(please remain standing)*

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus & Benedictus – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Robert Powell

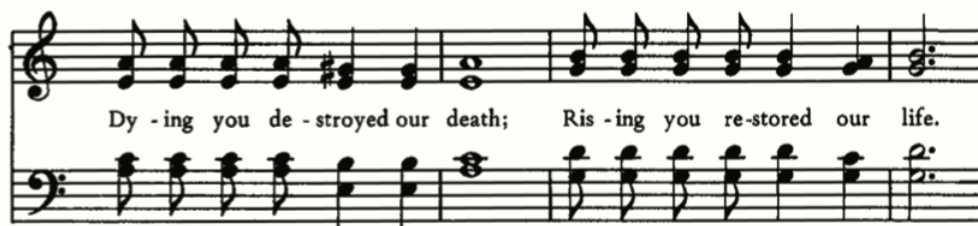
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and". The second staff continues with "might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues with "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number 3) over the notes "heaven and earth", "Bless - ed", and "comes in the name of the Lord".

Presider

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."

Gracious God, we proclaim our hope,



All

Presider

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 children; 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 – CP #684

John Merbecke

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread,

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

Presider 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.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*(please be seated)*

## Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

Paul Jernberg



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.

**Choral Anthem** – My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

**Communion Hymn** – Giver of the Perfect Gift - CP#180

SONG 13

Giver of the perfect gift,  
only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,  
trembling at thy throne of grace.

Though the accusing voice within  
speaks of many a wrong to thee,  
thou canst cleanse from every sin,  
thou canst set the conscience free.

Who can save us, Lord, but thou?  
Let thy mercy show thy power.  
Lo, we plead thy promise now,  
now, in this the accepted hour.

Oh! may these our Lenten days,  
blest by thee, with thee be passed,  
that with purer, nobler praise  
we may keep thy feast at last.

God the holy Trinity,  
grant the mercy we implore;  
God the One, all praise to thee  
through the ages evermore.

Text: Latin, 11th century; tr. John Ellerton | Music: Orlando Gibbons

**Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider Living God, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,  
**All** whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Presider May God give you grace to see what must be laid down, courage to turn from what binds you, and mercy to trust that you are deeply loved. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace - CP#352**

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found:  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton | Music: Melody from *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati

### **Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant Go forth in the peace of Christ.  
**All** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude** Praeambulum in g, WV 41

H. Scheidemann

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.  
Please join us for refreshments in Elliott Hall.*

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### **Musical notes**

The fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare* Sunday, takes its name from the first word of the introit traditionally prescribed for this day. The choir will sing an English adaptation of this chant. *Laetare* means "rejoice," and on this Sunday of Lent, it is customary for some Lenten penitential practices to be relaxed (some call this "Refreshment Sunday" for it marks the mid-point of Lent and invites us especially to look ahead with joyful hope toward Easter). Musically, you will hear this reflected in the return of organ music in some places where we had been keeping silence this Lent, as well as through more hymns in brighter major keys. The introit, which includes an image of Jerusalem as a mother, also helps explain the origin of this Sunday's other name, Mothering Sunday (in the UK Mother's Day), a day on which people historically would visit their "mother church" (i.e. the place where one was baptized).

### ***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presiding Celebrant and Preacher: Rev'd Cathy Gibbs

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Martin So, Ian Kowalski (guest)

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Reader: Elsa Jones

Prayers of the People: Nigel Johnson

Warden on Duty:

Sidesperson: John Goodwin

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Verger: Rikk Scapillato

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## Next Week's Worship Preview:

### Fifth Sunday in Lent–March 22, 2026

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

**Presider:** Rev'd Alison Falby

**Preacher:** George Lewis

**Hymns (10:30am):** Great God of Mercy | What Wondrous Love | And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love | Forgive Our Sins

**Choral introit:** Billings- When Jesus Wept

**Choral anthem:** Morley- *Nolo Mortem Peccatoris*

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### Participating in the Offertory

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately \$20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

## Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.



### In Person

Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.



### By Mail

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.

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