

Order of Service: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

Prelude *Prélude*

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A Penitential Order

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Invitation to Confession

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

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.

Confession and Absolution *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead*
(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)

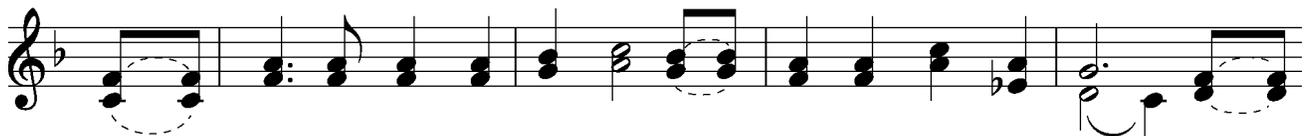
African-American Spiritual



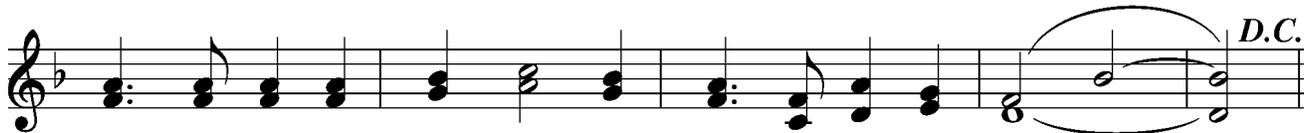
There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed



whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**



1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain,_ But_
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul,_ You can
3. Don't_ ev - er be dis - cour-aged For_ Je - sus is your friend,_ And_



D.C.

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain._____
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all._____
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend._____

Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

Celebrant God 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.**

A Reading *Numbers 21:4-9 (people muted)*

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. 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107

Wayne L. Wold
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

RERAIN

Then in their trou - ble they cried to the LORD,
and you de - liv - ered them from their dis - tress.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
gath'ring them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

RERAIN

Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.
They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.
Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord and you delivered them from their distress.
You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave
Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.
Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

RERAIN

A Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10 (people muted)*

A reading from the Letter to the 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.

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Anthem *God so Loved the World (from "The Crucifixion")*

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world,
God so loved the world,
That He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him.

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That He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him.

Should not perish, should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to
condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

Should not perish, should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
God so loved the world,
God so loved the world.

The Gospel *John 3:14-21 (people muted)*

Celebrant 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. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *(people muted)*

The Rev. Jane Gould

Silence follows the sermon.

Music *Ah, Dearest Jesus*

Raymond H. Haan
George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

Nicene Creed *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**
**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Anthem *Zerfließe, mein Herze (From St. John's Passion)*

J.S. Bach
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

Zerfließe, mein Herze, in Fluten der Zähren Dem
Höchsten zu Ehren! Erzähle der Welt und dem
Himmel die Not: Dein Jesus ist tot!

Dissolve, my heart, in floods of tears to honour
the Almighty! Tell the world and heaven your
distress: your Jesus is dead!

Prayers of the People *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

Let us pray to God, who leads the lost and calls sinners home.

We pray for creation, that the damage done to land, water, and sky may cease and the Spirit renew the earth. Pray for creation.

(Please offer your prayers for creation.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the world, that all may be safe from oppression, discrimination, famine, and war. Pray for the world.

(Please offer your prayers for the world.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the Church, that it may reconcile the wounded, gather wanderers, and guide pilgrims to You. Pray for the Church.

(Please offer your prayers for the Church.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for St. Luke's, that we will be an example of stewardship, justice, mercy, and love. Pray for this church.

(Please offer your prayers for the parish.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those whose souls thirst for You in the watches of the night, that You will keep them safe in the shadow of your wings. Pray for those who suffer.

(Please offer your prayers for those who suffer.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in You; and for those who mourn, that You will caress their hearts with compassion. Pray for the departed and those who mourn.

(Please offer your prayers for the dead and those who mourn.)

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us home.**

Presider Gracious God, we have wandered far from Your presence; lead us back through the wilderness, that we may return to You and make Your heart our home. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem *La Tormenta Pasara / The Storm Will Pass*

Sophia de Alba

No tengas miedo,
todo va a estar bien
la tormenta pasará y el sol,
volverá a brillar.
Debes confiar en Dios,
solo él te sostendrá, no se alejará de ti,
durante la tempestad.
Habla con él, entrégale tu corazón
lo llenará de su bondad, lo cubrirá
de su infinito amor.
Escúchanos Señor,
necesitamos tu perdón,
danos fuerzas y humildad
para aceptar tu voluntad.
Tu mi dios eres mas grande
Que cualquier adversidad
Hoy el mundo necesita
Trabajar en unidad.
Valoremos hoy la vida
Y todo lo que nos das
El valor de la familia,
El valor de una amistad.
Señor, a tu lado quiero estar
No me sueltes de tu mano
Se que pronto ya....
La tormenta pasara.

Do not be afraid,
everything will be fine
the storm will pass and the sun,
will shine again.
You must trust God only God will hold you,
God will not move away from you,
during the storm.
Talk to God, give God your heart
God will fill it with God's goodness, will cover it
with God's infinite love.
Hear us Lord,
we need your forgiveness,
give us strength and humility
to accept your will.
You my God are bigger
Than any adversity
Today the world needs
Work in unity.
Let's value life today
And everything you give us
The value of family,
The value of a friendship.
Lord, I want to be by your side
Don't let go of my hand
I know soon ...
The storm will pass.

Video – *I AM here*

The Work of the People

Litany of Commitment *(Please unmute yourself to join in the responses.)*

This Lent, how might you commit to opening yourself to the life-transforming love of God?

As we live into Lent in the midst of our pandemic wilderness world, God's invitation is for us to experience the life-transforming love of God. How might we open our hands, eyes, ears, hearts, and lives to God whose Kingdom has come near?

God, as you placed the rainbow in the sky you declared: "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations." You pledged to protect us and all creation for all time.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you made your covenant with Abraham and Sarah, you declared: "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you." You pledged to make our lives abundant as we follow you.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you brought your people out of slavery in Egypt, you challenged us to live faithfully loving you, our neighbors, and ourselves. You pledged your love and faithfulness to us.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as we wandered in the wilderness straying from your ways, you called us back to you giving us our daily bread and forgiving our sins. You pledged your mercy and grace to us even when we turn from you.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you sent your prophets to call us back to the covenant, you promise to put your law within us, and write it on our hearts. You pledged to be our God, and claim us as your people.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

Lord's Prayer *(Please unmute and join in praying together)*

**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.**

Anthem *Give me Jesus*

Traditional Spiritual arr. Robert Sterling

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,
Oh, and when I come to die,
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,
Oh, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays

The Blessing

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. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *The Old Rugged Cross*

George Bennard arr. Charlie Miller
Dr. Gukhui Han