



**Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
The Fourth Sunday in Lent**
March 14, 2021 at 9:30_{A.M.}

Thank you for participating in our virtual worship. Tune in from either our

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*You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area.
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

Prelude *Gaelic Melody "Bunessan"* Arr. H.S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome

Introit *Earth Dance* *Vivian Murray*
Audio and video recorded January 2021 in Atrium classes

*Earth dance in starshine and Earth dance in Sun,
Earth dance on her sacred ground. We will Sing and dance as one!*

The short melody will be sung three times.

You are invited to sing along with the recording, or sing is at a round in canon with the recording.
You may begin the melody on ANY of the words "**Earth**" or "**Sing**"

Candle Lighting

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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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.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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

Lord Have Mercy

Blue Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.*

The People respond Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

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.**

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.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Gospel Hymn

Amazing Grace

Blue Hymnal 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

Gospeller 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."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Kate Ekrem

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

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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 (Form V)

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Leader In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying "Christ, have mercy". For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gayle our own Bishops, and for all the people of God, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may show in word and deed the Good News of God's love to the ends of the earth, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For all who live and work in this community, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. Especially for Susie, Sam, Charley, Clarence, Royce; Adele, Patricia; Enid, Bill, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, John, Tom Tsaros, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John.

Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Especially for Joan, Fred, Grayson, Mary, Sarah, Darlene, Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald; and Leon. Let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All 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.

Absolution

Presider 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.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Musical Offering

Climbin' Up the Mountain

African-American Spiritual

Redeemer Adult Choir – Recorded and mixed March 2021

*Climbin' up the mountain, children
Didn't come here for to stay
If I nevermore see you again
Gonna meet you at the judgment day,
Hallelujah Lord....*

*Hebrew children in the fiery furnace
And they began to pray
And the good Lord smote that fire out
Oh, wasn't that a mighty day!
Good Lord, wasn't that a mighty day!
That's why I'm ... [refrain]*

*Daniel went in the lions' den
And he begin to pray
And the angel of the Lord locked the lion's jaw
Oh, wasn't that a mighty da!
Good Lord, wasn't that a mighty day!
That's why I'm ... [refrain]*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Please stand in body or in spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... 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:

The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Picardy, Fr. 17th c.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full,
Full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes,
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All say **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Presider then prays that the bread and wine may be for God's people the Body and Blood of Christ, and that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who 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, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayer Over the People

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

Please kneel in body or in spirit. A deep bow is also permissible.

Presider Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn *We'll Understand it Better By and By*

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1. We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time,
 2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands,
 3. Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand,
 4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares,

1. Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pest oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine;
 2. Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands;
 3. All the ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land;
 4. And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thought - less word or deed;

1. In that land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way,
 2. We are trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word,
 3. But He guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die.
 4. And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best.

1. We will
 2. We will
 3. For we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by, by and by.
 4. But we'll

By and by — when the morn - ing comes, When the saints of

God are gath - ered home, We'll tell the sto - ry

how we're o - ver - come; For we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by, by and by.

Dismissal

Acolyte Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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