

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 10:00 AM

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

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.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1 8,9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

TRISAGION

The musical score for the Trisagion is written for a soprano and a bass. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The soprano part is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass part is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating that a single note may span multiple syllables.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor they 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. ⁸And 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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

- 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.

The people sit.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

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.

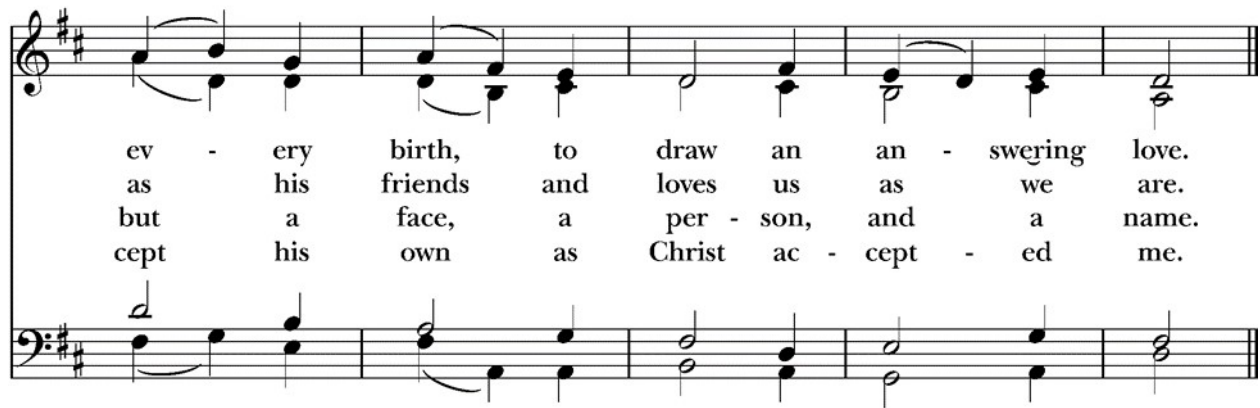
GRADUAL HYMN

When Christ was Lifted From the Earth

St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -



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THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

THE NICENE CREED

Said in unison.

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

When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy, and our need is deep.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, for those who grieve. We pray for Marilou, Kitty, Vickie, Jerry, Gary, Jim, Jack, all those who are infected with or recovering from the Coronavirus, and those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Push us to be advocates in the world for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, Thou hast promised to hear what we ask in the Name of thy Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as thou dost know and love us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

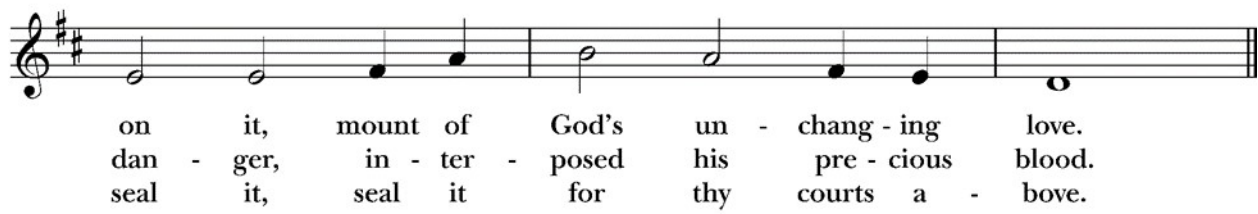
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



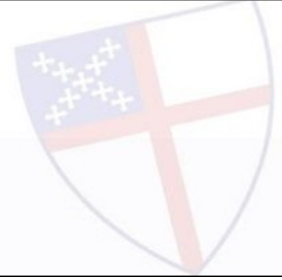
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Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.



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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:

Today, March 14

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premiere on YouTube

Tuesday, March 16

6:00 PM Screwtape Letters Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

Lenten Midweek Ecumenical Service on YouTube

6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 21

10:00 AM Livestreamed Service on YouTube

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premiere on YouTube

PRAYERS:

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Cole Jones and Carmen Garcés

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Hospitality

Happy Birthday Eda Wilson and Doris Middlebrooks

For those who are sick: Kitty Martin, Jerry Swanson, Jack Schark, Bev Wille, Marylou Haight, Gary Allen, and Vickie Davis

Diocesan search for the next Bishop.

Prayer for those with Covid, recovering from Covid, and those effected in any way by the pandemic.